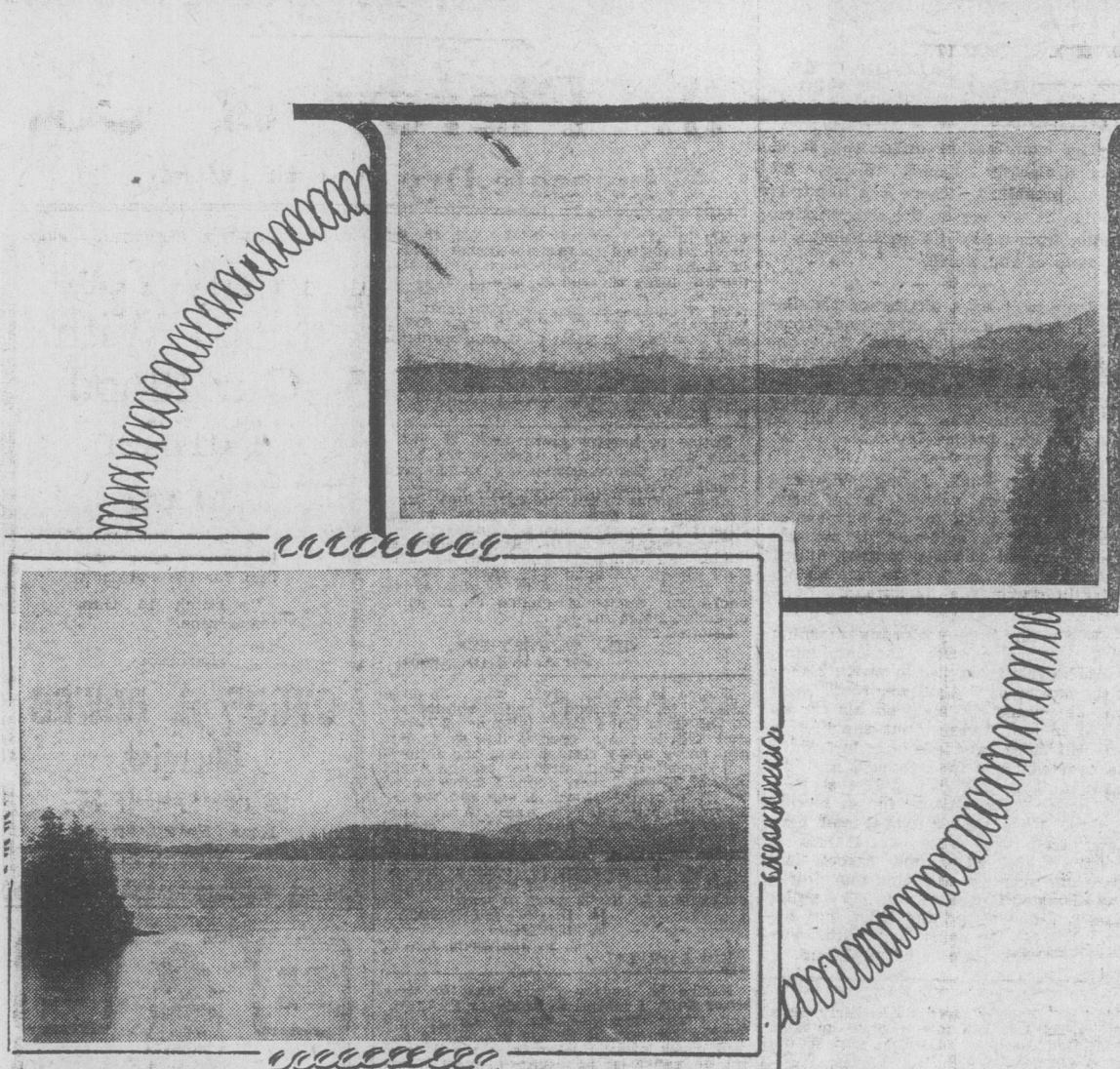


The Awakening of the West Coast.



THE WEST COAST—BARKLEY SOUND (LOWER PICTURE) THE ENTRANCE TO THE ALBERNI CANAL.

