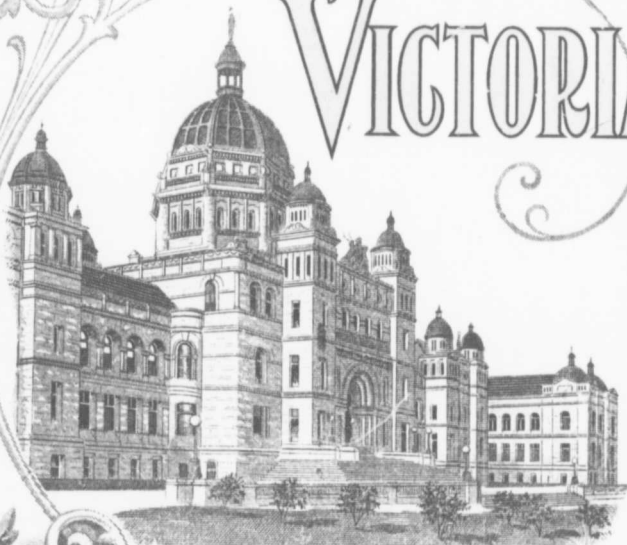


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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS VICTORIA B.C.

Impressions  
this delightful  
resort leaves  
on the minds  
of visitors.

British Columbia  
CANADA.

*The Colonist* Litho.

1903?



Picturesque  
Victoria

British Columbia.

THE  
EVERGREEN  
CITY OF  
CANADA



"The one spot that lingers longest  
and greenest in the memory of all  
Tourists."—*Winnipeg Free Press.*

*A Woodland Drive in Beacon Hill Park*

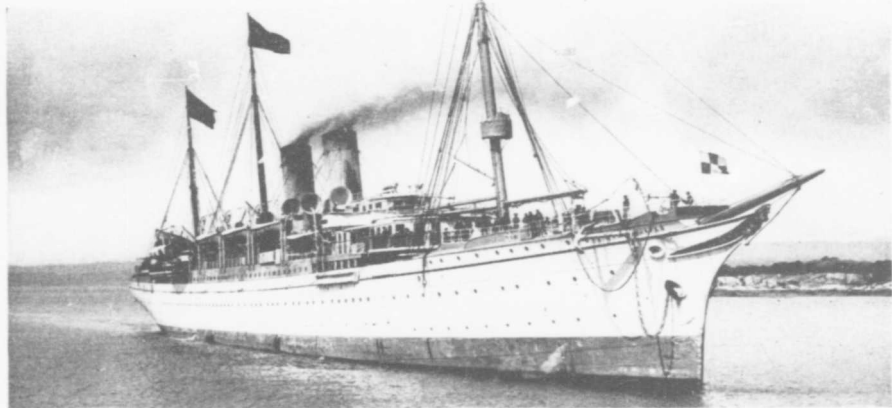
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"I never saw anything anywhere equal to the view of the approach to Victoria harbour on the evening of one of the most perfect days in my memory." A member of the English Editors' party in the *Manitoba Free Press*.

CANADA'S  
PACIFIC GATEWAY.

"In Victoria is reached the real outlet to the Orient."

