

Newport and the Pemberton Meadows

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WHEN the immigrant or the investor tries to estimate the possibilities of some strategic point on the coast of British Columbia he ought to bring to bear, as the Red Queen said to Alice in Wonderland, "a memory that works both ways." He should turn to some of the older cities which chance or destiny selected as the objects of first attention by the stranger coming to a strange land, and, seeing what the last ten or twenty years have done for Vancouver and Victoria, he might picture what is likely to happen in a similar period in some of the places that were, so to speak, born only yesterday. And then, allowing his memory to work forward, he may reflect that at present we have only two big railways coming to the British Columbia coast, and that in a few years we shall have half a dozen; that at the present time we are seeing the inauguration of a new trans-oceanic steamship to our ports once in a few weeks; that settlers are coming into this western land more rapidly than ever; and that the United States is lowering her tariff bars, thus giving more ready access to every natural product with which we can supply her. All this means that on the British Columbia coast things are going to happen which will be of interest both to Mr. Immigrant and to Mr. Investor.

They are going to happen most conspicuously at Newport, at the head of Howe Sound, where the navigable water stretches up to the gateway of one of our most promising fertile valleys, and whence the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, now under construction, will open up direct communication

with the central valleys, with Fort George, with the Peace River country, and the mighty prairie beyond.

First, as to harbor possibilities: Howe Sound, that broad highway of water, is of great depth and offers a clear and safe passage to the biggest ships on the way to Newport docks. Most of the waterfrontage at Newport is owned by the Pacific Great Eastern Company, and the fact that this is the first point at which they strike tide-water after their long haul overland makes irresistible the conclusion that the company's docks will be here.



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