

As to Economy

In touch at first hand with the producer, both through its favorable situation and through its successful weekly market; enjoying the cheap light and water which result from municipal ownership; with a reasonable rate of taxation; with rents and the price of real property on a commonsense and not a boom basis, New Westminster is a cheaper place of residence, by some 10 or 15 per cent., than other coast cities.

Social Characteristics

The civic enterprise which fourteen years ago, undertook almost simultaneously the construction of a waterworks system, an electric light system, and an efficient steam ferry to connect the City with the farming settlements south of the river, and which, eight years later, made good in a year or two the awful devastation of the great fire, smacks of what we are accustomed to call Yankee "go" and hustle; but the absence of drunkenness and disorder, the quiet Sunday with its well-filled churches, the high moral tone of the community, are essentially British and Canadian. Thoroughly Western in its easy indifference to ceremony and in its frank hospitality to the stranger within its gates, New Westminster is as thoroughly British in its abhorrence of what is known as the "wide-open" policy in municipal government. Even from pioneer days it has cherished an old-fashioned veneration for the sanctity of the Home, and for the quiet domestic life.