

HISTORY IN MAKING.

BURRARD INLET'S CONTRIBUTION.



It falls to the lot of few spots to contribute so materially as Burrard Inlet to the world's progress, for on the Northeast Pacific Coast history is in the making—history not of fields of blood, where decisive carnage leaves ascendancy on the side of progress, nor yet history of intellectual movements, or of inventions fraught with influence on epochs, but history of a development of maritime ports unexampled in rapidity and accompanied by expansion of commercial intercourse over the broadest of oceans with the most extensive of seaboard.

THE GATEWAYS OF INFLUENCE.

Although Northern British Columbia and Alaska will doubtless in the future develop ports of consequence, at the present time **the commerce of the Pacific Ocean has only two first-rate approaches to the North American Continent, one at San Francisco, the other between British Columbia and the State of Washington.**

The commercial ascendancy of San Francisco has been favored by its early start as a city and by a coast line, inhospitable to vessels of deep draught, which extends for seven hundred miles northwards from the Golden Gate. When, however, this forbidding seaboard has been left to the south, parsimony of havens is succeeded by profusion, the Strait of Fuca forming the vestibule to a treasury of harborage, utilization of which cannot fail to exercise deep and enduring influence on the North American Continent, the peoples of Asia, and even the general commerce of the world. Between the 47th and 49th parallels of north latitude on the long succession of harbors constituting Puget Sound, the energy of the Republic is now stringing a galaxy of ports, while on Burrard Inlet the year 1907 has witnessed the birth of a second Canadian City—North Vancouver—to which geographical and political conditions promise early maritime prominence.

FIRST ADVANCE OF THE AGGRESSIVE FORCE.

When it is considered how growth of civilization is retarded by continual war or incessant turmoil, and how largely the commerce of the great ports of the world has contributed towards friendly relations between different countries, how enlightenment has followed along