

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

At the Westminster Hall banquet, Hon. H. E. Young, M.D., LL.D., Minister of Education, gave a short outline of the Government's plans for the new university. It shows that the provincial authorities are keenly alive to the educational needs of the province, and have broad and generous views as to how they should meet them. Already the general outline of policy and procedure has taken form, and Dr. Young announced that it is hoped to begin classes in 1913.

A tract of nearly one hundred and eighty acres has been set aside for a site. This land lies on the outermost end of Point Grey, and in situation and general conformation affords one of the most unique university sites in the world. On two sides are the waters of the Gulf of Georgia, across which northward lie the rugged shores of Burrard Inlet, with the Lions keeping guard over all, while Howe Sound with its beautiful islands, sweeps away up to the snow-capped summit of Mount Garibaldi. Westward is the beautiful green expanse of the Fraser delta, in the foreground and in the far distance Vancouver Island, and the mighty Pacific. To the east and south lies the City of Vancouver and neighboring municipalities, every year adding to their extent and beauty.

In addition to the main site, forty acres bordering on the Gulf has been reserved as part of the general scheme, to secure that for all time the university shall have free access to the water and that the beauty of the general effect shall not be marred by anything foreign to it.

A boulevard one hundred and twenty feet in width will completely encircle the grounds, inside of which no tram or railway lines will be allowed. This boulevard will separate the university from the Municipality of Point Grey, and inside of it will be under the entire control of the university authorities.

The university constituency will thus form practically an independent municipality, affording a splendid opportunity for practical training in citizenship.

A university is generally swallowed up in the life of a city and the students, being usually under the age of citizenship and non-