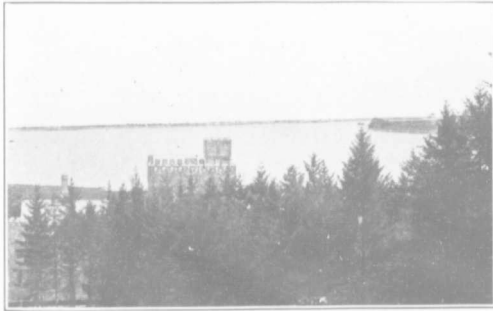




Esquimalt Lagoon—"Hatley" Tower

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shallow part crab spearing is a great sport for the boys and girls. Cockles and clams abound. The water is warm and delightful for bathing. Altogether a picnic on the Esquimalt Lagoon is a treat indeed.

Of other lagoons, that sheltered by Albert Head is the scene of many a jolly camping night. It is a favorite short sail for yachts, and many anchor there and spend the night in the sheltered bay. Every week-end sees jolly camping parties at the lagoon. Dainty yachts dot the anchorage and glowing bon-fires twinkle on the shore. This is an ideal spot for campers and is rarely unoccupied in the summer months. Supplies can be had from adjacent farms, and it is an easy cruise from Victoria with the prevailing summer winds.

There are three other lagoons between Esquimalt and Peddar Bay, and one of them, Witty's Lagoon, is an equally enchanting spot. Here, in the channel formed by the tide, is bathing to dream of; all the exhilaration of sea-bathing, with the warmth of the fresh water on the southern parts of the Great Lakes. Above this lagoon from the sea are cliffs of unusual beauty down a gorge, off which tumbles Witty's Falls, a beautiful fall of water, below which there is good trout fishing. The stretch of sand here, fine and white and firm, is a paradise for the little ones.

At the lesser known Sandy Bay, still further on, the lagoon is the resort of wild fowl, and the beach, though smaller, is equally beautiful. Hardly so well known to the city folk and less accessible by water, it has remained the picnicing place of the district. The beach itself is wide, of white firm sand, an infinite delight to the babies and their elders. The