

Bay, too, between Albert and William Heads, are often seen vessels which have run for shelter from ocean gales and others awaiting pilots or quarantine inspection. Then, out in the Straits are continually passing in ships and great ocean liners and frequently war ships from all parts of the world. All entering Canadian or Puget Sound ports must pass between Race Rocks and the American shore. The sight of these large steamers of all descriptions, of ships often under full sail, of tugs and tows, is of perennial interest to landmen. Nor are smaller craft wanting. A favorite short cruise for yachts is to Albert Head and longer to Peddar Bay. At almost any time of the day the eye is delighted by the sight of graceful sail boats, white-winged, scudding before the lighter summer winds. Little Indian canoes with their colored sails and dog-head prows are crossing and re-crossing in all conditions of weather. Quick little launches on pleasure bent poke their capable noses in and out of all the inlets. One need never be lonely near the highways of the sea.



Moonlight on Peddar Bay

Photo by Lally Bernard

Arms of the Sea.—From almost everywhere is there easy access to the sea and to the city. Many arms of the sea run far into the land, affording natural means of communication and transportation and adding to nature's attraction. Beaches and lagoons abound. There are four large lagoons and sand beaches and innumerable smaller beaches between Becher Bay and Victoria, many of which are favorite camping grounds and bathing places for Victorians as well as residents of adjacent districts. Up two of these inlets, extending a couple of miles inland, Peddar and Becher Bays, is admittedly the best salmon trolling within a short distance of Victoria, especially in the late summer months. At this time of the year many Indian encampments are on some of the beaches, their camp fires at night adding a picturesque touch to the scene and their weird and crooning songs coming curiously over the water. From every home, from every tiny shack, is there an outlook to charm. Most superb of all are the views from the