

*Vernon has 15 miles of sidewalks, largely cement; 50 miles of streets, and magnificent scenic motor roads throughout the district.*

#### ERRATUM

In fifth line on this page "Great Northern" should read Canadian Northern

Vernon lies precisely at the junction of these sections. The city thus occupies the site of the inevitable distributing centre of the Okanagan, a fact that the projected railroad construction of the Kettle Valley, Great Northern and electric railroads will only serve to emphasize. When this work is completed Vernon will have two outlets to the north and two to the south, not to speak of the lake traffic which will always be extensive, and the proposed tramway system which will "suburbanize" the whole locality.

Vernon, thus occupying a central position, enjoys the benefit of the commercial activity and shares the natural advantages of both the northern and southern sections. Within the Vernon district lie lands as specially suitable for orchard work as those to the south, others as naturally adapted for growing vegetables as those to the north. Vernon belongs neither to the Northern nor the Southern Okanagan; it embraces the peculiar advantages of both.

The City, which was incorporated, first in the valley, 20 years ago, occupies a site at the Eastern foot of a long low hill whose slopes are terraced with avenues and dotted with residences surrounded with shade trees, gardens and orchards, and enjoying a view of the northern end of Okanagan Lake, and the hills piled in majestic ranges. From it radiate roads leading to the out-lying Grande Prairie Country, to the Northern towns of the valley, along the Eastern side

of the lake to Penticton, and the Western side, through the rapidly developing Kalamalka, Long and Woods Lakes District to Kelowna. A motor road connection with Penticton on this side also is under contemplation, which will thus open up for tourists a magnificent highway circling the scenic Okanagan Lake. Other roads lead to the B. C. country, to the large district comprising the White and Coldstream Valleys, Lumby, Cherry Creek, Creighton Valley, etc.

The natural beauties and recreative advantages of the locality have attracted a very desirable class of immigrant to settle in and around Vernon, who, in their turn, have added to and developed the social life of the district. The population of the locality, 3,500 in number, has been recruited largely from the great eastern centres and from the Old Country; business men who have succeeded in the commercial struggle of the city and who desire to enjoy and bring up their families among the advantages of the uncongested areas of British Columbia, without sacrificing the blessings of social intercourse; retired army officers, colonials from less favoured climes, successful farmers from the plains, join with their new neighbors in the desire to reap the benefit of their strenuous endeavours, by engaging in a pleasant and profitable industry as their savings give them the right and the power to do, in a mild and salubrious climate, among beautiful surroundings and in a congenial neighbourhood. Such