*Frank Leigh in Montreal Herald.*

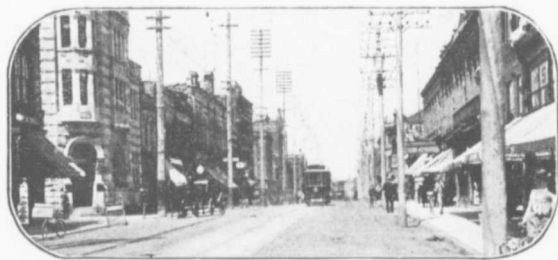


S. S. "Empress of Japan" arriving in Victoria Harbour from China

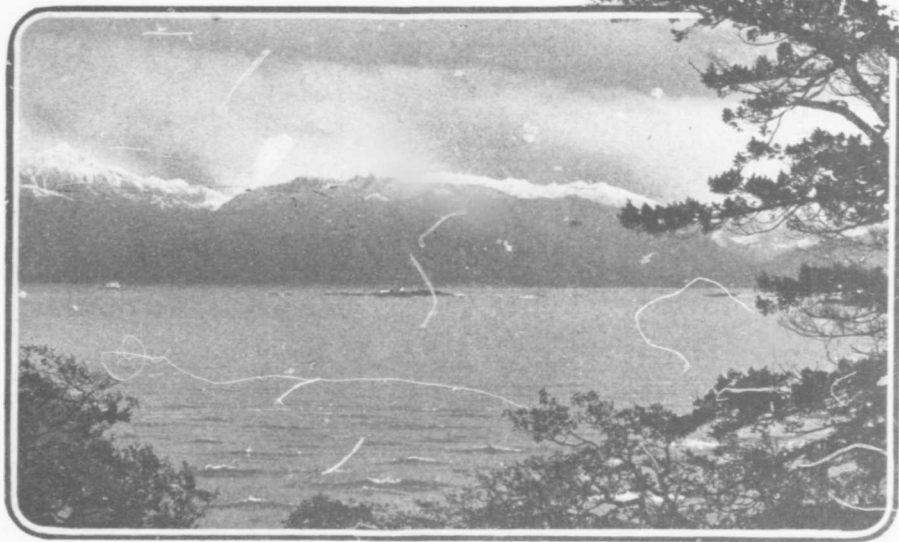


## THE METROPOLIS OF WESTERN CANADA.

"The next city to be visited by the Press Association was Victoria, the capital of British Columbia and the British metropolis of Western Canada. . . . Our reception was made cordial and the committees made our stay one of the most pleasant and profitable of our whole trip. . . . We enjoyed our visit to the Canadian city very much."—*A member of the Utah Press Association in the Richfield Reaper, Utah,*



*Government Street, Victoria, B. C.*



*The Olympic Mountains and the Straits of Juan de Fuca*

"The City, its suburbs and its parks, are all contained on a many inletted promontory that juts out into the smooth island studded waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca. A magnificent situation."  
—E. F. Knight, *London Morning Post*.

"And you have the prettiest little homes around here I have seen on the coast."—*Reprint. of Seattle P.-I.*



*A Victoria Home*

#### THE SUPERB SAIL ACROSS THE GULF OF GEORGIA TO VICTORIA.

"The passage from Vancouver to Victoria was a soothing, restful sequel to our long journey. Through a perfect maze of well wooded islands. The steamer threaded her way over the placid and almost glassy waters of the Gulf of Georgia. As we sped along we felt as if we were sailing to the 'Isle of the Blest.' . . . 'See Naples and die!' I would rather say, 'See the Gulf of Georgia and the Straits of Fuca and live!' . . . As for the City of Victoria it is an ideal place of residence."—*D. L. Thomas, B. A. L., in the Cardiff Times.*



*A Victoria Home*

"I believe Victoria appeals to me as a place of residence more than any other on the coast."—*A Mine Manager from East Kootenay.*

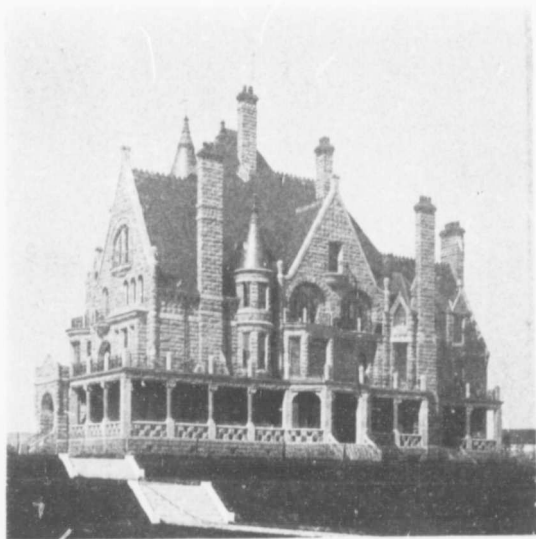
*Residence of*

*S. F. McClure, Esq.*



*"Never in the environs of any other city have I seen such a glory of flowers as surrounded each of these lovely homes."—E. F. Knight in the London Morning Post.*

"Victoria, as a place in which to make one's home, presents many social, and, I understand, even educational advantages."—*E. F. Knight in London Morning Post.*



"Craigdarroch," the Residence of Mrs. R. Dunsmuir, Victoria.