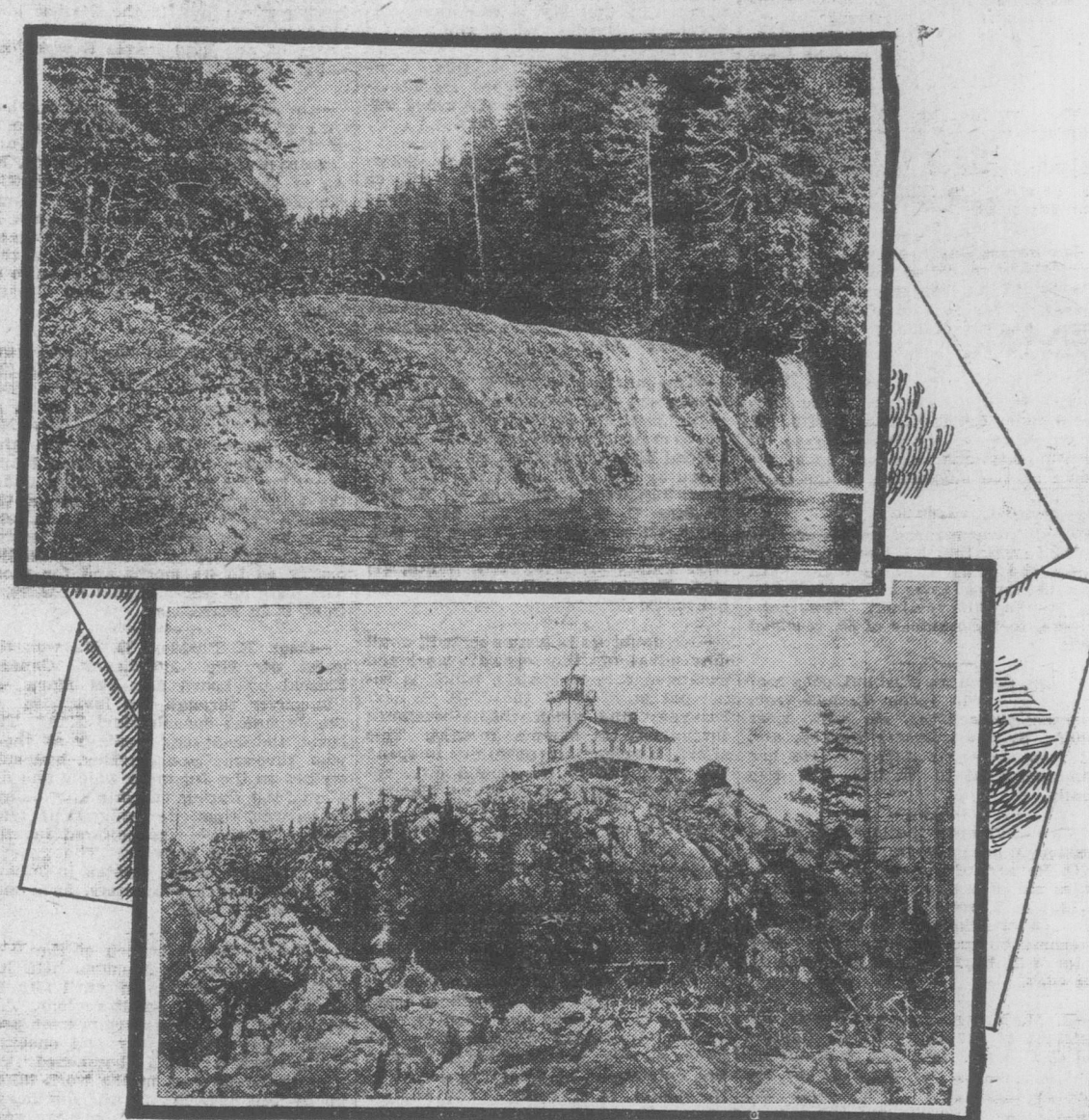
road is in perfect condition, while a further spin of fourteen miles brings the traveller to the Great Central Lake, one of the most beautiful spots of which it is possible to conceive. On the waters of this lake a motor launch now plies, enabling the prospector or the visitor, merely on pleasure bent, to reach the rich mineral region of the interior with comparative ease.

The Sarita river district, with its magnificent scenery and fine trout fishing, is a favorite spot. Numerous falls wonderfully picturesque, have made it famous as places to visit amongst the most beautiful of the island's resorts.

