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The last year has seen the birth of a great number of joint stock companies in this Province. A slight sketch of one of these, which has already caused considerable stir in financial circles in Victoria, should prove of interest.

It would be well to premise that Oak Bay is a semi-circular indentation, about one and one-half miles long, by half a mile deep, that, with Victoria Harbor, forms the peninsula on which the greater portion of Victoria is built. The distance between the two harbors is only two miles and a-half; but, owing to the fact that no roads had been made along the water front on Oak Bay, few even in Victoria were aware of the fine harbor to the east of the city.

While Victoria remained but a third-rate town, of course two miles and a half might as well have been ten miles, but the building of the last year has brought Victoria within half or three-fourths of a mile of this, its natural eastern outlet.

It seems the first to appreciate the possibilities of this portion of the city were Messrs. Crane, McGregor & Boggs, who secured some two hundred acres, including three-quarters of a mile of water front, on the southern portion of the bay, and then went to work to organize a company with means and energy sufficient to develop the

latent possibilities of Oak Harbor, as they entitle their addition to the city of Victoria.

Hence the organization of the Oak Bay Improvement Co. (Limited), with a capital of \$500,000.

The company is a close corporation, as there are altogether only eight shareholders, and in the month since incorporation they have given evidence of being a very lively incorporation, indeed. The Electric Tramway have their track well under way through the property; streets sixty and eighty feet wide are laid out, and contracts let for grading and gravelling the more important. Oak Bay avenue is being regraded and gravelled. The plans and specifications for a magnificent summer hotel are being completed, and surveys of the harbor preliminary to the building of a fine wharf are in progress.

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People are already wondering why this was overlooked so long, but it seems to be in good hands now, and the company is entitled to the gratitude of the citizens of Victoria for opening up and improving this most desirable locality.

Langley & Co., wholesale druggists, Victoria, have a new department in their business, which is the putting in of a full line of dental goods. Having a complete stock of dental supplies so centrally located, from which orders may be filled in two or three days at the farthest, will prove a boon to the dentists of British Columbia, who, at the present time, are greatly inconvenienced by the delay in getting supplies from the east. We predict for Messrs. Langley & Co. success in their new venture.