#### A CITY OF HOMES.

"No one can go along the residential streets without recognizing that Victoria is a CITY OF HOMES in which a high standard of comfort is maintained. Victoria is peopled by the old English element largely, and the presence of the Provincial civil servants and of a considerable number of retired army people as well as the officers of the Pacific squadron, gives a certain old country aspect to society and modifies considerably the American idea of rush."—*Toronto Globe's Special Correspondent.*





*The Oaks, Beacon Hill Park*



“**Beacon Hill Park**, a fine undulating pleasure ground of 300 acres, wood and meadow, with artificial lakes and a collection of beasts and birds.” LIKE THE OLD HOME, “when we walked through that Park in the afternoon and down to and along the beach beside the strait, it was so much like an English scene that, considering also the equable climate, we felt if we ever made a change we should wish our home to be in Victoria.”—*Grant Balfour in the Toronto Globe.*



*Scenes in  
Beacon Hill Park.*

*A Christmas  
morning “dip” on  
the sea shore  
of the Park.*



*Camping Scene,  
Oak Bay Beach.*



A BUSINESS MAN FROM BUTTE SAID:

"I am sure that if a taste of the delightfully cool evenings which you can enjoy in such grand surroundings as those at Oak Bay could be given to residents of those hot cities you would have crowds out here every year to spend the summer."—*Colonist, July 25th, 1902.*

SOME OF THE PLEASURES  
OF A VISIT TO VICTORIA.

"One Saturday, an ideal day, we cruised the live long day on the placid waters of the Strait of Georgia, in and out among the many islands, until when night came we had covered over a hundred miles. Night! What a charming night and what scenery! . . .

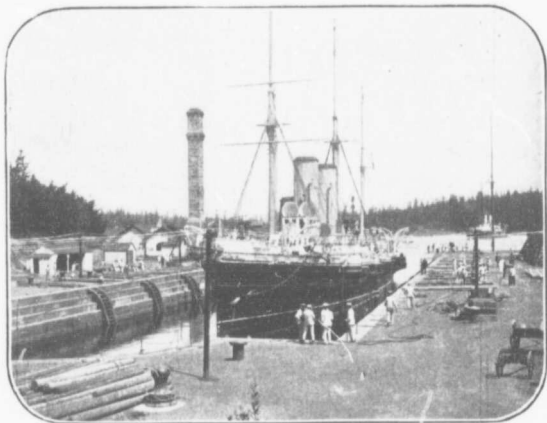


"As the sun was just going to rest back of the mighty Olympics, the moon made its appearance from back of the rugged Cascades, as if these two great orbs were playing hide and seek with each other, and as we were still gazing from the deck of the boat, the beauty of the scene was greatly enhanced by the lordly Mount Baker appearing in full view, covered with its snowy mantle. . . . This picture, painted so vividly upon the soul's canvas, will never be effaced."—*Mrs. Warnan, in the Oskaloosa, Saturday Globe, I.*



*Camping Scene on a Victoria Beach.*

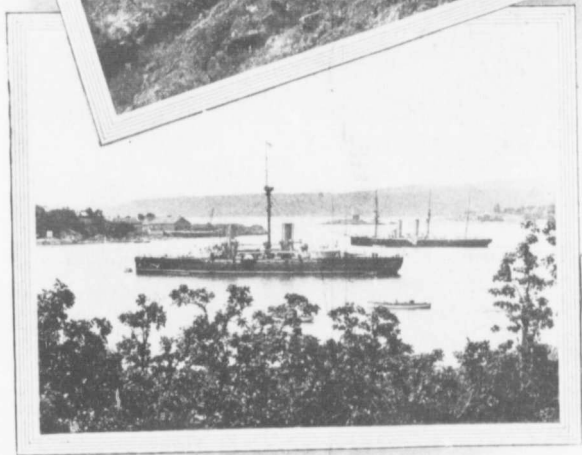
"Esquimalt, the station for the British North Pacific squadron. Here are the British war ships, the Navy Yard, Imperial Dry Dock Yard, and the beautiful scenery of Esquimalt harbour and the Royal Roads."—*Mrs. Flora Warman, in the Saturday Globe, Oskaloosa, Iowa.*



*H. M. S. "Warspite" in Dry Dock.*

### THE GIBRALTAR OF THE PACIFIC.

"There is an excellent harbour at Esquimalt, and it has been utilized to good advantage for naval purposes. Fortresses on either side of the bay command the entrance, and it would be almost impossible for vessels to gain entrance against the opposition of the guns here mounted. The officers and our guides were very courteous and showed us all the points of interest and took us aboard a torpedo boat. Two of these and a battleship lay in the harbour, while the flagship was engaged in target practice outside."—*Richfield Reaper, Utah, July 17th, 1902.*



