

lands to the sea, the waters had cut a path through the lateral moraine of a prehistoric glacier, scooping out, south of the present river-channel, a bay which became silted up again into a little patch of isolated delta land, but leaving on the north a rolling plateau of gravelly loam which, for the most part, begins to rise a few feet from high-water mark, somewhat steeply at first, then more gently, to an average height of some two hundred feet above sea level. On this slope, lying broad to the sun and the soft south wind, stands the City—the Royal City, as its people call it, because its name, “New Westminster,” was chosen by our late beloved Queen.

## **The Right Place**

No better spot could have been chosen. Sixteen miles from the sea, on the tidal waters of a great river; berthing at its docks all but the largest class of ocean-going ships, needing but a little work of the powerful hydraulic dredge, built for the purpose, to offer easy entrance to anything that floats; in the very heart of a rich agricultural and fruit growing country; natural headquarters of the salmon fisheries; most favorably situated for the manufacture of lumber; a strategic point in the railway system of the Province, and to-day the meeting place of two great transcontinental roads, the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern; heir to everything implied in the fact that it is the one great, easily-entered, well-situated river port of the North Pacific on the American continent,