

COMOX VALLEY

spring great activity prevails in building. Buildings actually under construction include the Tarbell hardware store, the Marochi Bakery building, a warehouse and wharf for the Builders' Supply Co., and a ten thousand dollar addition to the Riverside Hotel. The Royal Bank of Canada, the Bank of Commerce, and several other business buildings will be begun within the next few months.

We have chosen to point to the facts of the present; we might be justified in pointing to the possibilities of the future. Having shown you that the district contains coal, iron, lumber and water-power, and having pointed to the approaching railroads and to the transportation by water, we ask you to form an estimate of the future for yourself.

It is expected that the district will be rapidly settled by farmers. There are three thousand acres of logged-off land at present available, and this is being added to at the rate of twenty acres a day. We draw attention to farm mortgages as safe and profitable investments. Frequently the settler on logged-off land is handicapped by lack of capital for clearing and working his farm.

We are in touch with all the activities of the district, and frequently we are able to advise clients in advance of developments that promise to make Courtenay and the Comox Valley more profitable to the investor and more desirable to the man who intends to make his home in British Columbia.

The arrival of a railroad in a town of Western Canada marks the beginning of a rapid advance in growth and prosperity. With this fact in view, we are conscious of the futility of attempting to give satisfactory and up-to-date information in a printed booklet. Conditions must change, and the inducements that are offered to investors today may pass out of reach or be surpassed in a few months. It is our business to keep the investor and settler in touch with the progress of the department in which he is most interested. We respectfully request our correspondents to give a clear description of their requirements and to state the amount of capital which they expect to invest, for by doing so they will enable us to give a concise and practical description of the listed properties that are most likely to prove satisfactory.