

VICTORIA'S MAGNIFICENT NEW OUTER HARBOR

The Outer Harbor as being built by the Dominion Government will provide for approximately 10,000 feet of berthing for the largest ocean going vessels, and will be of the very finest and most modern equipment in the way of docks, warehouses and machinery. The site was chosen after a thorough investigation by Mr. Louis Coste, the Government's Engineer, together with other noted experts. It will be, when completed, a model Ocean Harbor, and will have a straight and clear outlet to the Pacific Ocean.

The sum of \$2,300,000.00 for the initial outlay as a preliminary expenditure will indicate the magnitude of the undertaking. It will eventually cost much more than this to provide for the shipping necessities of Victoria, but this sum will give the city a large and commodious harbor, perfectly protected, and furnish accommodation for the constantly increasing ocean traffic which is coming to her outer port.

The Harbor will in every respect measure up to the best harbors on the Pacific Coast, and will probably suffice for the needs of the Capital City until its population begins to approach the 200,000 mark. Two immense concrete piers with spacious warehouses and modern cargo-handling facilities will be built out into the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and a railway slip will be built to enable car ferries to load and unload their trains at the Docks.

A breakwater of stone, with concrete blocks surmounted by a concrete wall 2,500 feet in length will extend westerly from Ogden Point. The concrete piers will be of 1,000 feet in length, and there will be room for close to 30 of the largest ocean going craft on the final turning over of the work. To connect the Harbor with the Railway Terminals on the 112 acres set aside for that purpose on the former Songhees Reserve there will be direct rail connection.

The Outer Harbor comprises an area of nearly 300 acres of water, varying in depth from 30 to 80 feet. The breakwater which is now being constructed under the Dominion Government's plan will not only effectually shelter all the piers to be constructed under the present arrangements, but all piers hereafter to be built to the north, and, in addition, protect the entrance to the Inner Harbor, thereby proving of incalculable benefit to the great number of coasting vessels entering and departing from the Inner Harbor.