

Nanoose Bay is 16 miles northwest of Nanaimo. It is a farming district.

Port Renfrew is midway between Victoria and Cape Beale and on Port San Juan.

Sidney Inlet is a mining camp on the west coast 30 miles north of Clayoquot.

### Transportation Facilities

Vancouver Island has three lines of railway, which engage in general freight and passenger traffic. They are: The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, the Victoria & Sidney Railway, the railway from Union Bay to Cumberland.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway extends from Victoria to Wellington, a distance of 78 miles, and is in a general way parallel to the east coast and removed from it not many miles at any point. It is owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway company. This line is being extended to Alberni, a distance of 50 miles, and will then connect the east and west coasts of the Island.

The Victoria & Sidney railway is on the Saanich Peninsula. It extends from Victoria to Sidney, a distance of 17 miles. It is owned by the Great Northern Railway company.

The railway from Union Bay to Cumberland is 12 miles long and is owned by the Wellington Collieries company.

Connection is maintained with more or less regularity between these railways and Vancouver and other points on the lower Mainland by car-ferry. The ferries in use are barges towed by tugs. The ferriage is safe and easy.

Steamship connections between the Island and Mainland are maintained from Victoria and Nanaimo. From Victoria connection by steamer is maintained with Seattle. The steamers employed in these services are of the best type.

There are regular steamer sailings to all points on both coasts of the Island.

Alberni has stage communication with Nanaimo. Cowichan Lake has communication with Duncan in the same way. There are stage lines between other points.

### Suggested Railway Routes

I suggest the following routes by which railways might advantageously be built for the development of the province.

From Alberni, an extension of the line from Nanaimo, to Comox and thence towards the northern end of the Island, following the general course of the east coast, but not along it.