

another Biological Station at Nanaimo, which has operated most successfully in the collection of Marine animals,

Zoological Studies.

Practical zoological studies can also be carried on near Victoria under very favourable conditions as the raw material is so plentiful and accessible. Large fisheries are within easy reach, both salmon and herring; and halibut and cod fisheries will shortly be also within easy access. The whaling industry is on such an extensive scale that the American Museum of Natural History at New York sent an expert here two years ago to make a special study of the whales of the North Pacific Coast.

Sea lions, seals, salmon, herring, cod and halibut as well as other ocean fish and fauna are present sources of study and interest capable of being worked out by an active Zoological class. Vancouver Island's waters also teem with the animals which have so far not been put to the uses of man and which are well known to science.

The lower areas of Marine life, to which so much attention is given nowadays as throwing light on the various theories of the chain of life are easily collected in vast numbers, as our shores are sufficiently shallow for easy dredging in contra-distinction to the deep inlets and dangerous shore-line of the Mainland.

The State University of Washington has had a summer class on the West Coast of Vancouver Island for the pursuing of Marine studies, and in various localities the fame of the Island as a specially favoured place to pursue such studies has been steadily increasing.