

## Southern British Columbia

Not the least important part of British Columbia is Vancouver Island. From its commanding position on the Pacific coast, and its wealth of natural resources in coal, mining, lumbering and fisheries, the island is rich beyond estimate. But in this it is only typical of the entire province, in which the trade is the largest in the world per head of the population. Nearly every mineral is found within its boundaries, the mines having produced all told over three hundred million dollars' worth. The fisheries yield an annual average value of seven millions. The total lumber cut is nearing a billion feet from the greatest compact area of merchantable timber in North America.

With the gradual opening up of British Columbia by means of new railway lines, the undoubted resources of the mountain province will be increasingly developed along the lines predicted by its Finance Minister. The construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific across its northern end will open up an entirely new section, and the founding of the terminal of Prince Rupert may mean a second Vancouver, six hundred miles north of Burrard's Inlet. The projected building of intersecting lines between the Grand Trunk Pacific and