

may be able also to ensure similar comfort, general care, and such satisfying catering as distinguish the C.P.R. service. In such a case no one need be accused of epicureanism (in the wrong sense) in emphasizing the company's attention to matters of cuisinerie. For, under the present conditions of life at any rate, many, if not all, of the people who arrange for such a trip, are seeking not only mental rest and refreshment, but the upbuilding of bodily health, which alike come from the absence of worry and nerve-racking noises, together with abundance of good food, sound sleep, and lung life in an ocean of ozone.

BATHING, FISHING, ETC. BY THE WAY.

For particulars of the route of the West Coast trip we refer our readers to the published folders and pamphlets, as well as the advertisements of the C. P. R. Company. As usual, the officers and crew, from the genial captain down, suggest kindness, courtesy, and service as they go about their duties, or take part (as one or two of the officers do with marked histrionic ability) in the concerts arranged for the passengers' entertainment even in the warmest evenings. We do not know if it is mentioned in the company's prints that some fishing and bathing may be got by the way; but travellers inclined to such recreations should take the wherewithal with them; otherwise they may be tempted, as one enthusiastic Victorian was, to improvise an outfit to let him in fit to the water, and then be in doubt as to whether it is adequate to let him out fit to appear before the mixed throng who (Captain-led) gathered to view the lake. At Port Alice there is likely to be time for a walk of two to three miles to a fresh water lake; and at Nootka bathers may have the uncommon experience of bathing in the Pacific ocean and then walking a few hundred yards to a fresh water lake to enjoy the same exercise. It should be noted that that option, with other sight-seeing features of interest, come in the way of the passengers through (we understand) the thoughtful co-operation of the packing company at Nootka which provides a large launch to convey the visitors on the big ship to the village situated on the famous "Friendly Cove." The Indian burying ground at that place, with its evidences of pagan as well as Christian beliefs, is a study in itself.

SHOULD THE NAME "VANCOUVER" BE CHANGED IN ONE CASE?

As this "Magazine of the Canadian West" and of British Columbia in particular, has maintained on former occasions, there is ample scope for the development of both the Island and Mainland portions of this Farthest West Province; and a trip up the west Coast of Vancouver Island must anew impress the observer with the wealth of national playground the Dominion possesses in these "Isles of the Western Sea," and especially in the immense "Vancouver Island" itself.

Without going into the question of how Vancouver Island and Vancouver city came to be given the same name, it may be allowed a writer actively interested in the welfare and development of both to ask if the name might not even now be changed with advantage in ONE case? When "Which?" is asked, the matter of priority of right will naturally arise. But though the "Island" may have the stronger claim to preference in the retention of the name "Vancouver," perhaps it would be the real gainer by giving up the name, or agreeing to change. Conservative Victorians (citizens of Victoria, not of course, adherents to Victorian-Age life and manners) may be angry at the very mention of such an idea. Yet, with the interest and development of the Island and Mainland portions of British Columbia EQUALLY in view, and equally our concern, we venture to make the suggestion here. As to a new or alternative name, suggestions would likely be numerous. But with some distinctive title such as "Dominion Island" or "Empire Isle," we believe that "Vancouver Island" (on which our beautiful capital

city, Victoria, is situated) would not only be freed from all danger of confusion with the city of the same name, but the sooner become, what it is likely ultimately to be more and more—the alluring playground not merely of the Dominion of Canada but of the whole British Empire.

EDUCATE BRITISH IMPERIALISTS IN BRITISH "COLUMBIANA."

But with or without changes in nomenclature, the sooner the world at large, and the British Empire particularly is more fully educated in the knowledge of British Columbia—Island and Mainland—of which Victoria and Vancouver cities respectively are but the largest centres, the better it will be not only for the Pacific province and the Dominion of Canada, but for the whole Empire. For the western coasts of British Columbia, Island and Mainland alike, need no "write-ups" in highly coloured advertisement forms or camouflaged "story." Of them the truth alone need be told, suggested or portrayed, and citizens from other countries and other shores and from every part of the British Empire will say with the writer of these notes: For the unsurpassed in British scenery and the second-to-none in Columbia's land, let me see more of the mountains and ports of Canada's Pacific coasts!

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The end of the voyage, with the inevitable breaking-up of groups, came all too soon. Who among eager workers, almost unceasingly on active service, has not known that end-of-a-holiday feeling? The heart-sinking that comes at such times at the thought of returning to the "daily round and common task" seems to justify (with added weight) the phrase "the burden of life," no matter how attractive or congenial the duties may be.

Thus it happens that even that end-of-a-holiday feeling may preach a better-than-pulpit sermon to the average human being. For just as changes in prospect attract and separations try all congenial human associates, so the unsatisfied heart of humanity, in its units as in the mass, ever yearns after a higher height, a more lasting good, and a continuity of life in uninterrupted harmony.

Analysed, what is it but the dream of youth, which surely lasts this short life through?

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