



Falls on Nitinat Lake

the cool, fragrant shade of these Palaces of Nature. The ground, on either side, is literally covered with the daintiest of Maidenhair fern and ferns of other varieties, and, in midsummer the delicious odor of wood violets, of sweet briar and that almost indefinable but exquisite odor of Sweet-Grass, fills the air with a "woody" smell that is seldom found in the more settled portions of even this Western country.

The excursions that residents of this new resort and visitors to the Company's hotel will have before them are almost limitless. For instance, with Indian guides and helpers, parties may start from Clo-oose (which is Siwash for "Safe Landing") and go by "dug-out" canoe up the beautiful Cheewhat River, four miles to Cheewhat Lake, the latter running to a depth of 600 fathoms in places and even more; thence, by a portage of only half a mile, to Surprise Lake; straight across a one-mile stretch of Surprise Lake, then down the Dubar River for a quarter of a mile, half a mile across Dubar Lake; thence a portage of merely 300 yards leads into Nitinat Lake and Nitinat Lake leads into the sea about two miles above Clo-oose. This trip is replete with the most entrancing scenery of every description, pastoral, lake and stream, mountain and marine. One falls at Nitinat Lake, is worth the entire trip. Here a perfectly gorgeous stream of bright green mountain water plunges many feet down the face of a high rock, in a zig-zag series of leaps. It glints among a bower of greenery and flashes against the gray and glistening rock, seemingly coming from nowhere and ending, with a mighty spout of foam, in the quiet lake.

IN pure romance, it is doubtful if any other portion of America excels today the West Coast of Vancouver Island. From the earliest times within knowledge of white men this Coast has been inhabited; it is mentioned in the annals of the first explorers, both Spanish and English, and, to this day, among the older Indians, an American is called a "Boston-Man" to distinguish him from a Britisher, who is called a "King-George-Man." So far as it may be