

etc., all of the most substantial character, and many first-class hotels, among them the Vancouver Hotel, recently very much enlarged, operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway. It has many miles of asphalt streets, and cement sidewalks, has an electric street railway, and is lighted both by gas and by electricity. An ample supply of pure water is provided by means of pipes laid under the Inlet from mountain streams, while the city's sewage system is second to none. Besides its magnificent hotel, the Canadian Pacific Railway has a large station and offices in the city, and it is a remarkable tribute to the growth of both railway and city that big additions have just been made to these edifices. There is a regular steamship service to Victoria, Seattle, Nanaimo and San Francisco, to Philippines, Japan and China, to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, H.I., Suva, Fiji, and to Puget Sound and Alaskan ports, it being one of the principal points of departure on the coast for the Yukon and other northern goldfields, and an outfitting headquarters for miners and prospectors. The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services White Empress Steamships take the shortest, safest and most pleasant route to Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Manila, Shanghai and Hong Kong, making the quickest passage by from five to ten days across the North Pacific, departing every two or three weeks. The two magnificent steamers, the "Empress of Asia" and "Empress of Russia," are the fastest and most luxurious boats on the Pacific. With their luxurious cabins, and splendid public rooms, with a gymnasium, verandah, cafe and laundry; with a gay Filipino band and the perfect service of the China boys, these vessels make the voyage to the Orient one of the most delightful in the world. The Far East is now brought near, and Vancouver touches the finger tips of dainty little Japan. A large proportion of the silk trade passes through Vancouver, and the Canadian Pacific Railway "Silk Train" is perhaps the most famous freight train in the world.

The country south, towards the Fraser, has fine farms, and is especially adapted to fruit growing. The electric railway running from Vancouver to Steveston intersects this district and gives access to the salmon canneries at the foot of the Fraser River. The coal supply comes from Nanaimo, directly across the Straits of Georgia, and almost within sight. The scenery all about is magnificent—the Cascade Mountains near at hand at the north; the mountains of Vancouver Island across the water at the west; the Olympics at the southwest; and Mount Baker looming up at the southeast. Stanley Park is a magnificent public pleasure resort, and a visit to Capilano Canyon, a remarkable mountain cleft across the Inlet, is a delightful outing. Opportunities for sport are unlimited at no great distance—mountain goats, bear and deer in the hills along the Inlet and trout-fishing in endless variety. A stay of a week at Vancouver will be well rewarded.

Vancouver and Victoria are closely connected with the

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST SERVICE.

An extensive steamship coast service is provided in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway. From Victoria and Nanaimo steamers ply daily to Vancouver. Also at regular intervals from Northern British Columbia ports, west coast of Vancouver Island, and from Skagway, Alaska, where connection is made with the White Pass and Yukon Route during the summer season from Dawson, Atlin and other Yukon points.

From Seattle, steamers depart daily for Victoria and Vancouver.



Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.