INDUSTRIAL TRACKAGE

As before stated, the waterfrontage on both sides has been reserved for industrial purposes, and the contract has already been let to the Canadian Pacific Railway for an industrial spur parallel with the waterfront on the north side. Along this industrial track some industrial lots have been laid out, having a frontage of fifty feet each, while between the track and the harbour, the land has been left in large acreage blocks suitable for the use of large industries requiring either trackage or waterfrontage or both. Not a foot of this large acreage is to be sold except to actual users, and only a few of the industrial lots will be sold to investors.

This is the only part of the whole Vancouver Metropolitan District where water frontage and trackage have been treated in this way. The prices on the industrial lots are merely nominal and they are practically at the disposal of bona fide industries which may decide to locate here. The trackage plan has been so laid out that many industries will be able to take care of their wants without building a foot of track themselves.

Others may find it necessary to build short spurs to the industrial trunk line to meet their own particular requirements, but in a general way it may be said that Coquitlam provides the trackage without any further expense or delay on the part of the proprietors of any industry that proposes to locate here. The main industrial line is placed about six hundred feet from the waterfront, leaving ample space for large yards and buildings without interference from the railway. An industrial spur similar to the one on the north side will, in due time, be laid out on the south side where it is expected that the terminal elevators, flour mills, etc., will locate.

THE PITT RIVER

The Pitt River makes an excellent harbour. In the channel there is a depth of from thirty to eighty feet at low water. The bars at the junction of the Pitt and Fraser Rivers give a minimum depth of about fifteen feet, but as stated before, these can easily be removed so that thirty feet of water can be provided. This work has already been ordered done by the Dominion Government. From the mouth of the Pitt River down the Fraser there is a minimum depth at low tide of twenty-three feet, and for the most part, forty feet. At mouth of the Fraser the minimum depth now is about fifteen feet and a maximum of about twenty-seven feet at high tide. The Dominion Government is now at work on improvements, such as jetties, wing dams, etc., which will give a minimum depth of thirty feet at low tide at the mouth of the river. These