

of the Canadian far West. It manufactures more lumber for local and foreign trade than any point on the Pacific Coast; has well equipped sugar refinery, salmon canneries, engineering works, sash and door and box factories, foundries, ship-building yards, marine ways, nail factory, cooperages, pipe works, biscuit and candy factory, fruit cannery, brick making plants, quarries, grain elevators, etc., and offers exceptional advantages for industrial development.

Speaking to "The Globe" of the future of Vancouver, E. F. B. Johnson, K.C., of Toronto said: "To my mind, the coming great city of the west is Vancouver. Broadly speaking, the reason is that it will be a terminus of four great railway systems—the Grand Trunk Pacific, The Canadian Northern, the Hill combination from the south and the present Canadian Pacific Railway. Add to this the tremendous natural resources of the province of British Columbia, and the large Oriental trade, and I see no reason why Vancouver should not be the largest city in the Dominion. I believe it will. I saw more evidence of substantial building in the shape of warehouses and factories in Vancouver than in all the other places put together."

BUILDING RECORDS GROW.

The building record increases year by year. From a few hundred thousand annually the value of new buildings has come to be recorded in millions. New business blocks are continually under construction and more always being planned. Each succeeding one approaching still closer to the skyscraper stage. During the past few years there has been a marked improvement in the character of the new buildings. More permanent structures are being erected. Greater precautions have been taken to ensure protection from fire and more attention is continually being paid to the conveniences and improvements that go to make up a modern business block.

In all parts of the residential sections hundreds of houses are under construction and still it is almost impossible to rent a house. A large percentage of the houses going up are being built by the owners for their own use. In all classes a large percentage own their own homes, speaking well for the prosperity of the city.

As the resources of British Columbia are developed more and more, Vancouver will continue to grow. As the agricultural areas are brought under cultivation, the mines developed and the forest and fishery wealth made to produce greater returns so will the wholesale and shipping interests of Vancouver and of New Westminster grow, flourish and expand until Canada will have on the shores of the blue Pacific in Greater Vancouver a city ranking as one of the great seaports and commercial centres of the world.