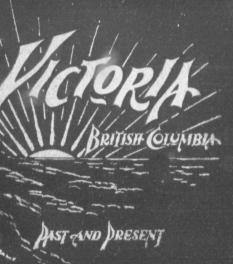
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Victoria, Past and Present.



Something about the advantages which the City offers, viewed from business, residential and tourist standpoints.



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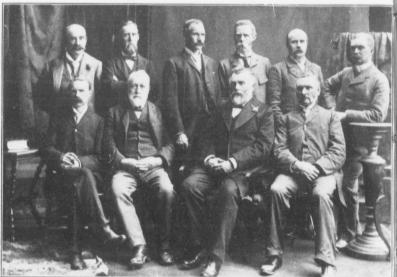
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An Old View of Victoria

VICTORIA, PAST AND PRESENT.

HE foundations of the present
City of Victoria were laid in
1843. It was June of that year
when the "Beaver" landed a
small force and the Hudson's
Bay Company fort was
erected. In 1846, Col.
Holloway reported the
following: "Fort Victoria is situated at the south-

st. Beaver, Francer of the ern end of Vancouver Island. The fort is a square Facility Coast. enclosure of one hundred yards, surrounded by cedar pickets twenty feet in height, having two octagonal bastions, each containing six six-pounder iron guns, at the north-east and south-west angles. This is the best built of the company's forts." From another source it Old Hudson's learned: "The building is even now (1846) Bay Co. Fort though plain to a fault, imposing from its mass and extent, while the bastions or towers diminish the tameness which its regular outline would otherwise produce. The interior is occupied by the officers' houses, or apartments they should rather be called, stores and a trading



One of the Bastions of the Old Fort.

house in which smaller bargains are concluded, tools and agricultural implements, beads, shawls, blankets and all the multifarious products of Sheffield, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds are offered for sale."

In 1852 Victoria was laid out in streets, then bounded on the

west by the harbour, on the east by the present Government Street, on the south by the old fort and on the north by Johnson

As It Was in the Fifties.

Street. Beyond these boundaries were fields, all under cultivation. Outside the fort there were but twelve houses within the city limits. In 1853 some two hundred additional colonists

arrived and at the close of that year it is estimated that there were in Victoria and the vicinity three hundred whites.

In 1861 the population had grown to 3,500 whites, English and Americans predominating. During the next two follow-

Population 40 Years Ago. ing years considerable progress was made, as early in 1863 the population is reported at 6,000. The buildings numbered 1,500, including substantial warehouses, stores, completely first absence of formal terms of the store of t

modious hotels, a "theatre, a hospital, five churches and five banking-houses."

The sudden growth was the result of the discovery of gold on the Fraser River in 1858. Victoria was the first and last



James Bay Victoria Harbour,

place of call for the miners, who arrived from California and elsewhere in thousands. Of this floating population no notice has been taken in the figures given, but it may be stated in passing that 30,000 has been estimated as the number

camping at one time at Victoria en route to the Fraser River.







Victorian—Victoria and Seattle.



SS Empress-Victoria and Orient.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the importance of Victoria as a commercial centre was recognized from the first.

Incorporation was effected in 1862, the city being divided into three wards. The population was then about 5,000. To-day A City of the residents are more Wealth. than five times that number and it is safe to assert that considered per capita Victoria is the wealthiest city ou the Pacific Coast.

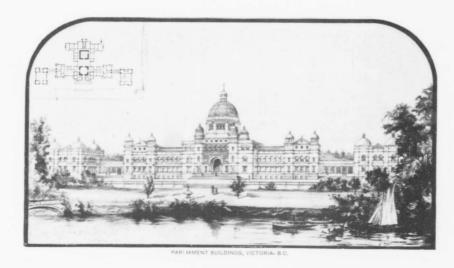
From mercantile and trade reports it will be seen that nowhere is business conducted on a more Business so und and profitable Conditions. The volume, too, ranks high. For comparison it may be stated that the shipping of Victoria is the fourth

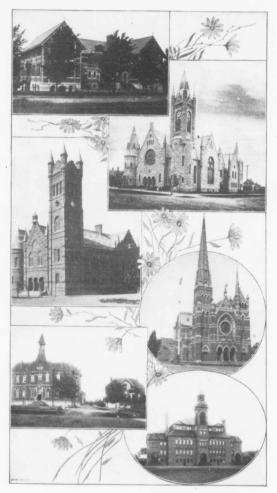
The question will arise: "What can 25,000 people do with so much

largest in the Dominion of Canada.

