

Next to mining the fisheries have shown the most remarkable development. Up to 1876 the catch was small and the market purely local. In that year, however, salmon-canning began, and from very small beginnings has grown to an industry the annual output of which has been valued as high in one year as \$4,000,000. It is carried on on a large scale on the Fraser River and on various inlets and rivers as far north as the Naas. Deep sea fishing for halibut and cod is growing into prominence. The fishery wealth of the province is very great. There are over 3,000 miles of coast line, besides numerous rivers and lakes.

In 1886, when the C. P. R. reached Port Moody, there was only one line of railway on the mainland and one on the island. But the needs of communication to meet the requirements of mining development which followed soon became evident, and one railway after another was built to open up new mining camps, and steamboats were placed on the interior lakes and rivers, until now all settled districts are well supplied. There is still a great deal of the province undeveloped as a further field for settlement and railways.

In early days there was a line of steamers from San Francisco to Victoria, and occasional sailing vessels came round the Horn. Apart from that, British Columbia was wholly isolated from the outside world. With the coming of the C. P. R. all this was changed. Vancouver, on Burrard Inlet, sprang up, and steamship lines connecting British Columbia with China, Japan and Australia soon followed. A cable is now being laid to connect this province with the new confederation of Australia. Steamship lines also connect us with the Pacific cities of the United States, the cities of the coast with each other, and these again with all the northern ports. The northern trade is rapidly increasing on account of the Yukon and Atlin discoveries, and the mines everywhere opening up along the coast. Soon, no doubt, too, a line will run to connect with the new Siberian railway, so that a vast system of communication by sea and land will have been established to bring the trade and commerce of the world to and through our doors.

In addition to those already referred to, many important industries have grown up, such as coal mining and the manufacture of coke, on Vancouver Island and in East Kootenay, smelters for