The settlers of Duncan and the vicinity are living in the hope that the provincial government will undertake the work of constructing a road from the west end of Cowichan like to the shores of the Alberni canal, a distance of some seventeen miles. The construction of this short section of road would allow a flood of tourists, sportsmen and genuine settlers to exploit the district. It would inaugurate regular steamboat service on Barkley Sound at all seasons of the year, and it would guarantee a smooth journey to Alberni. Incidentally, it would complete the chain by railway, stage and steamer, which would render the tour unsurpassed as a scenic one. The cost of a road from the lake to the waters of the canal below Sarita lake, would defray itself within a year or two. To exploit the district, the road is a strategic necessity, as the difficulty of access in the one drawback in the way of immediate development.

The possibilities and the great future of the land as a whole almost stun the investigator. Here are fish of all kinds in the most lavish abundance. From the small but greatest of all food fish, the herring, up through all gradations of the salmon, cod, halibut and dogfish. Here also are found the seal and the whale, which has for centuries been permitted to disport himself in these waters untouched by human hands, but which now, through the medium of the whaling stations, the first of which was established a little over a year ago at Sechart, is made to contribute a very large and gratifying return to the insatiable demand of modern capital for profits and dividends as well as adding a moiety to the wealth and convenience of civilized society.

Here, too, are thousands of square miles of mountainside and valley, covered with unapproachable cedar, fir and hemlock, which is only beginning to command attention from the outside world. Mountains, too, which so far have been but scratched by the prospector, but which have yielded untold quantities of all kinds of minerals, quartz and ore. Millions of acres of tillable land also awaiting, or rather inviting, the industry of many workers in the industry of agriculture. For this all, for there is no place in the



THE WEST COAST—FALLS ON THE SARITA RIVER NEAR BARKLEY SOUND—THE LIGHTHOUSE AT CAPE BEALE.

The general awakening of British Columbia is nowhere more perceptible than on Vancouver Island. While the advance is readily perceptible in Victoria and the southern portion of the island, where the population is more dense, it is nevertheless a fact that the West Coast and Alberni have also shared in it.

This activity is of various kinds. The scenic beauties of this portion of the island has attracted hundreds of tourists thither. Automobile tours have become common, while the agricultural possibilities as well as the rich timber and mineral resources of the region has attracted investors and focused the eyes of capitalists and transportation companies upon it.

The advantages of a railway from Duncan to some point on Barkley Sound has not escaped the attention of these wideawake business men, and when the intentions of the C.P.R. with regard to railway expansion on the island are vague, a brisk activity in real estate along Barkley Sound and in the neighborhood of Alberni has sprung up.

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NEWS OF THE MOTHER-LAND

The death of ex-inspector Nutkins at his home at Addlestone, Surrey, revives a one-time familiar and famous figure from the detective world. Mr. Nutkins joined the police force 24 years ago, and worked his way up through the preliminary stages to the detective branch of the C.I.D.

Here he did admirable work in many of the now forgotten criminal cases of the 'eighties. As a Metropolitan man, he won wide favor and esteem. He was promoted to an inspectorship 15 years ago, and in that role was Inspector Marshall's right-hand man in the novel-to-be-forgotten Maxwell hill murder case. He was prominent in tracing Millsome and Fowler to their lair in Bath whence they travelled with Prof. Sinclair, the itinerant entertainer.

The two murderers, with the proceeds of their crime still upon them, met Sinclair in the West Country, and suggested to him that they should finance his show and share the profits. They called themselves Taylor and Scott, afterwards changing their names to Mellish and Stevens. Eventually they arrived in Bath, and here they were traced by Nutkins to some dismal lodgings.

Inspector Marshall, Nutkins and two or three more detectives struck the place at night. The inspectors were both armed with revolvers. Nutkins had his loaded in all chambers; Marshall's was empty.

bravery in capturing the desperadoes and their work was afterwards officially recognized at headquarters. Mr. Nutkins was in many other cases—but in none so exciting or dangerous as this.

Most notable among his work was his skillful conducting of the case which ended in the hanging of Thomas Horrocks for the murder of Police Constable Cole at Dalston, and his assistance in investigating the murder of Mrs. Hogg and her baby by Mrs. Pearcey.

