A WORD OF ADVICE

In presenting this brief description of Vancouver Island and the lands in which it is directly interested, the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company desires to state that the lands now available for settlement are limited in extent, but generally of first class quality. The object of the Company in publishing this book is to draw the attention of homeseekers to the exceptional advantages possessed by Vancouver Island and to outline its future possibilities, and not to attract a large immigration at present—the advice desired to be conveyed is, KEEP YOUR EYE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND. A few desirable farms are immediately available, but the greater portion of the Company's holding is still to be explored and reclaimed from its primeval state before it can be confidently recommended to settlers. Immediately that a section of country is cleared and ready for farming the fact will be advertised and full information furnished concerning its adaptability. Meanwhile, to the man who can afford the time and expense, it is suggested that a trip to Vancouver Island would convince him that all that has been set down in these pages is far from exaggerating the actual conditions of farming life here, and that personal observation would more than confirm the most favorable and flattering description that could be penned.

TAXATION.

Outside of incorporated cities, towns and municipalities, the taxation is imposed and collected directly by the Provincial Government and expended in public improvements, roads, trails, wharves, bridges, etc., in assisting and maintaining the schools, and in the administration of justice.

The rates of taxation imposed by the latest Assessment Act are as follows:

On Real Estate	$\frac{3}{5}$%	of assessed	value of $3,000 or under	
" " "	1%	"	"	over $3,000
" Wild Land	4%	"	"	
* " Coal Land, Class A	1%	"	"	
† " " " " B	2%	"	"	
" Timber Land	2%	"	"	

* Working Mines.
† Unworked Mines.