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VANCOUVER—CANADA'S PACIFIC GATEWAY

VANCOUVER, said by navigators to possess the second finest harbor in the world, lies at the southwest corner of British Columbia, hundreds of miles nearer the Orient than American seaport competitors. It is the ocean terminus of the Canadian Pacific, the Great Northern, the Canadian National and the Fraser Valley Railways. The Northern Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Union Pacific, Kettle Valley, and Pacific Great Eastern Railways also operate here, and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway gives direct service, by its own line of steamers, with its terminals at Prince Rupert.

Thus Vancouver has today secured the railway facilities necessary to every city aspiring to become a great port and is in a position to handle vastly increased business, as soon as sufficient shipping can be found to carry British Columbia's immense resources through the Panama Canal to all European points, and across the Pacific to all Oriental and Australasian ports.

Vancouver is above par in healthfulness, on account of its exceptional drainage facilities, the purity of its water supply and the fact that it escapes the extremes of heat and cold so common in other parts of America. The remarkably low average of deaths per thousand for the last ten years, namely, 10.65, is witness of this condition.

A daily supply of the purest water is obtained from three glacier-fed mountain streams, the sources of which are controlled by the city, and amounts to 36 million gallons, with an additional 40 million gallons in reservoir and a total daily available supply of 50 million gallons.

Vancouver's climate is moderate; the average temperature during the past ten years has varied only from 47.24 to 49.26. The thermometer rarely rises above 90 degrees and in a ten-year record has never fallen below zero.

There are no fewer than 23 parks within the city, having a total area of 1,415 acres; 85 churches of all denominations and creeds in Greater Vancouver; 25,000 school children, with over 700 teachers, and a population estimated at 175,000.

The industries of Vancouver district grow increasingly. At the present time there are 500 factories in the city and district, having a productive value of \$40,000,000 and employing nearly 30,000 people.

Wholesale houses, carrying stocks valued at many million dollars and covering all branches of trade and commerce, are the supply depots of a territory that is increasing in extent with wonderful rapidity.