

outfitting centre for the mining regions of British Columbia and the Klondike, and for the shipping, fishing and lumbering districts, but has several extensive industries—the British Columbia Iron Works, sugar refinery, cement works, canneries, soap works, etc. The city is the centre of the lumber trade of the province, and within its limits are several large saw mills. The population is about 20,000. Electric cars run on the principal streets, which are paved with asphalt, and there is a service of electric cars to and from New Westminster, on the Fraser River, a distance of about twelve miles. The C. P. R. Hotel, the Vancouver, recently enlarged to meet increasing wants, in comfort, luxury, and refinement of service, is equal to any hotel on the continent, and in the vicinity of this hotel is an opera house admitted to be unsurpassed in elegance by any outside of New York. The city is laid out on a magnificent scale, and it is being built up in a style fully in accord with the plan. Its private residences, business blocks, hotels, clubs, and public buildings of all classes would be creditable to any city, and Stanley Park is a dream of beauty to all tourists. It is unsurpassed by any other in the world.

The following table of distances will be useful for reference:

	Miles.
Vancouver to Montreal .....	2,906
Vancouver to New York, via Brockville .....	3,163
Vancouver to Boston, via Montreal .....	3,248
Vancouver to Liverpool, via Montreal .....	5,713
San Francisco to New York .....	3,266
San Francisco to Boston .....	3,370
Yokohama, Japan, to Liverpool, via San Francisco ..	11,281
Yokohama, Japan, to Liverpool, via Vancouver ..	10,047
Sydney to Liverpool, via Vancouver .....	12,673
Sydney to Liverpool, via San Francisco .....	13,032
Liverpool to Hong Kong, via Vancouver .....	11,649
Liverpool to Hong Kong, via San Francisco .....	12,883
Vancouver to Yokohama .....	4,283
Vancouver to Hong Kong .....	5,936
Vancouver to Calcutta .....	8,987
Vancouver to London, via Suez Canal .....	15,735
Vancouver to Honolulu, H.I. ....	2,410
Vancouver to Suva, Fiji.....	5,190
Vancouver to Sydney, N.S.W. ....	6,960

**NEW WESTMINSTER.**—This city, founded by Colonel Moody during the Fraser River gold excitement in 1858, is situated on the north bank of the Fraser River, fifteen miles from its mouth, is accessible for deep water shipping, and lies in the centre of a tract of country of rich and varied resources. It is connected with the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway by a branch line from Westminster Junction and with Vancouver by an electric railway. New Westminster is chiefly known abroad for its salmon trade and its lumber business, but the agricultural interests of the district are now coming into prominence and giving the city additional stability, particularly as it is the market town of the Fraser River Valley and the delta. There are forty-six large salmon canneries within easy reach of New Westminster, six being within the city's limits. These establishments represent an invested capital of \$1,345,000, employ over eight thousand men during the fishing season, and pay out over \$750,000 a year for supplies. This is one of the most important industries of the region, and has led to the establishment of an automatic can