

for disciples of the gentle art. The surrounding woods and hills abound with large and small game; bear, panther, wolf and deer, grouse and pheasant, and the marshes and ponds swarm with ducks



*"On the edge
of the lake
country"*

and geese. Maple Bay, three miles east, affords excellent sea fishing.

West of Duncans, in the Cowichan Valley there is a large area of good land, that portion on the north shore of Cowichan lake being an almost level country admirably adapted to farming. From the lake to the Nitnat river and Barkley Sound the country is more rugged, heavily timbered and reported to be one of the richest mineral sections of British Columbia.

CROFTON

Crofton, situated on Osborne Bay, about 40 miles north of Victoria, is the site of a large copper smelting plant, lately purchased by the Britannia Mining Company. A narrow gauge railway connects the town with the Mount Sicker mines, and a stage line runs to Duncans. Crofton has two good hotels, and several general stores and other business establishments. Like all the towns along