

being literally cut from the solid rock. Branching inland at Franklin Creek the line runs to Cowichan Lake where it connects with the Victoria section of the line. As illustrating the magnitude of the operations, it may be mentioned that the cost, per mile, on the canal section is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

When this line is completed a new country will be opened that will ensure an enormous amount of business being done in Port Alberni, when this city will become the centre of a large railway and shipping industry.

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## Timber.

When the future of Port Alberni is being contemplated, the enormous value of its timber resources must occupy a leading place as a means whereby wealth and population will be attracted to the city. At a very conservative estimate there is enough standing timber of first-class quality to provide for a cut of 1,500,000 feet per day for forty years. When it is known that every thousand feet of rough lumber cut provides for the payment of \$7.00 in wages, and ensures the employment of 2500 men, drawing an annual pay roll of \$2,000,000 some idea of the importance of this and subsidiary industries to the