

facilities have been provided. Much of this portion of the Island is unexplored, but the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company has parties in the field who will examine and report upon its agricultural



possibilities, it being the intention of the Company to establish colonies in these interior valleys as soon as practicable. The numerous lakes and streams and the mountains, which divide the valleys, afford a most attractive diversity of scenery, which combined with the salubrity of the climate, which is drier and warmer than on the coast, will make these interior districts very desirable for residence when they have been thrown open to settlement by the building of branch lines of railway. Existing reports on the interior are to the effect that there are considerable areas of grazing lands on the high plateaux and in the foot-hills of the Island Range.

*"In the pleasant lowlands"*