

## THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY

gently for distances ranging from half a mile to two or three miles. Here and there the ground rises abruptly, providing the necessary fall for drainage and sewerage, while a shore line five or six miles in extent sweeps around the front of the city. The view from these elevated stations and from the back is a charming one. On the opposite shore mountains slope down to the water. To the northwest, through a channel studded with islands, is situated the famous Indian Village of Metlakatla, known on the Coast as the "Holy City."

It is situated about 550 miles north of Vancouver and the new transcontinental railway will possess the shortest route from Liverpool to Asiatic ports by at least two days' sail, and this saving in distance will also be realized between American Atlantic ports and trans-Pacific points. It lies in the centre of the salmon fishing industry of British Columbia, being in the immediate vicinity of a large number of canneries which ship their product throughout the world, and here is also to be found off the banks of Queen Charlotte Islands the finest halibut fishing that is known to exist, tons of which are being taken annually to supply eastern markets, and this traffic will be greatly augmented upon the completion of the transportation facilities right at hand. The traffic which now awaits the advent of the railway, and that which will result in the future from the great development which has recently been taking place in this northern country, will take the railway at the nearest point and thus avail of the expeditious transportation thereby afforded as against consuming many hours longer by water route to southerly ports.

Regarding the progress at Prince Rupert, B. C., plans have been prepared and approved by the Grand Trunk Pacific Town & Development Company, and the British Columbia Government (the former having a three-quarters interest, the latter a one-quarter interest), for the first two thousand acres of the townsite, and sur-