

pupils the Provincial Government starts a school, so that there is abundant educational facility. The Government also sends out circulating libraries, which are a boon in rural life.

Fishing.—Fishing of many kinds is possible here. There is trout in many of the smaller lakes and streams. Salmon, Halibut, Cod, Bass, Perch, Herring, Smelts, Flounders, are in the water of the Straits adjoining. At Langford the lake has been stocked with that game fish—the black bass. Grilse fishing in the inlet at end of Finlayson Arm—in the Goldstream district—is great sport in the early spring months. Salmon trolling at Peddar Bay, Becher Bay and off Belmont is especially good.

Special Points of Interest.—There are many points of special interest to sightseers in and about these districts, and many beauty spots pre-eminent even in a land of beauty.

Beach Drive.—The proposed Beach Drive will pass many of these places, and will be in time one of the famous drives of the world. Starting from the Esquimalt Ferry landing at Belmont, near Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken's beautiful summer home, "Rosebank," passing under the forts and along the spit in front of beautiful Hatley, and so on, with matchless sea view, it winds through a lovely park-like country to Albert Head and its scenic environments of lagoons, water and beaches.

Forts of Belmont.—One will pause to notice the Forts at Belmont, with the lighthouse adjoining. These fortifications command the approach to Esquimalt Harbor. The forts are on Rod Hill. The picturesqueness of the scene, the grassy slopes, dotted with moss-grown rocks and gnarled old oaks, is decidedly peaceful. But one need be under no misapprehension. The great guns are there and ready.

Royal Roads.—The Royal Roads anchorage is in full view from this drive, a perpetual source of pleasure. It is impossible not to become interested in the movements of ships and of those that go down to the sea in them. Here are lying ships from all parts of the world, with all their mystery and charm of the sea about them. Breezes of other lands have unfurled their sails; sailors come from every port. Quaint songs, with foreign words, are often heard across the water. There is a charm about the Royal Roads which those on the near-by shores can well explain.

Lagoons.—Near Belmont and beyond the Forts is the Esquimalt Lagoon, a favorite resort for Victorians. Here is a sandy bathing spit a mile long with a tide water lagoon behind it. In the lagoon are trout and the fishing is excellent. In the