Herodias Society. Father Bernard Vaughan preached another remarkable sermon at Farm street chapel a few weeks ago. His subject was "The Sin of Herod the Disgrace of Society." They would remember, he said, how that after his marriage Herod made love to his brother's wife, and soon found an excuse, as easily as people did nowadays, of putting away his first wife. This jaded voluptuary, in order to stimulate his palate, invited John the Baptist to preach to him. Why, even a poor, miserable creature like himself (Father Vaughan) was constantly getting invitations like this: "Do come and meet a few friends at luncheon at one, to talk over your beautiful sermon." Why did they want him? Simply because there happened to be a crowd there, and they liked to see a man who drew a crowd.

If the Lord were to come to London to-day, would not society be pleased to see him? "We must ask him: He is so much talked about, we must have him; they say he is such a wonderful worker and some kind of a magician besides. So we must have him, and I am quite sure He could not refuse." And so society—which represented Herod—would be very desirous to see Jesus because it had heard a good deal about him, and was in hopes of seeing a miracle. It certainly would not meet him for the sake of truth, for He had sent the truth before him, and they had brushed it aside.

Society at best—at very best—was, Father Vaughan continued, a poor, petty, paltry show. At very best society for which they lived and in which to appear they were prepared to spend four or five hours a day getting ready and a couple of hours in getting themselves undone—a petty, paltry show for men and women who thought they had come into this world that they might find some springboard from which to leap into the Everlasting Arms. At worst, what was society? A lying, vicious, diabolical intrigue—it could not be worse.

Mothers paid more attention to their pets (the preacher went on) than they did to their servants, their children, or

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THE WEST COAST—AN IDEAL REACH ON THE SARITA RIVER.

their husband. One lady had declared that she would never come to hear him again because he had spoken slightly of her pet dog! Another lady the other day was taking a pet dog to a "dog party," and she was speaking French to the dog. When asked why she said: "This darling little child of mine understands everything I say in English, so I am afraid it is getting vain." Here was a woman who was so darkened in her mind that she did not realize that she was making a melancholy exhibition of herself, and bringing shame, downright shame, on her sex. And while these practices were going on the birthrate was falling and infantile mortality was growing until it totalled one-fourth of the deaths in England.

All the great towns of England, he said, were on the downgrade; but Ireland—God bless Ireland!—still gave the Empire pure women, brave men; and Ireland was the most Catholic country in the world, with the most Catholic capital. Let them realize that state of things. It seemed to him that England, joined with France in this Entente Cordiale embrace, was on a slippery, slippery incline which must end, if they were not looking to their souls speedily, where the open Bible told them that it must end—in the bottomless pit.

Princes' World Tour. It is stated that the two sons of the Prince of Wales, Prince Edward of York and Prince Albert, will in due course have the advantage of a world tour on one of His Majesty's ships.

This follows the precedent of the tour which was undertaken by the late

Prince Albert, Victor and the then Prince George, now Prince of Wales, on H. M. S. Becharof.

Prince Albert is destined for the navy, Prince Edward for the army. The settled career of the first has been public knowledge for some time. That Prince Edward was to be a soldier-prince was expected, but could not until now be definitely announced.

Prince Albert, who is eleven years of age, will follow in his father's footsteps in finding his vocation in the first line of defence. He will shortly join Osborne College.

Net without regret will, Prince Edward leave the naval studies for which, it is stated, he has shown marked aptitude and unbounded enthusiasm. He will go from Osborne to the Naval College at Dartmouth, and will remain there until the world-tour.

Upon his return Prince Edward will join the South African expedition, which is now being held at the Horticultural Society's hall, Vincent square, Westminster.

Late one night, shortly before the closing of the exhibition, a gang of thieves managed to steal two gold ingots of the value of nearly more than £1,500, the most valuable of the many interesting exhibits belonging to the Madib Gold Mining Company, of Kimberley.

The success of the raid is all the more remarkable in view of the elaborate precautions which had been taken to safeguard the gold. The two bars, which weighed respectively 28 ounces and 14 ounces, were placed in a glass case, measuring 20 inches by 18 inches, on a stand in the Cape section. The exhibit was especially interesting, as this was

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