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is recorded in the Report for 1906 of The Great-West Life Assurance Company. It is shown that not only in Increase of Business, but in the essential feature of Increase of Surplus to Policyholders the year has been the most successful on record.

The following are the chief items of the Report:

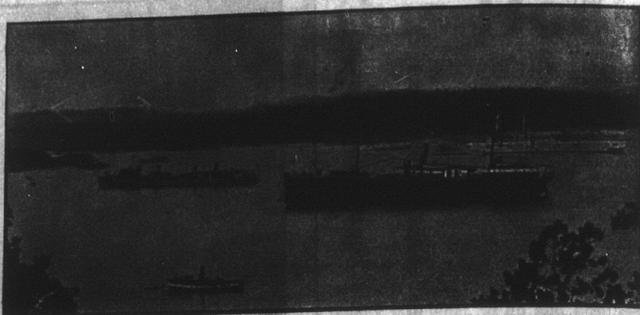
Policies placed in '06 (Second among Canadian Companies).....	\$ 6,458,880.00
Total Insurance in force, Dec. 31st, '06.....	27,925,460.00
Reserve	2,940,691.37
Total interest earnings '06 (an average of over 7%)	227,879.54
SURPLUS TO POLICYHOLDERS	722,141.89
GAIN IN SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	109,928.44
(Increase of over 50% in excess of previous year)	

The Report contains a great deal of information that will undoubtedly be of interest to those concerned in choosing a profitable Life Insurance. A copy will be mailed to any address on request.

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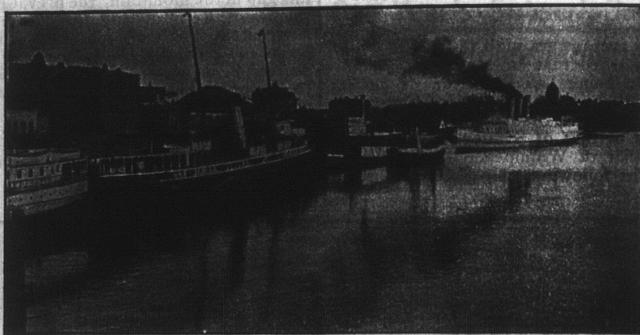


Esquimault Harbor, near Victoria, B.C.

fore it stirred the heart and admiration of the early explorers and navigators and enthralled Captain Vancouver when he first gazed upon its sublimity. Victoria is not without its places and points of interest, and visitors may find something to do in the way of sight-seeing. The Parliament buildings, beautiful pieces of architecture, are worthy of a

dock built by the Dominion Government for the accommodation of H. M. S. is now used almost entirely for commercial purposes and is the means of bringing a large amount of marine engineering and ship-building to Esquimault.

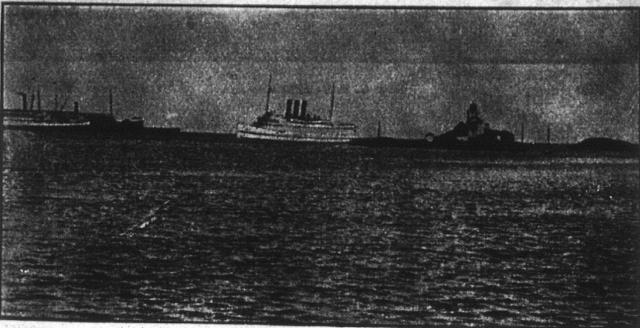
Another interesting sight for the visitor is the beautiful gorge, a na-



Waterfront and Shipping, Victoria, B.C.

visit. In these buildings the provincial government maintains three museums, agricultural, mineral and natural history. The latter one contains a collection of British Columbia fossils, India curios, specimens of natural history, of game birds of the province and of the game fish, besides many other extremely interesting features.

tural curiosity, where a huge volume of water dashes at Niagara speed through a narrow channel, alternating in the direction according to the change of tide. The Victoria Arm, a splendid stretch of water and a continuation of Victoria harbor, leads to the Gorge. Its beautiful wooded banks and promontories dotted with



Entrance to Victoria Harbor, Victoria, B.C.

Four miles from town is situated the quaint village of Esquimault, for many years Great Britain's only dockyard and naval station on the coast, through which the writer was shown by Captain Gould.

Its surroundings are extremely beautiful, the harbor being one of the best in the world. The immense dry-

charming residences, form a picture of rare beauty.

The tourist who visits Victoria is at once impressed with the beautiful driveways. There radiates from the city a number of country roads, kept in splendid condition for driving or motoring, and pass through a panorama of natural scenery, leading to



Surf Scene, Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.