

at this harbor will very shortly leave the stocks for active service. There is already a dry dock for the repair of ordinary-sized vessels, this dock being 450 feet in length, with a width of gates 65 feet, and depth of water varying from 27 to 29 feet. The Esquimalt Marine Railway and the B. C. Marine Railway Company are permanently identified with shipbuilding and repairing on this harbor.

No more significant occurrence has happened in the annals of Victoria than the selection of Esquimalt Harbor for this dock. It not only means the development of commerce which will follow in its wake, but it is especially significant of the strategical importance of Victoria as the premier port on the Pacific, and of Esquimalt Harbor as the coming naval base of the British Empire in Pacific waters.

It will provide effectually for the handling of any vessels afloat, and be of incalculable importance to all fleets, or units of fleets, hereafter to be stationed by the Empire in Pacific waters.

THE COMING PACIFIC RAILWAY CENTRE OF CANADA

Five great transcontinental railways to make their last west terminals at Victoria tell the story of an all-rail connection to every portion of Canada and North America as nothing else could. The bridging of Seymour Narrows will be the key-stone to this marvellous arch of commercial achievement, and that this will be done is certain, because, large as will be the initial cost and the up-keep, it will be economy in the end.

GREAT GROWTH OF VICTORIA'S SHIPPING AT THE OUTER HARBOR IN RECENT YEARS

The growth of the shipping trade of Victoria is steadily increasing. Today over 75 liners, with aggregate registered tonnage of approximately three-quarters of a million tons, ply here regularly, and when the many ocean freighters in no fixed trade which also ply here, are added, the tonnage will far exceed a million tons.

In the Transpacific trade over 50 liners of aggregate tonnage of more than 400,000 tons, make regular calls at the Outer Docks. Largest and most palatial of the fleets are the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" and "Empress of Russia," of the C. P. R. Co., and the