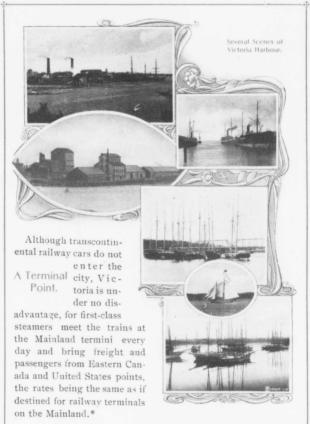
merchandise in addition to what is produced on Vancouver Island?" The answer is easy, "They consume what they need and distribute the remainder." As Victoria No Fear of the was the distributing centre par excellence fifty years ago, so to-day she is the chief distributing point for the whole of British Columbia.

Victoria merchants supply goods to every part of the Province, including the Northern gold fields of Atlin and the Yukon beyond.





Some Churches and Schools Victoria B. C.



At the close of the salmon canning season, fishermen and others come to Victoria and spend their earnings.

A Spending Point.

It is in the fall of the year that the population is increased largely, by the return of wage earners who have been out in all directions and who then come home to live in comfort during the winter months.

^{*}The cars of the Canadian Pacific Railway now come to Victoria and arrangements have been made for ferrying the Great Northern Railway cars also.

Local industries such as iron works, flour and feed mills, chemical, soap and paint factories, lumber An Industrial mills and several others furnish em-

ployment for many hands. The proportion of factory

hands and artizans is unusually large for a city of the size of Victoria.

It is impossible to state whether the fur traders of the early forties selected Victoria's situation for other than geographical reasons, but it is certain that a more ideal site for a large city

A Beautiful

could hardly be found. Its natural beauty and adaptability to the purposes of commerce and residence, are remarkable. The land undulating slightly gives easy grades to the streets

and admits perfect drainage and sewerage. Within certain limits only stone or brick buildings can be erected, and the numerous recent additions of such structures furnish indications of confidence which the owners have in the future of the city.

In one respect Victoria differs very materially from most cities inasmuch as the business blocks and dwelling houses are

nearly all owned by residents. rented as freely as elsewhere, but the rents go into the pockets of the inhabitants, and it is certainly a great advantage to business men

to pay to residents, instead of to some outside capitalists, as such rents return again either directly or indirectly in trade.

The city corporation has borrowed money for improvements such as waterworks, sewerage, electric lighting, etc., but here it

will be found that Public the assets of the city Works, are largely in excess of the liabilities.

Taxation is very light compared with other cities in Canada or the United States.





Provincial Royal Jubilee

The liberality of the citizens, assisted by the Provincial Government and City Corporation, has provided a hospi-

Hospital tal of fifty-six beds known as the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital. This

was erected in 1890 in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and it ranks

high in every branch of medical and surgical science. The private rooms, which are, of course, paid for, are frequently occupied by persons from all parts of the Province and neighboring State of Washington, who come to Victoria for the greater skill than is found nearer their homes. The poor of the city are treated free.

Excellent free and non-sectarian educational facilities exist for children six years of age and upwards, nor Educational is there any charge for advanced education in the High School. These schools are controlled by trustees, of both sexes, elected by the ratepayers. Besides the public schools there are excellent private schools, day and boarding, including kindergartens.

Climate is an important consideration when deciding upon a place of residence or a pleasure trip. The rain fall at Victoria is light compared with other parts of the Province. Snow is an infragment visite and growth a sale with a sale with the sale with

infrequent visitor and even then seldom lies on the ground more than forty-eight hours. So it is easy to understand why four dollars per hour is charged for sleighing, which but at best is an apology for

an Eastern sleigh ride. Skating can be rarely indulged in and when possible is carried into the small hours of the morning, as those who enjoy skating must make the best of their opportunities

The prevailing winds in the summer are from the south-west,
As a Health Resort. capped Olympians and the Straits of Fuca are comfortably tempered upon reaching the south end of Vancouver Island. Dr.





