

## **BEACON HILL PARK**

acknowledged to be one of the finest natural pleasure grounds in North America. It contains about 300 acres of woodland, uplands and meadow, diversified by shade, walks and drives, artificial lakes and parterres of flowers. There is an interesting collection of native birds and animals, a bear-pit and a deer park. Beacon Hill, where the tall flagstaff stands, commands a magnificent view of the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, the Olympian Mountains, Mount Baker, Race Rocks, Clover Point, where Vancouver first landed, and other striking objects of natural beauty.

## **VICTORIA ARM**

Is an extension of Victoria Harbor, about four miles in length. To thoroughly enjoy its beauties one should take a rowboat, naphtha or steam launch, and make a leisurely trip to its extreme northern end, where the old buildings of the Hudson's Bay Company's trading post are still standing.

## **THE GORGE**

About midway of its length Victoria Arm narrows to a gorge, through which the tide-waters rush at certain stages with torrent-like velocity, forming a reversible fall. Strangers are warned not to attempt the passage of the Gorge in small boats, when the water is at all rough. The safe way is to land and guide the boat up or down the rapid.

## **ESQUIMALT**

Street cars run to Esquimalt, which is the station for the British North Pacific Squadron. One may also go by carriage, a pleasant drive of four miles through Victoria West. The points of interest at Esquimalt are the British warships, the navy yard, Imperial dock yard, and the beautiful scenery of Esquimalt Harbor and the Royal Roads. On the road one passes the Work Point Barracks, where the Imperial troops are quartered. Rowboats and launches may be engaged at Esquimalt by which to visit the warships. There are extensive fortifications near Esquimalt, but these are not open to visitors.