

VICTORIA, B. C., CANADA AS A RECREATION CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The opportunities for fishing and shooting near Victoria are not only unsurpassed, but for general and varied outdoor recreation the Capital City has absolutely no equal on either continent. This doubtless seems exaggerated, but it is literally true. For the motorist, there are splendid roads leading in different directions from the City, and some of these, particularly the famous Malahat Drive, are not equalled anywhere in the world for rugged grandeur and striking beauty. The new Colwood-Metchosin Beach Drive is another road of exquisite attractions, and the run from Victoria to the Alberni District, taking in Malahat Drive is another scenic marvel.

The golf player will find in Victoria links verging on the sea, which rival the best in Great Britain. He can indulge in his favorite sport twelve months out of the year without any discomfort, and at least ten months out of the twelve under ideal conditions.

Cricket, tennis, football, Government rifle range shooting, hockey, lacrosse, baseball, bowling on the green, motor-boating, yachting, canoeing, trap-shooting, bicycling, riding, driving, sea-bathing, and sailing are among the sports and pastimes which can be followed during the year, and indeed there is not a month in which sport of various kinds is not available.

The recent palatial ice rink for artificial ice skating has added the last touch, and visitors and citizens can now enjoy this fascinating exercise, or attend the ice hockey matches, while the fall roses or the spring daffodils are blooming.

You cannot name a city in the world which begins to compare with Victoria for its out-of-door variety and appeal to the lovers of the open. Men and women travel thousands of miles to secure one or another form of outdoor recreation. Here in Victoria it is possible to combine nearly every known form of outdoor exercise and recreation, and under climatic conditions which are incomparable.

Average highest temperature at Victoria during last 20 years, 84.2 degrees above zero. Average lowest temperature at Victoria during last 20 years, 17.3 degrees above zero.