Bryce in "The Climate and Health Resorts of Canada" says of Victoria, "The fruits of tem perate

climates grow well and farm animals live out-

doors the year round. The climate is milder than in many parts of England, with less rain and less seasonal vari-

ations." Instead of spending holidays far from home in search of health many Victorians camp out on sea beaches near the city for some months each

It is the common remark of visitors from the United States that Victorians have mastered the art

of combining business with pleasure. It would, in-

deed, be surprising if such were not the case, for no one acquainted with Victoria and surroundings

would gainsay that there is not another spot on the Pacific Coast where nature has so abundantly provided for the pleasure seeker. Victoria has unequalled natural advantages in picturesque location and climate, and for commercial and industrial purposes is not less favorably situated. It would be beyond the scope of



beauties of Beacon Hill park and the residentia1 portion of Victoria. A feature of the residences is the spacious grounds in which they are set. The ordinary size of the Victoria lot is 60 by 120 feet, but the better class of suburban houses stand

in lovely grounds measured by acres. In many cases only a peep here and there can be obtained from the highways, trees and shrubs

much desired. It is not difficult, however, to outline beautiful homes with tennis courts, well-kept lawns, trained ornamental

trees and cosy arbors of evergreens. Many such resi-Beautiful dences command a view of the Straits of Fuca, about seventeen miles wide, and the snow-capped Olympics beyond. The entire changes of scene, for instance

on Rockland Avenue, are very remarkable, a little turn in the road bringing to view numbers of islands instead of the unbroken expanse of water. Ships being towed to the

Panoramic and lumber mills, steamers speeding to all points of the Coast and to the Orient and to Australia, and pleasure yachts flitting hither and

thither, give life and peculiar interest to the scene. The brush

of no artist could depict the beauties of such scenery under the ever changing lights.

Victoria is the seat of the Provincial Government and the home of the Lieutenant-Governor, and in addition to the merchants and business men of Victoria there are a number of wealthy

residents whose business interests lie in other parts of the Province, but who elect to live here in order to enjoy the social and other advantages of the Capital. The Garrison and Naval forces add a pleasant feature to Victoria society not elsewhere possessed

and a pleasant feature to Victoria society not elsewhere possessed on this side of the continent. There are three social clubs in flourishing condition.



In the Park.

Among the amateur organizations for purposes of entertainment it is difficult to say which takes the lead, but the Arion Club, a musical society of some fifty male voices, is perhaps the best known and longest established. There are also local theatrical and orchestral societies, and amateur theatricals and concerts in aid of charities and other objects are numerous, and their success is best judged by

the invariably large audiences which they attract. There is a first-class cornet band in connection with the

A Music Loving local militia organization and during the win-People. ter months there is a weekly promenade concert in the Drill Hall and in the summer two

or three open air concerts are given every week in the park and adjacent resorts.

There are excellent golf links. Tennis, cricket, yachting, lacrosse, football, boating and canoeing Athletics and Sport. are among the favorite summer amusements. Bicyclists and amateur photographers—their name is legion.



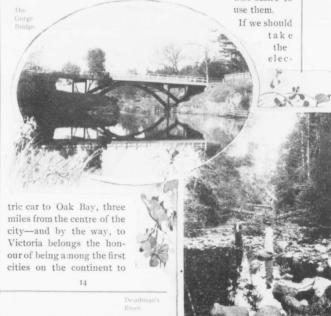
On the Beach Dallas Poad There are so many attractive spots in the neighborhood of Victoria that it is really difficult to decide among them for superlative merit. If boating be selected a trip up the Gorge will probably be chosen. This is a stretch of about four miles of tidal water, varying in width from thirty feet at the Gorge

bridge to about a quarter of a mile. On either bank near the city are beautiful residences, with ample grounds
Points of Attraction.

Attraction.

Attraction.

the firs and there are as well many ideal open spaces for those who desire to



adopt electric cars—we shall find a well appointed summer hotel, and sheltered beaches where children may find delight in sunning themselves after paddling in the sea.

Resort. Boats for hire are available and the surroundings gen-

erally are such as are sought by tourists. There are many residences at Oak Bay and along the route of the car

Oak Bay and along the route of the car line, and in addition to the resident population there is in the season a constant stream of visitors by car, carriage and bicycle. Frequent band concerts en-

The Gorge

Outer Harbou

liven the evenings there. One of the golf links and an enclosed Beautiful park for lacrosse matches Drives. and bicycle races, for which

are located at this resort. Oak Bay is also reached by the Dallas Road, a fine thoroughfare which skirts the sea all the way from the Outer Wharf, passing through Beacon Hill park and along the golf links. There is probably not another road on



Oak Bay.

the Pacific Coast possessing equal charms for driving or wheeling. It is good at all seasons of the year and the rare scenic effects are ever present and striking.

It would require the pages of a pretentious book to do justice to all the numerous drives within twenty miles of Victoria,

These are always well kept and afford equal facilities for all popular modes of locomotion.







