

The Gorge, Victoria, B.C.

charming country resorts that afford the greatest possible pleasure to all who enjoy getting into the country. A drive along the foreshore, with the blue sparkling waters of the straits and their background of snow capped mountains on your right and the residences of Victoria's business men on your left, is a drive to be remembered for its beauty of view and scenery.

But the reader may ask, is there anything else in Victoria and on Vancouver Island but evergreens, flowers and handsome driveways.

In reply to such a query it should be remembered that Vancouver Island is rich in natural resources. It has a wealth of forest, of mineral deposits,

is there in this strawberry culture? Does it pay?

During my short stay in Victoria the acquaintance of three gentlemen was made who grow strawberries, and this is what I learned.

Here are submitted a few figures which they gave me for the season of 1906, at Victoria:

Grower A delivered from 14 acres strawberries 12,556 pounds, for which he obtained \$1,365.10, less 10 per cent. for marketing, or over \$800 per acre—this crop was harvested from one, two and three year old vines.

Grower B delivered from less than four acres of one two and three year old vines, 28,126 pounds, for which he



Autos at Shoal Bay, near Oak Bay, Victoria.

including copper, gold, silver, lead, iron and coal; of fisheries and of agriculture.

The coal mines at Nanaimo and of Ladysmith, some sixty or seventy miles distant from Victoria, are well known to those who have even a slight knowledge of coast matters.

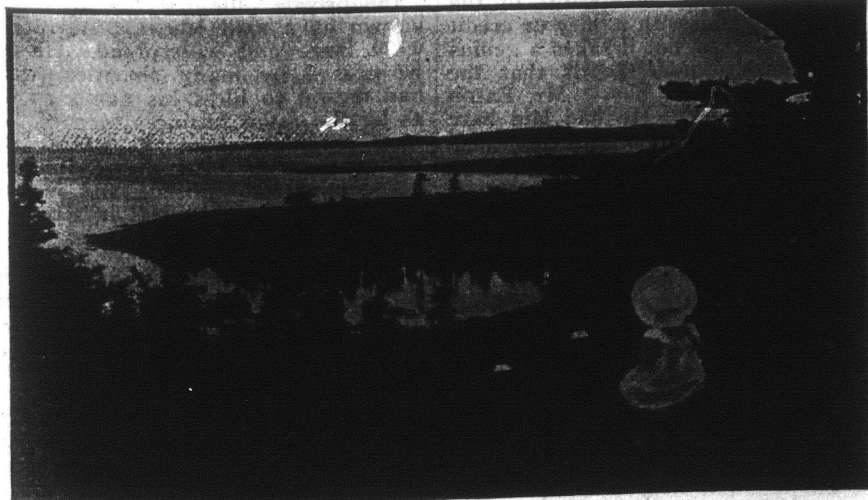
The agriculturists on the Island confine their efforts mostly to dairying, vegetables and to the cultivation of fruit, the soil and climate being most favorable to successful and profitable fruit growing. Vancouver Island strawberries have made a name for themselves in all the coast cities of the Pacific. To the uninitiated, the vital question is, what money

obtained \$2,887, less 10 per cent. per acre for selling, or over \$700 per acre.

Grower C delivered from half an acre, 2,826 pounds, for which he received \$301, less 10 per cent. for selling, or at the rate of over \$600 per acre.

The foregoing figures may set some of our wheat growers thinking when they learn that a strawberry farmer, farming less than four acres of ground, sold in one season from it berries to the amount of \$2,887 worth.

There is sure to be a number of farmers and others from the cities, towns and rural districts in Western



Foul Bay, looking toward Bass Rocks, near Victoria, British Columbia.



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