



A Busy Corner at the West End of Sooke Harbour

## SOOKE

**W**ITH an alluring and enticing climate, surrounded by beautiful scenery—orchards, brooks, river, inlet, sea-shore and distant snow-capped mountains—within twenty miles of Victoria, the capital city of the Province; within easy reach of Seattle, Vancouver or even San Francisco, lie the fertile, well-watered lands of Sooke and Otter.

**Where They Are.**—Twenty miles southwest of Victoria and facing the strait of Juan de Fuca—one of the highways of the world's commerce—lies the "furthest south" harbour of Vancouver Island, and of the Pacific Coast of Canada. Here an arm of the Strait extends inland through a deep-water channel, terminating at its head in a broad circular basin, where a fleet of the largest ocean vessels might ride at anchor. At the mouth of the inlet Nature has built a magnificent break-water, behind which a canoe may lie in safety, no matter what storm may rage outside. Surrounding the basin and bordering the inlet lie wide stretches of fertile land and sloping hillsides. Basin and inlet, in short, drain a valley five or six miles long and three or four miles wide. The valley lands, however, do not terminate at the mouth of the inlet, but extend westward along the shores of the Strait for some distance. The district of Sooke comprises the land around the inlet; that of Otter comprises the neighboring land along the Strait.

**What They Offer.**—To the home seeker there are here offered:

- (1) Profitable investment for capital and labor.