

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Vancouver is the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and although its existence only dates back a few years, it is already the next city in size and population to Victoria. Its population is estimated at between 17,000 and 20,000. There are many handsome and substantially built blocks along the business streets of Vancouver, and its streets are regularly laid out. It has gas, electric light, water-works and an excellent tramway service. There are quite a number of industries established in the city, amongst which may be mentioned a sugar refinery, foundries and machine shops, tanneries, canneries, soap works, breweries, saw mills, planing and shingle mills, etc., etc. The Canadian Pacific Railway workshops are also stationed here, so that the local trade of Vancouver is large. It enjoys an extensive wholesale trade, and is a strong rival to Victoria in this respect. Daily steamers connect Vancouver with Victoria, Nanaimo and New Westminster, and a large fleet ply between it and the smaller ports of British Columbia. The Canadian Pacific Railway line of steamers to China and Japan has its headquarters here, and this is the port of departure of the Canadian-Australian Line for Australia, calling at Honolulu and Suva. Owing to its superior position, Vancouver will undoubtedly become one of the most important commercial and shipping ports on the North Pacific coast.

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