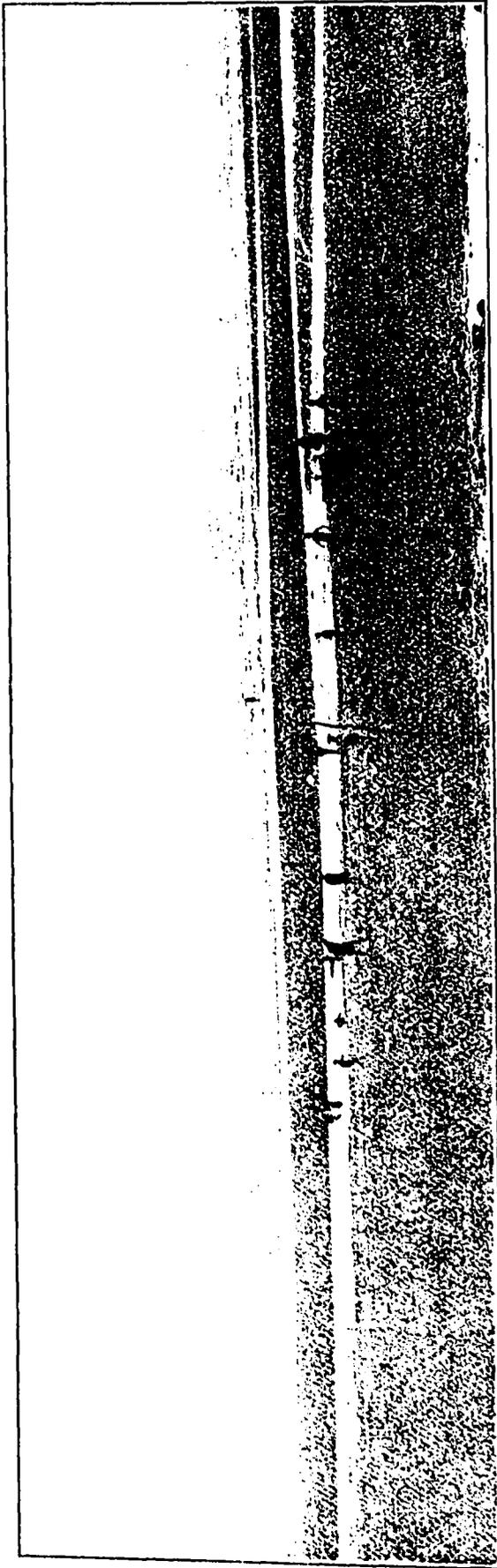


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SCENE AT WHITE ROCK

tall fir trees. We inspected some of the bungalows, every one of which has a superb view. Then we caught a train to Blaine, which is only three miles off."

The railway trip from Vancouver to White Rock, while occupying but sixty minutes, is one of varying interest. First of all, Burnaby Lake invites the attention; then the Fraser River comes into view and is crossed by the New Westminster bridge. The south bank of the river is traversed for several miles, affording a splendid view of the Royal City. Leaving the river, the train runs through beautifully-wooded country till Boundary Bay is sighted. Its wide sweep of water, bordered by broad acres of rich farms and hayfields, appears to be encircled by the wooded slopes of mountain ranges, so clearly do the Golden Ears, Pitt and Howe Sound mountains loom up over the Delta lands.

Sweeping through Blackie Spit, or Crescent, as the railway station is called, the train next emerges on the seafront under the protecting cliffs of Ocean Park, and the grand vista of the island-dotted Gulf of Georgia and broad waters of Semiahmoo Bay opens up before the eye. As the train speeds southward the White Rock is seen in the sweep of the bay, with the Canadian ensign flying over its customs house; beyond is the picturesque town of Blaine, Wash., nestling at the foot of a wooded slope, its harbor protected by Birch Point, while in the background rise the snow-clad crowns and peaks of the Three Sisters, Mount Baker and the Olympics. White Rock is in the centre of the bay, with Point Roberts on the west and Birch Point on the south, throwing out their encircling arms to protect it from the stormy winds that sweep up the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Between these two protecting headlands are seen the Saturna Island and its lighthouse, denoting the western boundary of the navigation channel for the Empresses and other ocean liners *en route* to and from Vancouver and the Pacific. Opposite Saturna, with its Canadian light, is Patos Island, with its five flash lanterns demarking the United States side of the straits and navigation