



CITY OF NANAIMO



Events are not wanting to prove that Vancouver Island, the "Gem of the Pacific," is about to come into her own.

The general attention that is being paid to this, one of the richest parts of British Columbia, the press comments, the number of new settlers that are coming to the Island, the land that is being taken up, the big corporations that are commencing to place their money here, the building of a trans-Island railway and the



surveying of branch lines in other parts of the Island, the land clearing in operation and contemplated by the C. P. Railway Company, the opening up of timber limits, the erection of big saw-mills, the growth of Victoria, Nanaimo, Alberni, and other island centres, the great increase of travel to all parts of the Island, the gradually increasing exodus of people from the prairie sections to

take up residence in its smiling valleys, the rush of tourist travel, the renewed activity throughout the whole Island, all these and many more signs bear out this assertion.

With general agricultural and specially adopted fruit lands, with forest and mineral resources of untold wealth, with the most extensive fisheries of the Pacific, with the finest climate in all Canada, a land where roses bloom almost the year round, with the hundreds of miles of unexplored land, what part of Canada offers more inducement to the ambitious Canadian than Vancouver Island?

In speaking of Vancouver Island it is important to remember one thing—that Nanaimo is the gateway to the Island.

Nanaimo might be termed the "Hub of the Island" for, to quote another axiom, "all roads on Vancouver Island lead to Nanaimo."

Nanaimo is the most centrally situated point on the island. It is connected with Victoria by rail; when present railway extensions now under construction are completed, it will have railway connections with Alberni on the West Coast, and Comox District to the North. The C. P. R. has paid a tribute to its strategic situation by placing the ferry slip, which is to connect the Island with the Mainland when the Trans-Island railway is built, at Nanaimo. The same company now has steamers running connecting Nanaimo with all important points on the Island and the Mainland. Nanaimo is nearer to the Mainland than any other part of the Island is, and has daily steamer connection with the city of Vancouver by the Steamer "Joan," which makes the run in three hours. Commencing June 1st a daily double train service was inaugurated between this city and Victoria. A tri-weekly mail service by stage from Nanaimo carries mail and passengers