

lying on the opposite side of the harbor. Two of the peaks as seen from Vancouver bear a marked resemblance to lions *couchant* and are consequently named the "Lions' Gate."

Adjoining the Hotel Vancouver is the largest, most elegantly furnished and comfortable Opera House on the Pacific Slope, north of San Francisco and west of Denver. It is capable of seating about 1,400 people, and is on the circuit for all the best attractions visiting the coast.

In churches there are a number of fine edifices but it is to be regretted that they are chiefly built of wood. In this respect the people of Vancouver will have to show a little more of their usual enterprise and while in the enjoyment of prosperity contribute somewhat more liberally to the erection of substantial places of worship. From a worldly point of view it should be remembered that handsome solid church buildings in a city is generally regarded as a sign of prosperity.

The establishment of the Australian line of steamers means much to the city, as well as to the Province generally, and if the company controlling the traffic will keep their rates at a reasonable figure, or even the same as rules in San Francisco, British Columbia will be the supply mart for many kinds of fruit and other articles, to not only Canada, but also to several of the Western States, including Washington and Oregon.

That Vancouver is destined to become within the next few years a great metropolis few will doubt, and it will be the pleasing duty of the Monthly to record from time to time the progress of the city.

THE SEALING INDUSTRY.

The season of 1893 bids fair to be a very successful one for the sealers. The arrival the other day in Victoria of the schooner *Beatrice* with 7000 skins from various vessels augurs well and the reports brought in by her show that with very few exceptions all the sealing schooners have done splendidly. This is most satisfactory, and as it is now a certainty that the whole catch will be large the effect on trade this fall will be good. It is too early at this time to give any idea of the season's catch, but the following reports received from a few of the schooners to date will give an idea of what it is likely to be:

Penelope	1500 seals.
Mary Ellen.....	1500 "
Beatrice	1307 "
Dora Seward.....	1400 "
Anioka	1340 "
May Belle.....	1659 "
Allie Alger.....	1000 " &c., &c.

When it is remembered that there are some 70 British Columbia vessels engaged in the industry, and that the season is still not half over, the value of the season's catch if the other schooners come anyway near the few figures above quoted may be seen.

The success of the Sealing industry this year is but one of several other auguries that good times are coming—and coming soon.

VICTORIA.

Victoria, the seat of Government of British Columbia, is one of the most beautiful cities on the Pacific Coast. Strangers visiting it are charmed with the