

The drive along Happy Valley is another scene of beauty. Unlike the panorama of sea and land, of cliff and beach along Albert Head, it is a pretty sylvan scene of forests and homes. The little stream which foams and sparkles along the roadside for many miles, the wonderful growth of wild vines and bushes and the enchanting glimpses of rock and forest growth make it a delightful drive.



Goldstream Falls

**Goldstream Falls.**—Possibly one of the most fascinating places on the Island is the Goldstream Falls. Easily reached from the railroad it is a favorite picnic ground for city folk. And one will not readily forget the sight of the silvery waterfall, over cliffs glorified with the daintiest of ferns, the maidenhair. Below, the river clammers over a bed of rocks, mosses and wild water plants, between luxuriant ferns of many kinds and undergrowth of flowered bushes. The water from lakes adjacent forms the household supply for Esquimalt, and is the source of power for the electric light system and the electric railway system of Victoria and its suburbs.

**Lakes.**—The chain of lakes in the Goldstream district, of which Langford is the largest, extends through a scene of wild beauty. The hilly country affords wonderful views, and the shining presence of dotted lakes brightens the sombre grandeur. The charmingly situated country places of Mr. J. S. H. Matson at Aldermere and of Hon. C. E. Pooley at Goldstream and of Mr. Fitzherbert Bullen at Thetis Lake are examples to other Victorians of the joy of owning summer houses in this neighborhood. The woodland drives through this district are of unimagined beauty. Away from the sea and near fresh water of the lakes the atmosphere is both colder and warmer in season. The rarer air of the hills is here and the splendor of forest watered by streams fed by the clear little lakes.

**Transportation: Telephone, Postal Facilities, Electric Light.**—The produce from this neighborhood is sent in for the most part by stage and railway. Excellent stage services are maintained from Rocky Point, Sooke and Otter Point, Metchosin and other points, all passing through Colwood.