



VANCOUVER—CORDOVA STREET.



VANCOUVER—BOATS LOADING FOR THE KLONDYKE.

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THE NEW C.P.R. STATION—NOW BUILDING.

ver with the Puget Sound ports, Portland and San Francisco; also boats bound for Skagway, Dyea and other northern points. The local steamship traffic, too, is very considerable, and daily communication has been established by boat with Victoria, Nanaimo and the Fraser River ports, whilst week by week there come and go through the lion-guarded gateway of the Narrows numberless trading vessels from all parts of the world.

It is indeed a motley collection of crafts that greet the eye as one glances across the Inlet from an elevated vantage point, and descries to right and left sugar ships from Java, lumber ships bound for South Africa, France or Belgium, and general cargo vessels from Great Britain; some at anchor awaiting orders, others floating away in a stately manner, drawn out to sea by the ever-irrespressible tug; and one realizes fully, when looking out over this vista of trading and passenger ships, that within her harbour lies the greatest commercial strength of Vancouver.

Now to turn for a few minutes from the sea to the other aspects of the twelve-year-old city. Most passing strange it is to easterners to find in this mushroom town electric light and gas from one end to the other, ten miles of electric street cars, cement sidewalks and asphalt-paved streets, fine cut-stone "blocks," and seven chartered banks occupying premises that would do honor to an old established com-