



UNION BAY



The manifold natural advantages possessed by Union Bay are at once apparent to even the most casual observer, but none appeals with more force than that of its excellent harbor and this, coupled with its proximity to the immense coal mines at Cumberland and the extensive timber areas close at hand, offers every facility for attracting maritime trade and industrial enterprises. Union Bay is essentially a place of industry and is the shipping point for the Wellington Colliery Company's mines. As the harbor is entered steamers and craft of all descriptions can be seen lying at anchor awaiting the coal which is to take them to all parts of the world. The town was established some time after the discovery of coal at Cumberland some twenty years ago. Here are located the machine shops of the W. C. Co., at which plant a considerable number of men are employed. It is sixty miles from Nanaimo by water and road and is a regular port of call of the "Queen City" and "City of Nanaimo" carrying mail, passengers and freight. It is connected with Cumberland, ten miles distant, by railway, and the surveys for the E. & N. extension passes through the town.

Apart from its importance as a shipping centre, a vast wealth of merchantable timber stands in the immediate vicinity and at the present time three logging camps are in operation, viz. The Chemainus Lumber Co., The Fraser River Mill Co., and The Taylor Mill Co., employing a large number of men. The soil in this locality is of the highest quality and a number of small farms are operated, the market for farm produce being at all times good. The town supports an excellent school, church, hospital, hotels and churches, and withal Union Bay's prosperity is great and her prospects of the rosiest description.

FRASER & BISHOP.

Among the many business enterprises that figure conspicuously in Vancouver Island's roll of commercial undertakings a positive

place has been earned by the firm of Fraser & Bishop at Union Bay. This business was launched several years ago by Mr. Geo. Howe and for fifteen years was managed by Mr. J. A. Fraser.



Store and Hotel, Fraser and Bishop.