

Ames, Holden & Co., manufacture boots and shoes; Phillips & Bros. and C. Morley, soda water; Kurtz & Co., cigars; M. R. Smith & Co., biscuits; W. J. Pendray, soap; H. A. Lilley, candy; The Hamilton Powder Co., giant and blasting powder, etc.

There are three breweries, the Victoria Brewing Co., the Phoenix Brewing Co., and Fairall's; a granite and marble works; two lithographing establishments; the Williams Book-binding Co.; a match factory; a rubber stamp factory and the British Columbia Pottery and Terra Cotta Works.

The last named as a comparatively new industry deserves some special attention. The works are situated at Constance Cove, on the road to Esquimalt. They manufacture fire brick, pressed brick, terra cotta ware, drain pipe and ordinary red brick. The plant consists of six kilns, 25 feet in diameter, eight feet high and carrying three lengths of pipe; and all the latest and most improved presses, machinery, etc. The fire clay is obtained from the coal mines at Nanaimo, and in fire bricks and sewer pipe they manufacture an article equal to anything ever imported into the Province and practically supply the entire demand, the works being fully occupied.

The banking interests are represented in the Banks of British North America, British Columbia and Montreal chartered; and Garesche, Green & Co., and the British Columbia Land and Investment Co., private. Bradstreet's and R. G. Dunn & Co. have district agencies here.

The leading real estate, financial agents and mining brokers are:—

H. Croft.	E. M. Johnson.
Lowenberg, Harris & Co.	Dalby & Claxton.
J. E. Crane & Co.	A. W. More & Co.
J. D. Pemberton & Son.	Morrow, Holland & Co.

Henry Croft, Asso. M. Inst., C. E., etc., transacts a very large amount of business as real estate agent, mining broker, financial and insurance agent, and is largely interested in the Province as well. He is a member of the Provincial Legislature and prominently identified in a number of ways with public affairs.

J. E. Crane & Co. carry on an extensive real estate, commission, insurance and manufacturers' and mercantile agency business.

There is a large number of hotels, in Victoria, the principal of which are:—

Driard.	The Wilson.
Dallas.	Oriental.
Victoria.	New England.
Mt. Baker Hotel, Oak Bay.	Brunswick.
Balmoral.	Occidental.

The Driard made a continental reputation years ago and the new building erected a year ago is one of the largest and most finely appointed on the Pacific coast. It is eight stories high, contains 225 rooms, with accommodation for 300 guests. Throughout the Driard is lighted by electric light and gas and heated by steam, with elevator to each floor and hot and cold water in each room. The main dining-hall seats 350 persons, with private dining parlors and cafe attached. The appointments and furnishings are all first-class.

Victoria has gas, water-works, electric light and tramway, transfer, messenger and telegraphic service; communication by steamer with Vancouver, Westminster and Fraser river points, Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco, China and Japan and all northern coast points as far as Alaska; and by E. & N. Ry. with Nanaimo and intermediate points. Journalistically it is represented by two of the finest daily papers west of Winnipeg the *Colonist and Times*.

The Board of Trade has a large membership and is a very active and influential body. A splendid new building has recently been erected and was formally opened on the 4th of May this year, the occasion being celebrated by a banquet at the Driard.

The city boasts of three clubs—the Union, Victoria and Anglo-American; fine agricultural exhibition buildings, market place, church edifices, town hall, court house and numerous handsome business blocks. Public appropriations have been made for new Parliament buildings, postoffice and custom house, fortifications at Esquimalt, quarantine station at William Head, drill shed, barracks, and several other important public improvements. Victoria in many respects has a bright future before it.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., Limited, was incorporated in the spring of 1883, and commenced business with the steamers "Princess Louise," "Enterprise," "Otter," "R. P. Rithet," "William Irving," and "Reliance." Shortly afterward the steamers "Western Slope" and "Gertrude" were purchased, and in July of the same year, the fast and commodious steamer "Yosemite" was added to the fleet, which has since been increased by the purchase or building of the following steamers and steamships, viz.: "Wilson G. Hunt," "Maude," "Premier," "Sardonyx," "Islander" and "Danube," thus placing the company in a position to transact any business in connection with water transportation that the public may demand, and offering superior inducements for the public patronage, by the number of steamers being a guarantee to fulfil any undertaking in the water transportation of British Columbia.

Daily trips are made between Victoria and Vancouver, connecting with Bellingham Bay and British Columbia R. R. for Puget Sound ports, tri-weekly trips between Victoria and New Westminster, there connecting each trip, during river navigation, with river steamers of the same company, for Hope, Popcum, Sumas, Chilliwack, Langley and way landings on Fraser river; semi-monthly trips to Fort Simpson, Metlahkatla, Skeena River, Bella Bella, Alert Bay and intermediate ports on the Northern coast, which, when inducements are offered, are extended to ports on the West coast and those of Queen Charlotte Islands, carrying Her Majesty's mails over these various routes. Regular trips are made to Alberni and ports on Barclay Sound. Trips are also made to Bute Inlet and other points, as occasion requires. During the tourist season trips are extended to Alaska. The Islander and the Danube are fine steamers, the former being equal in equipment to anything on the Pacific coast. The company is under the management of Capt. John Irving,

#### THE OUTER WHARF.

One of the largest individual enterprises in the Province to be undertaken purely on faith in the future was the outer wharf of Victoria city. The gentleman, whose enterprise it was, is no other than R. P. Rithet, the name of whom is now one of the best known in British Columbia, being associated with large businesses and extensive undertakings and almost synonymous with success. When it is stated that \$250,000 was expended in this work and that it was begun ten years ago, before the C. P. R. was completed, and long before Pacific steamship lines to Australia and China and Japan were thought of, and when our merchant marine was very small compared with what it is now, the foresight and business courage of the promoter can be best understood. Mr. Rithet undertook it and carried it