"Three or four miles to the west, on a lovely indented, wooded shore appeared Esquimalt harbour and Royal Roads, whose latent naval might we had inspected the day before."—*Grant Balfour, Toronto Globe.*



### PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

"The original House of Parliament . . . was replaced five years ago by the present noble edifice. It is constructed of a beautiful pearly-grey stone, and occupies a commanding position overlooking the sea with a back ground of green foliage, the distant Olympic range completing a really remarkable picture."—*Special Correspondent Glasgow Herald, Scotland.*

### THE PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.

"We spent hours in the Museum of the natural history of British Columbia looking at the wild beasts and birds, fishes, butterflies and moths. . . There was also a splendid collection of Indian curiosities."—*Grant Balfour, Toronto Globe.*



H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, speaking at the Royal Academy, May 11, 1902, said: "The splendid Parliament Buildings of Ottawa, and Victoria, British Columbia, are indeed worthy examples of architectural designs."



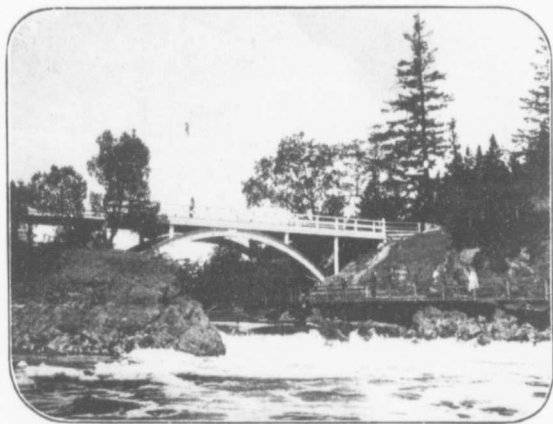
*Entrance of Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.*

"Victoria is screened from view until the steamer rounding a rocky promontory, drops almost suddenly into the spacious harbour. Shipping and warehouses, villas along the shore and wooded heights, lofty churches and public buildings, and towering above all *the noble pile of the new Parliament building*—the finest in Canada—all come into view with startling suddenness as the steamer glides smoothly into the deep pellucid basin."—*James Lumsden, in the Leeds & Yorkshire Mercury, Oct. 2nd, 1902.*



## THE BEAUTIFUL GORGE.

"Among other memorable rides was one to the beautiful Gorge, the narrows of what is known as Victoria Arm, (an extension of Victoria harbour) through which the tide waters rush, at certain stages, with torrent like velocity, forming what we never saw before, a reversible waterfall."—*Mrs. Flora Warnan in the Saturday Globe, Oskaloosa, Iowa.*



*The Gorge, Victoria Arm*

## NO PLACE LIKE VICTORIA.

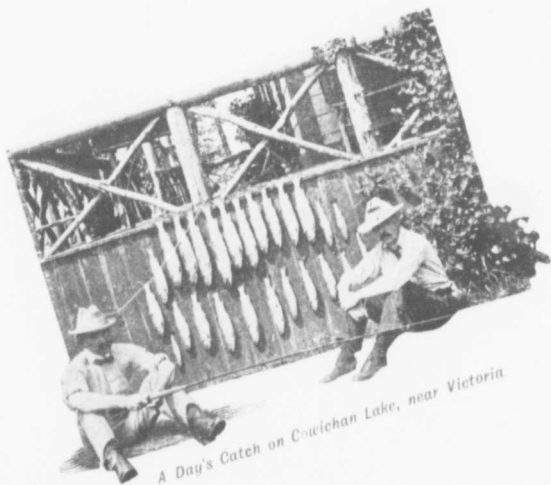
A former Victoria resident gives his reason for returning as follows: He says, "that when the accounts of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to Canada began to appear in the newspapers the very complimentary terms in which they spoke of that reception tendered by Victoria and the glowing manner in which correspondents wrote of Victoria's climate, reminded him of the home of his adoption and he decided to return and settle here. He is in the city now for that purpose."—*Victoria Times, June 3rd, 1902.*

## DRIVING AND CYCLING.

"On another occasion we wheeled to a favorite resort known as Goldstream. This took us through a very picturesque part of the country, making a trip of 25 miles."—Mrs. Flora Warman in the *Saturday Globe*, Oskaloosa, Iowa.



