

Why The Railway Was Built *TO PORT ALBERNI.*

BECAUSE of the Timber wealth of the district which has already led to the erection of one large sawmill and the selection of sites by others.

BECAUSE of the large valley of which Port Alberni is the outlet. One of the largest and most fertile on Vancouver Island.

BECAUSE of the large undeveloped deep sea fisheries of the West Coast of which Port Alberni is the center.

BECAUSE of the mineral resources of the Alberni district, comprising Copper, Gold, Coal, Marble, Iron and other minerals.

BECAUSE of the magnificent harbor on which the town stands—one of the finest on the Pacific seaboard.

BECAUSE Port Alberni is the nearest railway port in Canada to Australia, New Zealand, and the Panama Canal, and the nearest coal port in the North Pacific to the latter.

BECAUSE from eight to twenty hours can be saved on the present mail time to the Orient by the Port Alberni route.

BECAUSE Port Alberni is the centre of a district rich in game, whether deer, bear, panther or bird; and fishing, including trout, both casting and trolling, and salmon trolling. Salmon up to 75lbs. in weight rewarding the fisherman during the season.

BECAUSE all these advantages make Port Alberni the natural gateway through which all the trade of the Pacific coast will flow to Vancouver and the mainland.