

the island, this route will be increasingly used in the near future.

In truth, this wonderful Barclay Sound, its coasts and hinterland, have great and inestimable possibilities. The wealth in timber in the interior and on the islands is incalculable. Coal, iron, copper and other minerals are known to exist in vast measures. The store of seals, halibut, salmon and other fish is immense and exhaustless. All those opulent resources have barely been tapped and only await the enterprise of settler, prospector, miner and capitalist. Nevertheless, of recent years this important section of Vancouver Island has gradually become better known and appreciated. Numerous land licences have been issued, timber limits staked and mining claims recorded during the past few years in various parts of the interior and the islands.

To mention only a few, there have been numerous timber limits staked from Pachena Bay to near Numakamis Bay, and around the Sarita Lake district to the east of Barclay Sound; several south of Tsusiat Lake, and in the southwest borders of Nitinat River as far as Tuck Lake. Land has been alienated extensively in the vicinity of Bamfield, the district to the south of Numakamis Bay, on both sides of the Sarita River, and in the neighborhood of Poett Nook. From Ucluelet Harbor right along the coast to Toquott Harbor land has been largely alienated. Timber limits have been staked around Kennedy Lake up to Tofina Inlet on Clayoquot Sound.

The Alberni Canal district has been practically covered with timber limits. Timber and mining claims have also been staked in several of the islands of Barclay Sound. But all these constitute only a fringe of the hinterland of the coast, and there are still almost boundless opportunities in this well-favored portion of British Columbia.

As to the glorious scenery of this district, tongue and pen can give but a halting and meagre conception. It is here where the artist and photographer lend the inimitable aid of their art. But even the finest sketches of the one and the happiest snapshots of the other can render only restricted and often inadequate justice to the varied beauty and grandeur of the scenery of this "promised land."

Fortunately, improved railway facilities are now in progress or contemplation, and communication between the western part of Vancouver Island and the mainland of the province will speedily bring the better knowledge necessary for the development of this and other districts.

As the exquisite scenery of Barclay Sound coast and interior must be seen to be fully appreciated, so the advantages of the climate can only be realized by experience. It is temperate and equable on the greater part of coast and hinterland. And if there are sometimes rough weather and fierce gales on certain points of the coast, they only lend a welcome variety without which the sea would lose much of its inherent charm.

