

## COURTENAY AS A RAILWAY CENTRE

**C**OURTENAY, as the coming commercial and railway centre of the Comox District, has a district second to none in the whole Province of British Columbia in natural resources under development. That this development has been retarded by the absence of railroad facilities is acknowledged, but now actual grading operations are about to commence on the E. & N. line (C.P.R.) from McBride's Junction to Courtenay, giving



E. & N. Railway Right of Way

Courtenay direct communication with Nanaimo and Victoria. The C.N.R. have only recently decided to change their route, and instead of running up the West Coast, have applied to Parliament for a charter over the Comox Logging Road, which runs right through Courtenay at the present time, the line to be extended on the south from Union Bay, across the Island to Alberni, thus putting Courtenay in direct communication with a deep water harbor on the West Coast, and the line to be continued on the north from Courtenay to an ultimate terminus at the north end of the Island. Developments will proceed apace.