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Large Portion of Canada's Total Timber is on Vancouver Island.

Giant trees towering hundreds of feet above the densest undergrowth outside the tropics, pretty bungalows nestling amid roses, are conjured up at mention of Vancouver Island, Canada's western outpost which, in conjunction with Northern British Columbia, talks of setting up as a separate province. Vancouver Island has often been compared to England, with which it has much in common, yet from which it differs so utterly. Whereas open and densely populated England and Wales have an area of 58,324 square miles, Vancouver Island, 280 miles long and from 40 to 80 miles wide, sparsely settled, backboneed with mountains and covered with dense forests, is only 15,937 square miles in extent.

Both countries have very moist climates, and English trees, shrubs and flowers, unknown in Ontario, flourish exceedingly on the B.C. coast. English ivy, brought out from the Old Land, clings to the sides of houses and spreads its dark green mass over walls. English roses riot as they do in Devon. The yellow flowers of the gorse will be blooming there now just as you would see them in the Kentish country. It would make a Toronto gardener sick with envy to see with what marvellous speed English box or privet turns into a hedge in the genial soil and air of Vancouver Island. Holly bushes with red berries stand in the gardens. And the grass is always green, never withering as here.

In addition to the above and other imported flora, lower British Columbia has a wealth of her own ivys and bushes whose evergreen leaves and ferns help to make a veritable jungle of her forests. Many Old Country folk, too, are settled there. Moreover, the damp atmosphere makes for a tranquillity of disposition reminiscent of England and unlike the keyed-up nervousness of Ontario and other inland provinces. But there the resemblance stops. The winters in lower British Columbia are wetter than in England, and the summers much warmer. The soft air of the Pacific Ocean lacks the snap of the Atlantic breezes off the English coast. In fact the warm Japanese current gives the shores of Canada it laves a real touch of the tropics.

The luxuriance of the vegetation is the first thing to impress new arrivals. It is officially claimed that the climate of the B. C. coast will produce as much timber in 60 years as the rest of Canada in a century, for trees grow all winter out there. No forests in the world have a heavier stand of timber than those on Vancouver Island. Of British Columbia's estimated total stand of 366 billion feet of board measure and pulpwood, it is estimated that 200 billion feet is situated along the coast, and half of this—100 billion feet—on Vancouver Island. The writer, who knows the island well also the lower mainland, once saw a single log at Vancouver from which they would cut 16,800 feet of good merchantable lumber. Douglas firs 200 feet high are common enough, and 50,000 feet board measure per acre is not regarded as phenomenal in those forests, compared to whose trees our second growth Ontario pine looks like matchwood.

Coal mining and fishing are, in addition to lumbering, Vancouver Island's main industries. Soft coal of excellent steam quality has long been mined, and a large quantity of it goes to the Pacific coast states. Of fish, salmon are, of course, very plentiful, also halibut—large shipments of which have long been actually shipped to Boston—herring, cod, etc. Toronto capitalists are interested in several big whaling stations on the coasts of Vancouver Island. About fifteen years ago the C.P.R. bought out the Dunsuir railway interests, and has since extended the original lines to various parts of the island. Agriculture flourishes moderately on Vancouver Island, but not quite as well as might be imagined. Soil is very rich in the low-lying parts, but the expense of clearing timber is excessive. On the higher land, where smaller timber is encountered, the soil is apt to be light and sandy. And for all the wet winter, the summers can be very dry on occasion.

The Truth, and Nothing But—

The court bristled. Those who read much about police courts will understand what that term means. All the best courts bristle, and so this one bristled.

The court bristled. The lawyer, a smart and sharp young man, helped along the bris.

His client, a woman, did not look so young as she used to be, although she was relinquishing her youth protestingly.

"What is your age, madam?" asked the lawyer.

"Forty-six," she returned in clear, distinct tones.

"Gentlemen," remarked the lawyer, turning to the members of the jury, "please take note of that answer, and because of it I will ask you to believe everything that my client has to say."

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