

billion feet board measure, which would be hauled an average of 20 miles to mills at Bella Coola and Ocean Falls. After manufacture much of this timber would afford eastbound freight to the railway to Peace River and other interior points. Also on the islands and inlets of the coast there are large limits that can supply mills at Bella Coola and Ocean Falls. There is now at Ocean Falls the largest sawmill on the coast, and another large one at Swanson Bay. Both these places have large pulp mills, as well as the sawmills, and they can reach Bella Coola by barges, being on sheltered waters.

There is a very large traffic in eastbound lumber awaiting completion of railway. This traffic can assume large dimensions without awaiting the settlement of the Interior country, as, has been previously pointed out, the distance by the P. & H. B. route to Edmonton is not greater than by either the Canadian Northern or Grand Trunk Ry., and it follows that the P. & H. B. can secure immediately a share of the lumber business tributary to Edmonton. A great advantage of this traffic is that it will avoid return of empty cars after delivery of wheat at Bella Coola.

SETTLEMENT OF INTERIOR B. C. ALONG ROUTE.

On approach of railway this settlement will be very rapid. During the first year or two the greater traffic will be from coast inwards, bringing in settlers and supplies; afterwards there will be a large export of potatoes, cattle, butter, hogs, poultry and other products of mixed farming.

The land adjacent to the route between Bella Coola and Fort George should in ten years time have a population of 250,000, including several towns from 25,000 population downwards, such as Bella Coola, Junction with P. G. E. Ry., Fort George and other points on the route.

It is probable that industries, such as manufacture of paper, cheese, butter, condensed milk, &c., will be developed.

FRUIT.

The Bella Coola Valley should develop into a fruit growing district, the climate being very similar to the Salmon Arm Country on Shuswap Lake, and the market should become an excellent one. It would have advantage of several hundred miles of rail haul over any rival district for supplying Peace River Country.

FISH.

The fisheries of British Columbia are capable of great development, the