

SUBSTANTIAL AND PROMISING

Governor Hughes of New York was so impressed with this characteristic, when in Vancouver last summer, that he exclaimed: "You Canadians know how to build cities. Everything is constructed solidly. There is a very satisfactory air of permanence about all these buildings."

Mr. William E. Curtis, in the Chicago "Record-Herald," also refers to this feature: "Vancouver, the Liverpool of the Pacific, is a solid, well-built city, much superior in architectural display and in appearance generally, to any of the new cities on the American side that I have seen. There is nothing shabby about it; the streets are well paved and well kept. Everything seems to wear an appearance of prosperity and permanence, and nothing is out of repair. There are no empty stores or vacant houses, and wherever you go, buildings for business and residential purposes are under construction. The sawmills and salmon canneries are well-built structures with a permanent look about them. The docks are solid and are kept in excellent order. Vancouver is altogether one of the most attractive and prosperous looking towns I have seen in the West."

Similarly Mr. E. F. B. Johnson, K.C., of Toronto, in the Toronto "Globe": "To my mind the coming great city of the West is Vancouver. Broadly speaking, the reason is that it will be a terminus of four great railway connections—the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern, the Hill combination from the South, and the present Canadian Pacific Railway. Add to this the tremendous natural resources of the Province and the large Oriental trade, and I see no reason why Vancouver should not be the largest city in the Dominion. I believe it will. I saw more evidence of substantial building in the shape of warehouses and factories in Vancouver than in all the other places put together."

Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, in an interview given to a local paper, said: "As a Canadian I am proud of the wonderful growth and prosperity of Vancouver. I look to see it ultimately rival Toronto and even Montreal in size and importance. When one realizes what those two cities have accomplished with only six months of ocean navigation, it is a plain inference that Vancouver, with a harbor open the year round, must continue to overtake them."