

beauty of the place, and its delightful surroundings. The many enjoyable drives the parks, and the long line of seashore with its splendid beach fronting the city, the wealth of foliage seen in every direction, the grandeur of the scenery to be witnessed from the higher points, and the picturesque harbor, are all delightful to the eye and ever to be remembered.

The beauty of California and of its many pleasure resorts is much spoken of, but the tourist visiting the Pacific Coast who fails to take in Victoria, loses one of the greatest treats of the trip.

Victoria is situated on the south-eastern extremity of Vancouver Island, and is estimated to contain about 24,000 of a population. Its position as a commercial centre for foreign trade cannot be over-estimated, and in this respect it is a keen rival of Vancouver the metropolis of the mainland. The possibilities of its future are great, but in order to give the reader an adequate idea of its advantages and resources, it will be necessary to go more fully into details than space at command will permit in this number. It is therefore proposed to give in the next issue of the Monthly a more extended description of the city. In the meantime it may be stated that the trade of Victoria is far-reaching to every part of the province, and probably no place on the continent of America, of the same size, can show more wealth or signs of prosperity than are enjoyed by it to-day.

the present time.

ALONG THE LINE OF THE E. & N. R. R.

A trip along the line of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo R. R. is most enjoyable, especially if one has the time to stop over at some of the delightful places between Victoria and Wellington. Tourists and Sportsmen visiting Victoria should certainly avail themselves of the opportunity. The scenery is grand and the fishing and hunting cannot be surpassed in the Province. The first station to be noted after passing Esquimalt is Goldstream, with its excellent summer hotel, and then you pass on to Shawnigan where there is a picturesque lake, on the shores of which the visitor will find a most comfortable hostelry provided with pleasure boats, &c., for the convenience of guests. Then you pass on to McPhersons, Koksilah, Duncan's and Chemainus, all of which are most enjoyable resorts, where a few days may be spent with pleasure, and where the best accommodation is provided. The delightful rambles and drives around these places, the streams and the lakes teeming with fish, and the pure air from the Mountains all tend to make the visit healthful and truly enjoyable. The visitor before returning to Victoria should go on to Nanaimo, where he will find one of the most interesting cities in British Columbia. Nanaimo is beautifully situated on a slope leading down to the shores of one of the finest harbors on the Coast. Here the great coal mines of the New Vancouver Coal Co may be visited, which will well repay the time spent in doing so, or a sail enjoyed among the numerous islands at the entrance to the harbor. From Nanaimo a few miles bring the tourist to Wellington, where the famous mines of the Dunsmuir's may be seen. Altogether the trip is one of instruction and pleasure, and mention is made of it at this time because it is desirable that strangers visiting Victoria should know of the treat they may enjoy if they will only embrace the opportunity. Trains leave on the E. & N. R. R. every morning at 8 a.m., returning at 8 p.m., and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays there are two daily trains each way.

GOLD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A gentleman who lately returned from England states that it is useless to attempt placing silver mines there at present, not because of a scarcity of money