

the inlet. They employ 200 men and are bringing several steam trawlers from England to operate in connection with the works.

At Queen Charlotte village is a sawmill. There is a lot of very fine timber in this district.

On the west coast a company is drilling for oil with good prospects. A good quality of coal has already been shipped from some of the coal claims.

The Wallace Fisheries have a large salmon cannery and fish packing plant on the north end of Graham Island.

AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Agriculture is not generally considered to be a principal industry in British Columbia, yet this province has vast areas of the richest and most productive soil in Canada. No small portion of the province's fertile land lies along the valleys traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific. It is estimated that there are nearly 9,000,000 acres of agricultural lands between Prince Rupert and Fort George, all tributary to the Grand Trunk Pacific. These lands are now being taken up by ranchers. They are open to purchase, lease or pre-emption from the Provincial government. Several hundred new settlers went in this year. The soil produces so abundantly that the rancher can get enormous crops off small acreage. Many of the valley lands are suitable for fruits and the trees planted by the very early settlers are now bearing splendidly. Considerable land has

The distance from Liverpool to Yokohama via Prince Rupert is 800 miles shorter than via New York and San Francisco.

As the G. T. P. is the only all Canadian trans-continental, Prince Rupert will be the Pacific coast of the All-Red Route.