Esquimalt, His Majesty's naval station on the Pacific, is four miles from the post office, and is connected by electric cars which leave every fifteen minutes. The menof-war, dry dock.

naval yard and canteen grounds are the principal attractions, but the scenery all along the car line and at the

village of Esquimalt itself possesses a singular Naval Station, charm which never fails to make a lasting impression. Naphtha launches and row boats can

be hired and a visit made to the naval hospital, passing the marine railway en route. The water in the harbour is never rough.

The Barracks at Macaulay Point are situated a short distance from the Esquimalt Road. Visitors are not allowed inside the fort, but the scenery from the vicinity, embracing the entrance to Es-

quimalt harbour, the Straits and the Olympias, is very beautiful indeed.

Two railways terminate at Victoria. The Victoria and Sidney runs to the end of the Saanich peninsula, distance seventeen

miles, and is of value to the farmers of Railway and that dis-Steamboat trict in Connection, marketing their products, and for tourist purposes. Sidney should be visited, as it is a very pretty spot and some idea can be formed en route of the agricultural possibilities of the Island. Hops, barley and fruit do remarkably well in this section. An hotel is situated near

the railway terminus. Steamer

connection is made between the railway and the gulf islands and

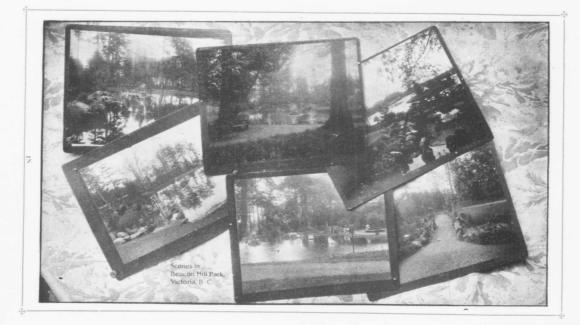
points on Vancouver Island as far north as Nanaimo. The sea is rarely rough and the grand and everchanging panorama of view as the steamer winds its way in and out among the numerous islands must be witnessed to be fully appreciated. A more commodious steamer leaves twice weekly covering the same route and continuing the trip to Comox.

between the If islands and





The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway at present has its terminus at Wellington, though its extension to the north end of Vancouver Island is contemplated in the very near future. It serves the finest collieries on the Pacific Coast. At Chemainus there



one of the largest and best appointed saw mills in British Columbia from which is marketed about half of

the lumber exported from the entire province. Not far from Chemainus copper mines on Mt. Sicker are being opened up

from which ore is being shipped. Large iron

deposits are also being developed. Near here. too, is the new town of Ladysmith, at which place are erected the coal bunkers for the output of the big extension coal mine at Alexandria, and where many of the miners have their res.d. ence. A railway to haul the logs to the Chemainus mill has been built in this section and a tram-

way runs from the Mt. Sicker mine to Osborne Bay.

The Lands of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Rail-

way Company offer to the intending settler the chance to acquire a home suitable for mixed farming or E. & N. Railway Lands. cattle raising, with all the advantages of a fine and moderate climate. The extension of the railway



in the near future through the Comox Valley to the northern end of the Island, will open up a large tract of land particularly suitable to the requirements of the small farmer, many of whom are already settled in the various districts, cultivating well improved farms, with excellent results. Large

tracts of magnificent timber are still unsold awaiting the advent of lumber men and the increasing demand for the m a gnificent Douglas fir.

The mining camps at Alberni, Mt. Sicker, and other points are attracting the at-

tention of mining experts all over the world and already some strong companies have been formed.

who are operating properties with profitable results. To the tourist and sportsman the Railway Belt is an inexhaustible paradise, the lakes and rivers are numerous, situated amongst grand and lovely scenery, and abound in magnificent trout and salmon, giving sport of the finest description. Deer and grouse are plentiful and immense flocks of wild fowl visit the Island during the autumn and winter.

Mineral deposits of cop-

per and gold have been located at other points on the southern



Cowiche River

end of the Island and development work is progressing with satisfactory results. Large stretches of farming lands are already under cultivation and much more remain to be opened up. All these important industries are tributary to Victoria, the head office of

most of the colleries and railways and mining and lumber interests being established there. The very beautiful scenery along the E. & N. Railway attracts many excursionists from Victoria.

The Sportsman

Sportsmen in quest of game and fish drop off at different places along the line for miles, and this is in season one of the favorite Sat-

urday afternoon recreations. The steeplechase track at Colwood is distant eight miles.

