

losses and reduction of incomes the old fashioned phrase, "well-to-do," may still be said to characterise the residents, and the result of their unstinted energy and patriotic unselfishness as well as their liberality has been shown in the numerous well-attended entertainments etc. organized for Red Cross and other deserving War charities. Esquimalt residents have, I notice, been prominently helpful and a Red Cross "Superfluities" shop has done wonders.

Visitors may reasonably ask in what ways Victoria is "different" to other cities, and without being in the confidence of the originator of the expression, I can only give in reply the principal points of difference, as also of resemblance, that I have noticed or been able to discover.

First of all, the great difference in the air which, on arriving from "over-seas," one finds so exhilarating and invigorating, and from all accounts a temperate and generally favorable climate is to be relied upon. And the