

## THE ROYAL CITY.

**S**TANDING on the gravelly loam of a slope which rises from the northern bank of the mighty Fraser, New Westminster lies full to the sun and the southern breeze. Shut in by hill and forest, with the sentinel mountains in the middle distance, she enjoys a rare immunity from storms; and it is largely due to these conditions that zymotic diseases, and diseases which owe their origin to harsh winds and sudden changes of temperature, are almost unknown. Mild in winter, and delightfully balmy in summer, the climatic conditions are unsurpassed in any other portion of the globe.

New Westminster is pre-eminently a manufacturing city, but situated as it is in the centre of the largest, richest and most populous agricultural district in the Province, and being the headquarters of the great salmon fisheries of the Fraser, it is also the farming and canning metropolis of British Columbia. Three cold storage warehouses handle the fresh salmon export business.

The sawmills are among the largest and best equipped on the Coast. In 1902, the lumber cut was 66,000,000 feet; shingles manufactured, 97,000,000; salmon boxes, 500,000.

The Corporation owns and controls the Waterworks and Electric Lighting systems, which were installed at a cost of about \$550,000. The Corporation also owns practically the whole water front of the city.

New Westminster is the county town in administrative and judicial matters, and has the Court House, Provincial Jail, Provincial Asylum for the Insane, Provincial Penitentiary and Provincial Government Offices. Besides the excellent public and

high schools, higher education is provided for. The Roman Catholics have a seminary for divinity students, a college for boys and a convent for girls. Columbia College, one of the eight colleges of the Methodist Church in Canada, occupies a magnificent site adjoining Queen's Park.

The Royal City is the ecclesiastical capital of the Mainland of British Columbia, being the titular See City of both the Anglican and Roman bishops.

### SOME FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

The City of New Westminster is situated on the Fraser River, 16 miles from the Gulf of Georgia.

The Port is open to navigation all the year round. With comparatively little dredging the Fraser would present perfect navigation for the largest vessels afloat, and the first step towards this end has been taken by the commissioning of an immense modern suction dredge, the first of its kind built in Canada, for work on this river.

The Fraser River is the greatest salmon river in the world. In good years the packs exceeds 1,000,000 cases of 48 cans each. Value of pack varies from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.

There are five salmon canneries within the City of New Westminster, and 43 similar establishments distributed along the river within 16 miles of the city.

The Automatic Can Factory, located in the city, has a capacity of 250,000 cans per day.

New Westminster has the only car building shops on the Pacific Coast.

### FRASER RIVER BRIDGE.

The bridge across the Fraser River at this point is one of the notable engineering triumphs of the age, because of the unusual depth of water and sand encountered. The tallest pier is 160 feet in height, from its foundation on bedrock to where rests the steel

superstructure. Vehicular and foot passengers are provided for, as well as railway trains, and the bridge is well worth a visit, for itself and for the view of river and land obtainable from it.

### THE GREAT FIRE.

New Westminster was visited by a great fire in September, 1898, which swept away the entire business portion and a considerable section of the residential quarter. The area devastated was 75 acres in extent, and the loss exceeded \$3,500,000. Over 3,000 people were rendered homeless. The burned district has been entirely rebuilt, and the city is more prosperous and populous than before the fire.

### COME AND LIVE WITH US.

Population, 8,000.

Tornados unknown.

Thunder storms extremely rare.

Flowers bloom outdoors the year round.

Seldom sufficient frost in winter to provide skating.

Grandest summer climate in the world. Temperature ranges from 60 to 80 degrees. Cool nights, sunny days.

An ideal place of residence. Beautiful home sites. Surrounding scenery magnificent. Low rents. Living cheap, and all facilities usually found in large cities are at hand.

The Fraser, with its many steamboats carrying passengers up and down the river daily to and from New Westminster, brings the numerous lakes and rivers—all charming resorts for tourist and pleasure parties—within easy reach.

Excellent fishing and shooting (brook and mountain trout, duck, geese, grouse, pheasants, deer, bear, mountain goat, etc.), are to be found within a few miles of New Westminster.

Small fruit farms, with proper management, can be worked to good profit. Nowhere in the world is the fruit yield more prolific than in the Fraser Valley. Five, ten and twenty acre farms can be secured close to the city.

The Corporation has nearly 50 acres of land reserved for factory sites, which will be leased for a term of years, in parcels to suit, at a nominal rental, and no taxes. Any enquiries addressed to the City Clerk, New Westminster, will receive prompt attention.

### WORLD'S CHAMPIONS.

Local enterprise and push is reflected in the great success New Westminster has achieved in manly sports. Her victories in lacrosse, in competition with the champions of Eastern Canada, the home of the national game, are fresh in the minds of all interested, and her players are not "imported" talent, the majority having been born or brought up in the City they so worthily represent. Westminster's sharpshooters too are foremost in the national competitions at Ottawa, and amongst the successful Colonials at Bisley.

### PLACES TO VISIT.

Queen's Park and Gardens; magnificent view from balcony of Exhibition Building; Carnegie Public Library and Museum; Sawmills—see some of the gigantic logs cut into boards. Automatic Can Factory—inspect the wonderful machines which turn out 250,000 cans per day. Salmon Canneries—10,000 to 20,000 salmon to be seen in a cannery during the big run. City Market, Royal Columbian Hospital, Asylum for the Insane and British Columbia Penitentiary, British Columbia Electric Railway Company's Carshops and the great Fraser River Bridge.



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This view shows the Business Section of New Westminster the day following the Great Fire in September, 1898. The picture on the other side will give an idea of the pluck, energy and enterprise displayed by the people of New Westminster in rebuilding their city.

