

of the sources of wealth in the province, namely, coal mining, is pursued on the east coast. The chief centre of this important industry is Nanaimo, which, for its beautiful scenery and surroundings, is one of the prettiest towns in the mining world. The principal collieries are owned by Messrs. N. Dunsmuir and Sons and the Vancouver Coal Company, who export a large quantity of coal to San Francisco, where it realises a much higher price than the home article, on account of its superior quality.

There are some new mines now being opened at Comox, which is situated about 50 miles to the north-east of Nanaimo. These will no doubt in time have an output equal to that of their older rival. This island contains a large area of farming land, some of which is pretty thickly settled, more especially the valleys on the east coast. The north part is supposed to be very rich in coal, and a large quantity of land has lately been applied for by Victoria capitalists in the vicinity. The other principal resources are fishing, lumbering, and mining. The general climate is mild, and resembles greatly that of England.

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There are numerous other localities which might be mentioned, but space will not permit the ground to be thoroughly worked in a small pamphlet, but, at the same time, for the information of the general public, it might perhaps be better to name a few without entering into general details, such as the Pemberton Meadows, Lilloet, Buonaparte, Bella Coola, Salmon River, Squamish, North Thompson, Bridge Creek, Lower Naas, and numerous other valleys, most of which are suitable for agriculture and stock.

British Columbia cannot be considered a great farming country when we compare the amount of land suitable for agriculture with the area of the entire Province, though it cannot be denied that it possesses considerable wealth in this respect, and will eventually support a large farming population. The Province is almost alone in the great