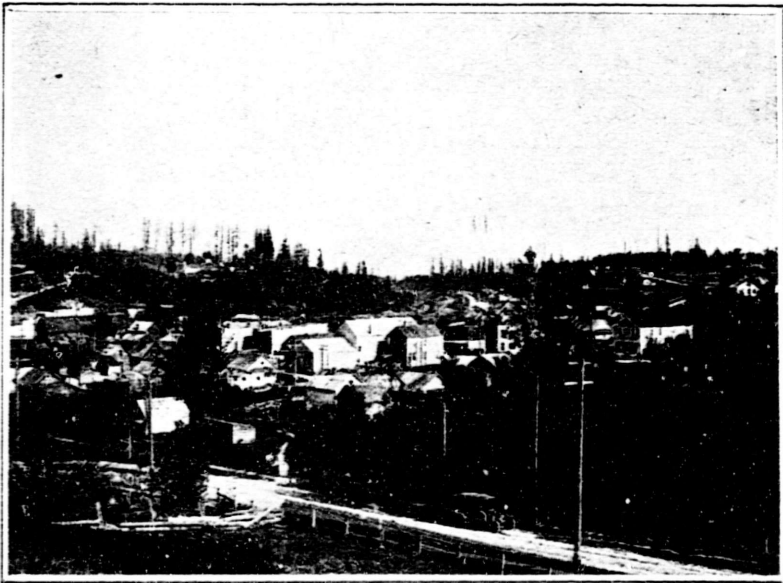


ford, and Bradner, while the Presbyterian church centres are Aberdeen, Pine Grove, Mt. Lehman, Abbotsford, Clayburn and Straiton.

The remaining three churches are in the village of Matsqui, the Swedish Methodist, the Swedish Lutheran, and the Swedish Baptist. The churches all have their attendant Ladies' Aids, while Clayburn and Abbotsford have also Missionary Societies. Church workers are very active, and there has lately been a ten days' mission conducted



VIEW OF ABBOTSFORD, B. C.

Though considered the market centre of the surrounding district, the thriving town of Abbotsford is not situated in the municipality of Matsqui. It is situated on the eastern boundary of Matsqui, and also adjoins Sumas municipality, and is one of the tracts of land in the Fraser Valley reserved by the Provincial Government for townsite purposes.

at Abbotsford by the American Presbytery, which has drawn big congregations. The Ladies' Aids give many entertainments during the winter months, and are invaluable to the social life of the district. It may, or may not, be the number of churches in the district, but serious crime is hardly known, and the entire cost of the Police Department in 1918 did not amount to \$150.00. It has been said that half a farmer's troubles are over, when he finds a church to get married in, and the baby baptized, and much of the second half, when he can find a good school to send the children to.