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RELIABLE INFORMATION.

The Vancouver Tourist Association in preparing reliable information on the city gives the following facts:

Vancouver is the financial, commercial and chief residential centre of the Canadian Pacific Coast.

It has attained its present dimensions and importance since 1886 when it was a straggling hamlet of a few hundred people and there is every reason to expect more rapid growth in the next decade than during any other like period in the past.

Vancouver's remarkable progress has not been due to accidental or transitory influences. The essentials of its prosperity reside in its natural advantages, which are unsurpassed by those of any other city on the coast. Its geographical relation to the resources of the country and to the markets of the world, together with its harbor, water power facilities and railway connection, account for its present and guarantee its perpetual pre-eminence in commerce and industry.

Timber, coal, iron, building stone and commercial clays are at its door. The waters contiguous to it are filled with fish. Salmon, halibut, cod and herring, smelts, anchovies and sardines, crabs, shrimps and clams are found in varying quantities.

Immediately adjacent to it is an extensive agricultural area producing hay, hops, coarse grain, roots, vegetables and fruit in greater abundance than any other section in Canada.

Its harbor is ice free at all seasons, sheltered from all storms and is among the best in the world.

The mountain streams guarantee unlimited water power. One plant producing 30,000 H.P. has been established and the completion of projected undertakings will double the amount available.

There are regular lines of steamers plying between Vancouver and Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Honolulu, Mexico, San Francisco, Alaska, as well as to all points on Puget Sound and in Northern British Columbia.

Three trans-continental lines run trains to this city, five trans-continental trains leaving and five arriving each day with choice of three routes.

Vancouver has almost everything to be desired in a place of residence, splendid location, over-looking Burrard Inlet and the Gulf of Georgia, with snow-capped mountains stretching away to the north as far as the eye can reach, an inexhaustible supply of absolutely pure cold water, excellent drainage, a delightful climate without extremes of heat or cold, and a civic equipment in the way of schools, libraries, public buildings, pavements, etc., superior, probably to that of any other city, of equal age, in the world.