

Gravel Pits.—From the cliffs near Sangster's plains a company is taking out gravel. They have erected wharves and give employment to a number of people. The gravel being beside the sea is easily and cheaply shipped to both Victoria and Vancouver. It is sluiced out by hydraulic monitor. Another gravel pit is to be opened in the vicinity by another company, who will use an electric pump.

Silica Bricks.—In the Goldstream district is a plant for the manufacture of silica bricks, a very handsome brick, greatly esteemed for large buildings. The output of the ovens is very large and it is a flourishing industry.

Rock Quarry.—The contractors who are supplying rock for macadamizing Victoria streets have put in at Albert Head a large plant and building, with modern equipment, and are employing a number of men.

Cannery and Traps.—On the side of Esquimalt Harbour adjacent to these districts is situated the Cannery owned by the Empire Canning Co., which gets its salmon from the Company's fine traps near Sooke. There are other salmon traps along these waters. In Parry Bay and Peddar Bay both large traps have been erected.

Oyster Beds.—A more recent industry and one which will, no doubt, receive more attention as investors realize their opportunities is that of oyster culture. The oyster beds now at Parson's Bridge, ideally situated, have been markedly successful, the Eastern oysters planted there when tiny spat grow to a large size and are easily the best oysters on the Pacific Coast market. They sell in Seattle for more than the best local product. The presence of lime in the water makes the shells white and greatly improves the appearance of the bivalve. The oysters do not spawn on this coast, the water being rather cold in this locality. Consequently the oysters are good and eatable all the year round.

Cordwood.—The cutting of cordwood is also quite an industry, especially near the waterfront or the railroad or in the portions of the districts near Victoria. There is a good sale for it and the farmer clearing land is thereby enabled to make some money and, at the same time, get his land cleared. At times hundreds of cords are sent in.

Saw Mills.—There is, at present, only one saw mill in the locality, but there are various places on the waterfront where there are good booming grounds, and where saw mills could