Scenes around Goldstream.



### EXCELLENT TROUT FISHING.

Fishermen on the whole met with considerable success yesterday. On the Cowichan River (E. & N. Railway) a number of good baskets were taken where the fish were rising well. At Shawnigan Lake (E. & N. Railway) one or two large catches were taken with the troll. On both the river and lake the fish have not yet been rising well to the fly, but good success has been the rule with the troll."—*Colonist, May 13th, 1902.*

*A Fishing Camp  
near Victoria*



Hunting near  
Victoria



#### BAGGED A PANTHER.

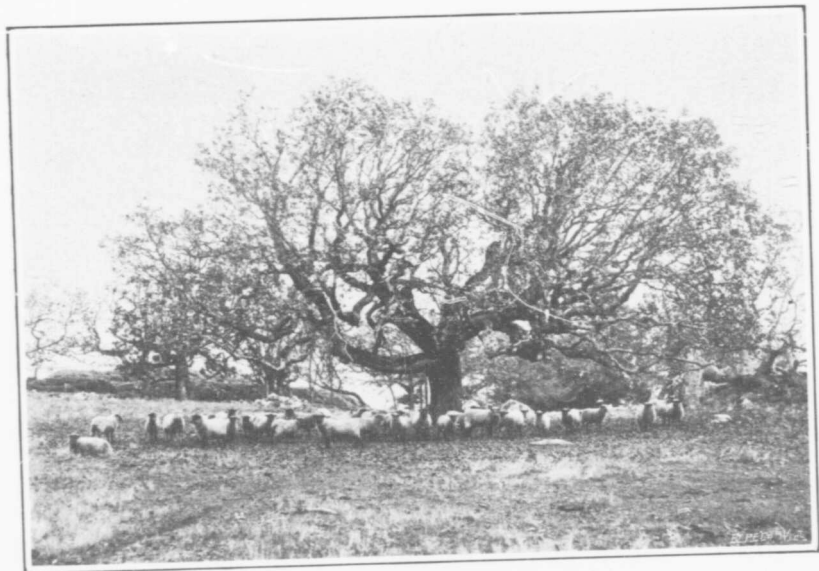
"A large panther about seven feet from tip to tip and weighing 180 pounds, was shot by Messrs. King and John Irvine in the rear of the former's ranch, Cedar Hill, yesterday afternoon." — *Victoria Times, May 12th, 1902.*

#### A PARADISE FOR SPORTSMEN.

"To think that on the Island alone there is an abundance of panther, bear and the lordly elk, not to speak of small game, such as black tail deer, pheasant, grouse and quail. The sportsman here finds his ideal." — *Grant Balfour in the Toronto Globe.*



Hunting Scene near Victoria



*A Pastoral Scene near Victoria. A Splendid Oak*

## THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S MECCA.

"To the numerous fishermen and picnickers who have for years spent their week ends along the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway are now added the kodakers, many of whom take advantage of the excursion rates to go into the hills and valleys to take shots at the scenery, the equal of which is not to be found anywhere."—*Colonist, June 10th.*



*A Fishing Camp on Cowichan River, E. & N. Railway*

### A MINING MAN FROM SAN FRANCISCO SAID:

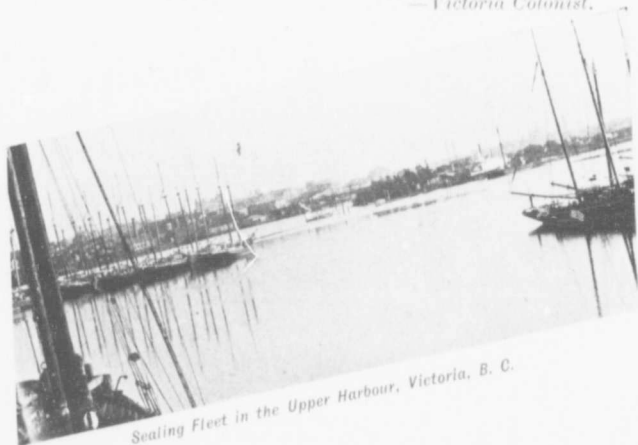
"Why I never had such sport in my life. I went out for a few hours at the head of Cowichan Bay (on the E. & N. R'y) and enjoyed myself hugely. I caught a fine 4-pounder with a 5 oz. rod, and I want to show you what I got with a heavier rod and spoon. Taking it from his wife he exhibited with the greatest delight a photograph of her holding a stick with one end resting on the veranda on which were a 45 lb. salmon and a 25 lb. salmon, the first measuring over 42 ins. in length."—*The Colonist, Feb. 10th, 1902.*

