

## *CLAIMS OF COURTENAY AND COMOX DISTRICT*

rising ground which stretches on the south to Comox Harbor, and on the east to the open sea, and there gives a wonderful view of the snow mountains on the mainland. This stretch of rising country with its sea frontage on two sides, makes a particular appeal of its own. Here numerous houses command extensive views of the surrounding country, and are occupied by those who are attracted by the natural charms of the district and the opportunities for sport rather than the business possibilities, and in this part of the district is the centre of the growing poultry industry.

To the south of Courtenay lie the farm lands, known as Happy Valley, and much excellent land and good sea frontage is being opened up by the railway.

Such is a short description of the district, which, already well settled by a contented community in spite of the prejudice created by the lack of train service, is now receiving so much attention with the advent of the railway.

Go to Vancouver or Victoria and ask any real estate agent of experience in which of the country districts on Vancouver Island he would like to invest his own money, and it is almost a certainty that he will name Courtenay and its neighborhood, and with reason, for land there is still at a reasonable figure, while the solid advantages of the place give it a value much higher than that dependent on the manufactured boom, and make it a safe field for the investor, who can rely on the certainty that its many known advantages shortly to be backed by increased accessibility, will create a rapidly growing demand which must inevitably raise the price of land. For the neighborhood of Courtenay makes its claim on every character of settler. In this district a farmer may seriously set himself, not to hack the bush, but to farm; not with the object of carving out one of those fortunes so frequently made on paper, but to follow his congenial occupation amidst delightful surroundings and earn good interest on his investment. Here the man with little experience, an income which needs augmenting and a wish to lead an outdoor life, may invest a moderate capital in a poultry ranch, or the fortunate individual whose income is sufficient for his needs, may choose himself a beautiful place and enjoy as good shooting and fishing, motoring and motor boating as he could wish.

In the following paragraphs will be found some of the details as to which anyone interested is likely to desire information, and it only remains to add that an inquiry on any specific point will bring a prompt reply if addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Trade, Courtenay, Vancouver Island, B. C.