

THE CALL OF VICTORIA

IT is always interesting to set foot on foreign soil, to observe customs that are unfamiliar, to rub elbows with people whom you seem to know and do not, to find that really and truly you are in a city that is "different." Visitors from the United States always feel this way about Victoria,



The Imposing Parliament Buildings Overlooking the Inner Harbor, Victoria

and even Canadians are aware of a very marked difference between it and their home city.

A BIT OF ENGLAND ON THE PACIFIC

The six and four-horse tally-ho's that meet the steamers to drive you around the City remind you of the English summer resort and watering places, the policeman at the intersection of the streets regulating traffic, is the very image of the familiar London "bobby"; the "Bluejacket" on shore leave, the "Hielan' mon" in his kilt or the Fusilier in his "bushy" make you believe almost that you are in one of the many garrison towns at "home." The beautiful homes of the

people set in gorgeous old English gardens, enclosed by the typical English fence or palisade; the country lanes and drives lined with the fragrant wild rose of Old England, all make you feel that you have been transplanted 6,000 miles to the Old Land.

A visit to the Coast that does not include a few days at Victoria cannot be justified; it is like seeing Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. It is rather a pity to spend the time in "doing" cities that are in most of their essential features

very much alike, if it means eliminating Victoria, when by a four-hours' sail by steamer on one of the most beautiful stretches of inland waters in the world, your trip may take on all the characteristics of a foreign tour.

THE CALL THAT IS IRRESISTIBLE

In the year 1891 the writer of this article selected Victoria as his future home City because, after studying all the literature pressed upon him from all parts of the world, Victoria seemed to be the only place where there were no extremes of heat or of cold. It was a matter of climate absolutely, and now, after nearly a quarter of a century, he is