

day, and are one of the two largest on the Pacific Coast. The Company controls extensive timber reserves stretching from Chemainus to the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and operates two lines of railways to bring the logs to the mill. One of these runs from Chemainus about 13 miles back into dense forest, and the other from Ladysmith. The former of these is being extended as the requirements of the industry demand, and in time will reach Alberni, when, in all probability, it will be available as a general traffic railway. The timber limits in the vicinity of Chemainus are among the finest on the Island. The immense size of the standing trees and the density of the forest may be gathered from the fact that as much as 300,000 feet have been cut from one acre. The average, however, is 50,000 feet per acre. The principal merchantable trees are Douglas fir, and red cedar, or cypress. Both grow to immense proportions. In some instances the Douglas fir will girth 55 feet at the base and stand 200 feet and over, clear of branches. It is not unusual to saw sticks of timber 64 feet long squared to 3 feet throughout, and occasional timbers of the same length are squared to four feet. Last year the Chemainus Mill exported 37,000,000 feet, which was loaded directly on vessels for Australia, South Africa, China, Japan and South America. Lumber is also shipped from here to Manitoba and the North-West. If time permitted, a visit to the Company's logging camps, where the trees are sawn down and the logs are hauled to the railway by huge logging engines and cables, would be of special interest.

Six miles beyond Chemainus is the new Town of Ladysmith, at the head of Oyster Harbour, the shipping port of the Wellington Colliery Company, whose mines, six miles distant at Extension, are producing 1,200 tons per day. The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway runs from Victoria to Wellington, 78 miles, the principal points of importance on which are Goldstream, Shawnigan Lake, Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith and Nanaimo.

Ladysmith is the point, too, at which the E. & N. Ferry from Vancouver connects with that line, and where cars of