

several other companies running steamers to points in British Columbia and along the Pacific Coast as far north as Alaska.

Principal among these are the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., and the Union S. S. Co. The former run their palatial steel-built steamers, the *Islander* and *Premier*, between Victoria and Vancouver in connection with the C. P. R., in addition to which they have a large fleet of other boats running to all points on the mainland, coast, and Island of Vancouver. The Union S. S. Co's. fleet consists of the following steamers, nearly all of which are built of iron and steel:--*Cutch*, *Grandholm*, *Capilano*, *Coquitlam*, *Comox*, *Skidegate*, *Leonora*, and *Senator*, the first named of which runs daily between Vancouver and Nanaimo, while the others do service to several points on the mainland and Island.

It will thus be seen that Vancouver at the present time does a very respectable steamshipping trade, and in connection with this subject it may be mentioned that in the very important matter of fuel the city stands in an exceptionally good position. Not only have indications of the existence of coal in the immediate vicinity of Vancouver been discovered but within a few hours run by water there are the great coal mines of Nanaimo, Wellington and Union, being worked so that fuel may be said to be at the very door of the city. How different is it with San Francisco and Portland, where coal has to be drawn from long distances, chiefly from the mines of British Columbia. It is evident therefore that the city is peculiarly well situated for carrying on a very large shipping trade, especially with steam vessels.

The almost inexhaustible supply of timber tributary to Vancouver will always make lumber an important article of export from the city, and the establishment of immense mills, the combined capacity of which is about 800,000 feet per day, is only the commencement of what ere long will be an industry of stupendous magnitude in this city of the pines. Already lumber in large quantities is being shipped from Vancouver to the following countries: South America, China, Japan, England, France and Australia, also Eastern Canada, and in time the trade will extend to other foreign markets.

Another industry which is being successfully conducted in Vancouver is that of Iron manufacture which is also likely to grow to large proportions, owing to the number of railways and steamer lines centering at the city.

A very important industry in operation is the British Columbia Sugar Refinery with an output capacity of 200 barrels per day and of which Mr. B. T. Rogers is manager. The presence of this refinery in the city shows the important position of Vancouver as a supply mart for the north Pacific coast. It is the only sugar refinery north of San Francisco and the large cargoes of raw material which are here received are then refined and shipped to all parts of British Columbia and other parts of Canada as well as to points in the United States. Undoubtedly the sugar trade will be one of the most important industries of the city as the development of the country progresses.

As already shown, the Vancouver merchants are stretching out for the trade of the Fraser River districts and of this the supplies to the salmon canneries form an important part. Not only are goods shipped to nearly all the fish-curing establishments on the Fraser, but also to those on the Skeena and Naas Rivers, and several of the canneries are owned or controlled by Vancouver firms. Mr. J. Leckie, of Vancouver, carries on an extensive trade exclusively in fisherman's supplies with the canneries in all parts of British Columbia.

The B. C. Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers Association has its headquarters in Vancouver, and a very important institution it is, because fruit-growing is regarded as the most hopeful and most profitable aspect of agriculture in British Columbia. The establishment of a large fruit cannery in the city, the B. C. Fruit Canning Co. is therefore likely to be the forerunner of a very important and lucrative industry.