Goldstream on the line is another favorite re-

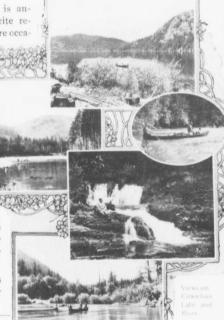
Goldstream.

other favorite resort. There occasional

band concerts
amuse those
who do not
care for sport,
and a well appointed hotel
furnishes refreshments
and accommodation for visitors. A trip
to the waterpower works

should be made while here. This power generates the electricity for Victoria's car service, private lighting and commercial purposes.

Shawnigan, further on, is a most trequented summer



Shawnigan Lake. Shawnigan this have just completed a commodious and modern hotel, the "Strathcona," situated close

the "Strathcona," situated close to the railway and lake. Extensive park and recreation grounds surround it. The lake affords good fishing, boating and bathing and the surrounding country abounds in game.

It is a common practice to

leave the train at Shawnigan and wheel to Duncan, fourteen miles further on. The road is shaded and parklike in places, with easy grades

Duncan Station. and parklike in places, with easy grades all the way. Numerous well kept farms adjoin on both sides, and that portion which passes through the In-

dian reservation has especial interest. There are two hotels at Duncan close to the railway station, and it, too, is a very popular resort and the head-quarters of many sportsmen. The river affords excellent fishing and of deer and birds there is an

abundance.

The trip to Cowichan Lake from here should not be missed.

Cowichan Lake.

The distance is about twenty miles and the journey is made by stage. The attractions are hunting, fishing and scenery.

The west coast of Vancouver Island is reached by rail to Nanaimo and thence by stage across to Al-

which leave Victoria regularly at frequent intervals.
All the south and west coast of Vancouver Island is rich in

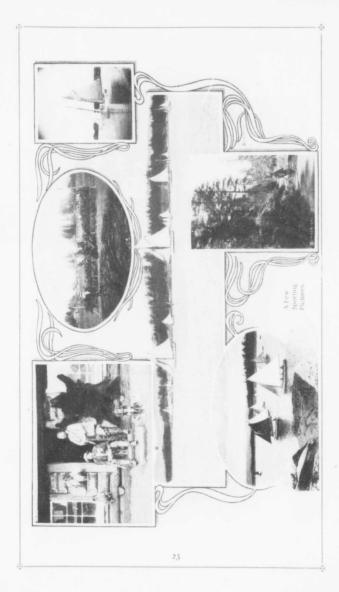
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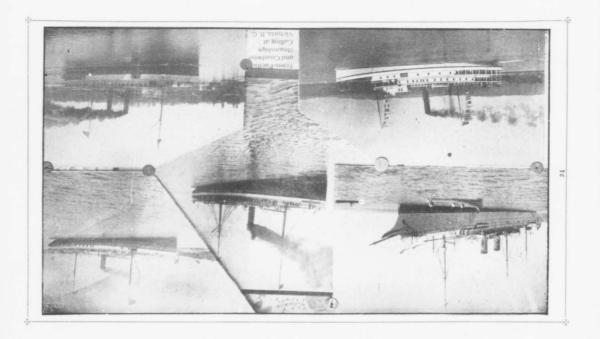
minerals.

Camp on Cowichan River.



A Day's Catch







A Corner of the Provincial Museum

One of the objects of great interest to all visitors to Victoria are the beautiful new Parliament Buildings, in which the people of British Columbia take a special pride, and conProvincial spicious among the attractions afforded by a visit to these buildings is the Provincial Museum, which has the distinction of being the best exposition of local fauna and flora to be found anywhere on the continent.

In the Parliament Buildings there is a Bureau of Provincial Information, also a complete collection of specimens of British Columbia minerals.

With so many important tributary resources the future of Victoria is assured. Its present growth is steady, a fact which affords greater satisfaction than if a "boom" was experienced.

Besides its commercial growth the number who come here to reside is steadily increasing, and it will undoubtedly become the residential metro-

polis of the Coast and especially of British Columbia. The tourist travel is a very important factor in the prosperity enjoyed by Victorians, and deservedly so. This may be divided into two classes, namely, those who visit the city

Prosperity.

regularly every year, of whom there is a large number, and those whose visits are irregular and occasional. Of the The Tourist latter, passengers on the Australasian and Oriental steamers inwards and outwards, and visitors from Eastern Canada and Eastern parts of the United States swell the aggregate travel, which is yearly growing larger in volume.

The object of this article is to interest the stranger in search of a good business, a desirable place of residence or an attractive tourist resort, and incidentally to refresh the memory of persons acquainted with Victoria, but who are now living elsewhere. Victoria, the Capital city of British Columbia, can supply all the requirements of visitors, and any information of a

specific character will be cheerfully imparted by

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