VICTORIA HAS LEAST YEARLY RAINFALL  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. Wilson, of the C. P. R. telegraphs, has furnished the following interesting figures, showing the rainfall during the past year at different points in the Province:

Vancouver, - - - -	64.76 inches.
New Westminster, - - -	63.21 "
Chilliwack, - - - -	62.35 "
<b>Victoria, - - - -</b>	<b>26.47 "</b>

—*Victoria Colonist.*



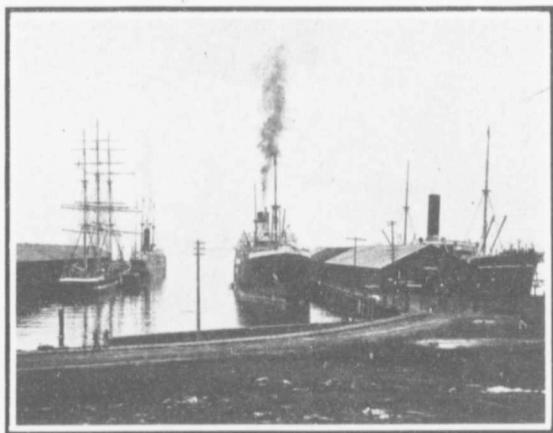
AN IMPORTANT SEA PORT AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE.

"Victoria's principal industries include flour and rice mills, fruit preserving, iron foundries and machine shops, ship building and lumber mills, furniture, shoe and trunk factories, etc. There is a big out-fitting business done with miners. It has a large shipping business."—*Grant Balfour, Toronto Globe.*

"It is the first and last port of call for the steamers of the Empress and other lines trading to Asia, Australia, the Straits Settlements and New Zealand."—*James Lumsden, Leeds & Yorkshire Mercury.*

## A HEARTY WELCOME AT VICTORIA.

"As a new field it (Vancouver Island) may be recommended to artists who will find in Victoria a recently formed Tourist Association (a voluntary institution) eager and willing to give them a magnificent reception."—*James Lumsden, Leeds & Yorkshire Mercury.*



*Ocean Docks, Victoria*

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## FACTS ABOUT VICTORIA'S SUMMER CLIMATE.

Table showing Bright Sunshine, Rainfall and average and highest Temperature recorded at the Dominion Government Meteorological Office for each month, May to October, 1902:

MONTH	Bright Sunshine		Rainfall		Temperature		
	Total Number of Hours	Daily Average	No. of Days No Sunshine	Amount in Inches	No. of Days on which Rain fell	Average	Highest
May .....	H. M. 198.42	H. M. 6.24	2	.98	13	52.5	76.6
June .....	205.36	6.51	12	1.06	12	54.4	74.0
July .....	252.18	8.08	0	.19	3	57.3	68.0
August .....	299.18	9.04	0	0.00	0	60.7	78.1
September .....	269.48	7.00	1	.90	8	55.8	75.2
October .....	137.30	4.02	7	1.65	10	51.2	69.0

Least Rainfall of any city on the Coast.

Most moderate summer temperature on the Continent.

Highest for June, July and August, 1902, *only* 78.1.—*Colonist*, 9th November, 1902.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Victoria has as good hotel accommodation as any other city of its size in Canada. There are also a number of excellent private boarding houses. Hotel rates range from \$1.25 to \$5.00 per day (American plan). Boarding houses from \$7.00 to \$14.00 per week.

A larger edition of PICTURESQUE VICTORIA has been issued by the Tourist Association containing much useful information. Copies of this, or the larger book, will be mailed to any address upon application.

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THE TOURIST RESORT  
OF THE  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST

# VICTORIA

THE WINTER  
CLIMATE IS THE  
MILDEST IN CANADA  
AVERAGE LOWEST  
TEMPERATURE  
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