

the Empress of India, the Empress of Japan and the Empress of China. The Canadian-Australian Line gives a monthly service to Australia, via Honolulu, H.I., and Suva, Fiji. There is a fortnightly sailing to Alaska during the summer months. Steamers ply between Vancouver and Victoria and Nanaimo daily; and connection is made at Victoria for all Puget Sound ports and to Portland and San Francisco. The Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway gives close rail connection, via Mission Junction, 43 miles east of Vancouver, with the different cities and towns of the Pacific Coast.

The following table of distances will be useful for reference:

	Miles.
Vancouver to Montreal.....	2,906
Vancouver to New York, via Brockville	3,163
Vancouver to Boston, via Montreal	3,248
Vancouver to Liverpool, via Montreal	5,713
San Francisco to New York.....	3,266
San Francisco to Boston	3,370
Yokohama, Japan, to Liverpool, via San Francisco	11,281
Yokohama, Japan, to Liverpool, via Vancouver	10,047
Sydney to Liverpool, via Vancouver	12,663
Sydney to Liverpool, via San Francisco	13,032
Liverpool to Hong Kong, via Vancouver	11,649
Liverpool to Hong Kong, via San Francisco	12,883
Vancouver to Yokohama	4,283
Vancouver to Hong Kong	5,936
Vancouver to Calcutta	8,987
Vancouver to London, via Suez Canal	15,735
Vancouver to Honolulu, H. I.	2,410
Vancouver to Suva, Fiji	5,190
Vancouver to Sydney, N.S.W.....	6,960

NEW WESTMINSTER. This flourishing city was founded by Colonel Moody during the Fraser River gold excitement in 1858. It is the headquarters of the salmon canning industry, and the population is about 8,000. It is situated on the north bank of the Fraser River, fifteen miles from its mouth, is accessible for deep water shipping, and lies in the centre of a track of country of rich and varied resources. It is connected with the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway by a branch line from Westminster Junction and with Vancouver by an electric railway.

New Westminster is chiefly known abroad for its salmon trade and its lumber business, but the agricultural interests of the district are now coming into prominence and giving the city additional stability, particularly as it is the market town of the Fraser River delta before spoken of.

There are several large salmon canneries within easy reach of New Westminster. These establishments represent an invested capital of \$500,000; they employ over five thousand men during the fishing season, and pay out over \$400,000 a year for supplies. This is one of the most important industries of that region. Lumbering operations are also extensive and profitable.

CASSIAR DISTRICT.

Lies north of the New Westminster district and extends northwards to the boundary of British Columbia. It is not an agricultural country, but contains some of the richest gold mines yet discovered in the province, and indications are numerous of further mineral wealth to be developed. There are some prosperous fish canning establishments on the coast, and parts of the district are thickly timbered. Communication with the Cassiar district is principally by water. Steamers start at