

city of Port Alberni is gained. What coal is to the East coast of the Island, so timber is to the West Coast, with the added advantage that whereas there is no means of replenishing the mines, the timber wealth is practically inexhaustible, if scientific afforestation methods are adopted.

### Pay Roll.

With a payroll of \$57,725 a month being handled in the city, Port Alberni compares very favorably with other cities. Indeed, it is doubtful whether many cities of the same size can boast such a fine array of figures, which works out at \$692,700 for the annual amount distributed in wages. With the advent of several new industrial concerns, these figures will be largely increased, and ensure for the worker liberal wages and steady employment.

### Hospital.

The West Coast General Hospital, which occupies a prominent place overlooking the fine harbor, is a spacious, well equipped modern institution. Erected at a cost of \$20,000 there is ample accommodation for the care of the sick and injured, and the efficient staff in connection therewith can be depended upon to bestow the same care and consideration as one finds in older and more settled cities.