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from Courtenay, ships coal, the output will be 3,000 tons. This will be followed by the opening of another mine nearer to Courtenay. The Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd. have completed the construction of a hydro-electric plant three miles from Courtenay, on the Puntledge River, at a cost of \$750,000. This company has a monthly pay roll of \$170,000. Extensive drilling in the valley has proved the great extent of the coal area which will eventually be developed by the railroads.

There are large deposits of valuable iron ore waiting for the railways in the country north of Courtenay. The coal in the Comox district is of a quality perfectly suited to the requirements of the iron industry, and there are extensive limestone deposits, which are necessary to this industry, on Tuxeda Island, a few miles east of Courtenay. On the establishment of an iron and steel industry a host of industries would follow.

The Canadian Western Lumber Company ships twelve million feet of logs each month from their camps, and have enough of



C. P. R. Station Site

Showing the right-of-way, looking North

timber in this district to last for fifty years at this rate of cutting. Their monthly pay roll for five hundred men amounts to \$40,000; the payrolls of the contractors who are associated with them will bring the total to about \$50,000. They laid forty-six miles of logging railroad last year; they have constructed one hundred and forty miles, and expect to construct one hundred miles next year. They are now building a new saw mill, which will cost about \$100,000.