

## ...Cowichan, Vancouver Island...



**T**HE Cowichan District comprises, roughly speaking, the valleys of the Koksilah, Cowichan and Chemainus Rivers, flowing into the Straits on the southeastern slope of Vancouver Island. It contains several beautiful lakes, from mere ponds to one—Cowichan Lake—some 20 miles long. The northern half of the

**Situation** district is incorporated as a municipality, which occupies rather a unique position in that it has no debt. The taxes, both provincial and municipal, are very light.

Cowichan occupies an important position on the coast, and has several good harbors. It lies about half way between Nanaimo and Victoria, which offer good markets for its products. Still nearer is the rising town of Ladysmith; while its own settlements of Duncan's, Chemainus and Mount Sicker are growing steadily.

The North Pacific Coast is the threshold of an enormous trade with the Orient, which no man can estimate. The western seaboard of America and Canada will soon compete with the eastern, and Cowichan, with her forests, minerals and fertile valleys, has every right to expect to share in this advance and progress of the West.

That peculiarly English word, "home," conveys a meaning which is difficult to define, but nevertheless is one which nearly everyone understands. Many, if asked to define it, would picture up comfortable surroundings, and in general a similarity in these, to which they have been accustomed. To settlers from the British Isles there are many points of similarity between the Cowichan District and the Old Country. To those in search of a country life, where they can live cheaply and yet enjoy life and freedom from conventionalities, where they can potter about with a gun or rod, or make up expeditions for big game, Cowichan has many charms and advantages to offer. Of social amusements there are numbers, from summer picnics to skating parties on the lakes. The local Tennis Club frequently musters 70 or 80 people on Saturday afternoons.

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