

PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NANAIMO.

The Mines—No. 1 shaft of the New Vancouver Coal Company's mines, on the esplanade, a few minutes walk from any part of the city will well repay a visit. Here are located the company's offices, the power house for the subterranean electric tramway, and the stabling accommodation for the mules and horses. Visitors are allowed to descend the shaft, permission being first obtained from the manager. The other mines belonging to this company are also well worth visiting.

The Bastion.—An old Hudson Bay Fort, situated on the waterfront at the end of Fitzwilliam or Bastion street. It is one of the picturesque relics of the early days.

The Government Offices and Jail, Containing many curiosities and relics, also Stewart's famous artillery.

Chase River,
Nanaimo River,
Oyster Bay, } To the south of the city. These places afford a beautiful drive for visitors. Good trout fishing in the rivers and excellent shooting in the neighborhood.

Mount Benson. About four miles from the centre of the city, from which one of the most magnificent views on the Island can be enjoyed. A good road has been constructed almost to the summit.

Departure Bay. A short drive from the city or an easy pull in a rowboat. The scenery here is beautiful. The view across the bay to the far distant Cascade Mountains cannot be equalled.

Nanoose Bay, A charming settlement to the north of the city, will well repay a visit. Excellent fishing and shooting can be obtained.

Protection Island. Immediately opposite the city. Can be reached in a few minutes. Here is situated another shaft of the N V Coal Coy. Good shooting can be enjoyed.

Gabriola Island, or Big Island, is a favorite resort of of sportsmen and artists. The island is easily reached either by sail or row boat, or by the weekly steamer.

Newcastle Island. North of Protection Island, is beautifully situated and is the favorite picnicking ground for the city.

Boating can be enjoyed in Nanaimo under the most favorable circumstances. In every direction are scattered the beautiful Islands which make Nanaimo's harbor the best protected on the coast all worthy the visitor's inspection. Sail and rowboats can be easily obtained at low rates.

Chinatown, just at the northern end of the city limits, though not very extensive, is an interesting spot.

The Public Hospital, Beautifully situated at the top of Franklin street, is a model of cleanliness and all that such an establishment should be. Visitors are admitted during the afternoon.