

freight are transferred from the main line of C. P. R. to Victoria and Nanaimo. It is also the site of the Tyee Copper Company's smelter, which, of the very latest design, has a capacity of 200 tons of ore a day, and is running full time treating the Tyee's ore conveyed from Mount Sicker by aerial tramway (four miles) and the E. & N. Railway to the smelter. The ore is of the same general character as that treated at the Crofton smelter. The Tyee Mine and the Lenora adjoin, and are continuations of the same lead. Ladysmith is three years old and is becoming an important industrial centre. The coal mines tributary to it in 1901 produced about 475,000 tons. The principal farming section of the E. & N. Railway lies between Shawnigan Lake and Chemainus. Time will not permit visiting Ladysmith.

Leaving Chemainus, the steamer coasts around Thetis Island by way of Portier Pass and up the Gulf of Georgia to Nanaimo. Should the day be clear, a splendid view will be had of Texada Island, where mining operations are also carried on and where a smelter is in operation, and the Coast Range of Mountains on the Mainland to the north. The principal islands passed, or seen, on the way from Victoria to Nanaimo, are San Juan, Sidney, James, Moresby, Pender, Salt Spring, Kuper, Thetis, Galiano, Valdez, Mudge, Gabriola and Newcastle.

Nanaimo, locally known as the "Black Diamond City," is one of the oldest settled parts of the Province, coal mining having been carried on there continuously since 1851, at first by the Hudson's Bay Company, which had a fort there. The old bastion, which is the most conspicuous object of the landscape, is still standing. The City is beautifully situated, with ample harbour and a picturesque outlook. The population was 6,130 at the last census. It is 73 miles from Victoria by rail, with which it has a daily service by train. Regular communication is maintained with Vancouver and other Coast points by steamship. The coal mines are operated by the Western Fuel Company, with an output of 1,000 tons a day. The coal mined in 1901 was 585,000 tons. In the immediate vicinity