



**AUTOMOBILE ROUTES  
TO VICTORIA  
FROM WINNIPEG AND EDMONTON**  
"FROM CANADA'S WHEAT FIELDS TO THE ISLAND OF A THOUSAND MILES OF WONDERLAND"  
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## TO VICTORIA BY MOTOR

VICTORIA, the capital city of British Columbia, situated at the southern end of Vancouver Island, is sometimes called the "Gateway to Canada's Auto Paradise." Admirers of the tours and resorts upon the Island frequently refer to it as the "Island of a Thousand Miles of Wonderland." Certainly its climatic and scenic attractions, the good roads, the absence of insect pests, its excellent hotels, splendid fishing, practically all the year round golf, and absence of extremes of either heat or cold, render it a locality delightful alike to either residents or visitors.

The object of this little pamphlet is to indicate, very briefly, the routes by which Victoria and Vancouver Island can be reached by the motorists of the Prairie Provinces.

A glance at the map above shows how the routes leading from Winnipeg and Edmonton

meet at MacLeod. From MacLeod to the Pacific Coast there is not yet a route available entirely within Canadian territory, there being three "missing links." The best available route passes through East Kootenay District of British Columbia, thence into Idaho and through Washington, to Seattle, and from there, by steamer-ferry, eighty miles, to Victoria and "Canada's Auto Paradise."

The whole of this route is easily negotiated by any present-day auto. The best time of the year for the trip is from middle of June to middle of October. The tour can usually be made equally well up to middle of November; after that snowfall on the high levels is apt to block sections of the route for the winter, though frequently this does not occur till late in December.

The following is the mileage from Crow's Nest (British Columbia-Alberta boundary) to Victoria, divided into convenient day's trips. This can be varied to suit the individual motorist, as there is a plentiful supply of hotels and garages

along the route, and many more possible stopping-places than indicated on above map.

Crow's Nest to Cranbrook	107 miles
Cranbrook to Sandpoint	119 "
Sandpoint to Spokane	80 "
Spokane to Quincy	159 "
Quincy to Ellensburg	57 "
Ellensburg to Seattle	120 "
Seattle to Victoria (ferry)	80 "

722 miles

In passing to or from the United States or Canada the motorist must report to the Customs officials. These officials will be found to be most courteous and obliging, and there is a total absence of "red tape" or delay in passing to or from either country. One thing the tourist must remember is that the rules of the road in British Columbia are exactly the opposite to what they are in the Prairie Provinces.

As already stated, the distance from Seattle to Victoria is covered by steamer-ferry. These

steamers are fast, with excellent accommodation, and the distance is about eighty miles.

Upon arrival at Victoria, the visitor has choice of hotels at all range of prices, also many excellent apartment houses. The motorist will be agreeably impressed by the well-paved, clean streets, the cluster lighting, well-kept parking-strips, and other details concerning the streets that the trained eye of the motorist quickly discerns.

It is not the purpose of this pamphlet to attempt to describe either Victoria or Vancouver Island; sufficient, perhaps, here to say that the Island comprises an area as large as the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined, or, in other words, practically the same size as Switzerland, which country in its topography it greatly resembles. Its splendid roads, attractive scenery, moderate climate (cool in summer, warm in winter) and numerous resorts, render the Island the most attractive locality for a motorist's holiday that has yet been "discovered" upon the American Continent. Fur-