

TO VICTORIA BY MOTOR

VICTORIA, the capital city of British Columbia, situated at the southern end of Vancouver Island, is sometimes called the "Gateway to Canada's Auto Paradise." Admirers of the tours and resorts upon the Island frequently refer to it as the "Island of a Thousand Miles of Wonderland." Certainly its climatic and scenic attractions, the good roads, the absence of poisonous snakes and insect pests, its excellent hotels, splendid fishing, practically all the year round golf, and absence of extremes of either heat or cold, render it a locality delightful alike to either residents or visitors.

The object of this little pamphlet is to indicate, very briefly, how Victoria and Vancouver Island can be reached by the motorists of the South.

A glance at the map above shows how the route runs almost due North, following the farfamed "Pacific Highway," and passing through many delightful cities and towns noted in the history and present day life of the Pacific Coast.

The whole route, as indicated on the above map, is easily negotiated by any present day auto. The best time of the year for the trip is from the middle of May to end of October.

The motorist, upon reaching Olympia, the charming capital of the "Evergreen State," has choice of two routes by which to continue his journey and reach Victoria. The route usually followed is to continue, along the Pacific Highway, through Tacoma, on to Seattle, and thence, by steamer-ferry, eighty miles, to Victoria and "Canada's Auto Paradise." The other route is by way of the "Olympic Highway," skirting the shores of Hood's Canal, and through many miles of picturesque, densely wooded country, to Port Angeles, and from there, by steamer-ferry, twenty miles, across the Straits of Juan de Fuca, to Victoria.

In passing to or from the United States or Canada the motorist must report to the Customs officials. These officials are invariably most courteous and obliging, and there is a total absence of "red tape" or delay in passing to or from either country.

One thing the tourist must remember is, that the rules of the road in British Columbia are exactly the opposite to what they are in the United States.

Upon arrival at Victoria, the visitor has a choice of hotels at a wide range of prices, also many excellent apartment houses. The motorist will be agreeably impressed by the well-paved, clean streets, the cluster lighting, well-kept parking-strips, and other details concerning the streets that the trained eye of the motorist quickly discerns.

It is not the purpose of this pamphlet to attempt to describe either Victoria or Vancouver Island; sufficient, perhaps, here to say that the Island comprises an area as large as the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined, or, in other words, practically the same size as Switzerland, which country in its topography it greatly resembles. Its splendid roads, attractive scenery, moderate climate (cool in summer, warm in winter) and numerous

resorts, with an abundance of golf and fishing, render the Island the most attractive locality for a motorist's holiday that has yet been "discovered" upon the American Continent. Further information, upon any subject, will be gladly forwarded upon request.

In this connection, however, attention is drawn to the "Georgian Circuit," an international auto tour in the Pacific Northwest, a map of which is shown in this folder. A small special leaflet is issued on this tour, which cannot fail to interest every prospective motor tourist to Victoria, and copies of this leaflet will be forwarded upon request.

It is impossible, in a brief pamphlet such as this, to give details and mileage of the route shown on our map leading to Victoria and the Island. Sufficient to say that, while all kinds of roads are encountered, yet the general average is surprisingly good indeed. There are garages and comfortable hotels along the whole route, at short intervals, and consequently it is possible for the motorist to limit his day's journey in accordance with his inclination at the time, with-