

NANAIMO.

In the early history of this country we find that the site of the present town of Nanaimo was one of the first selections as a trading post of the Hudson Bay Co. It is located on Vancouver's Island, about 70 miles from Victoria, and shares with it the beauty of the Island's natural scenery. In our picture of the city the Co's. old fort is still seen standing; it has, however, lost its original value and is now only used as a lock-up for offenders of the law. The discovery of a very superior article of coal and the successful working of the mines soon made Nanaimo a village of considerable size. It was formally incorporated and has since grown into an important trading point being the



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market town for Cowichan, Comox and intervening agricultural districts. Nanaimo has good schools, churches, etc., and is connected by telegraph with the outside world by way of Victoria. Its coal mines and peculiar advantage of central location will in time make it an important city.

ESQUIMALT.

This is a small, rather picturesquely located little village about three miles from Victoria. It receives its principal importance from being the outer harbor for Victoria where the larger class of steamships put in to discharge freight and passengers. H. M. Navy Yard is located here and a graving dock is now in course of construction, which when completed must greatly assist to

make Esquimalt quite a city. The road from here to Victoria is a very fine one, affording beautiful building sites, and is gradually being utilized. In time there will be a continuous street of pretty little cottages, with a sprinkling of more pretentious residences, along the entire distance from Esquimalt to Victoria. For the tourist Esquimalt is a very important place to visit; a look through the Navy Yard alone will repay any one for the time spent, and the gentlemanly officials there will always be pleased to take visitors through the various departments.

The extent of the harbor, said to be the finest of its size in the world, is three miles by two, with an average depth of six to eight fathoms, has excellent facilities for anchorage, and can be entered by the largest vessel afloat at any time day or night, high or low tide.

the railroad terminus, at 3 p. m. Here one of the elegant steamers of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. leaves at 4 p. m., arriving at Seattle at 6 p. m. Passengers stop over night on board of the steamer which leaves the following morning at 3 o'clock, arriving at Victoria at 1 p. m. Returning, passengers leave Victoria at 5 a. m., stop at Tacoma over night and arrive at Portland about 4 p. m.

The Sitka steamer, leaving Portland once every month by the sea route, also takes passengers for Victoria—fare, \$10.00.

From San Francisco the P. C. S. S. Co's. steamers Dakota and Idaho, carrying H. M. mails, leave for Victoria direct every ten days—fare, \$20.00; time, three to four days.

The Empire, Victoria and other colliers make trips from San Francisco to Nanaimo direct—fare, \$20.00.



PUBLIC SCHOOL, VICTORIA.

ROUTES OF TRAVEL.

From Portland through connection for Victoria is made every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are, however, assured that this will very shortly be a daily line—fare from Portland to Victoria, \$13.00. Tourists in parties of ten or more can obtain excursion tickets at half rates. The trip is a most enjoyable one and can be accomplished without the slightest fatigue. The changes from steamer to cars and then again to steamer are rather agreeable. The scenery the entire distance is magnificent, and from Tacoma to Victoria the traveler has the opportunity of viewing the famous Puget Sound and the straits of San Juan de Fuca, forming the finest inland sea in the world. Passengers leave Portland at 6 a. m. and arrive at Kalama at 9:30 a. m., leave there by N. P. R. R. cars at 11:20 arriving at Tacoma,

From Victoria a steamer leaves every Tuesday and Friday for New Westminster—fare, \$3.00; connect there with steamer for Yale—fare, \$3.00.

From Victoria, through to Yale, carrying passengers also to New Westminster and way ports, every Wednesday and Saturday—fare, \$5.00.

From Victoria to Nanaimo, every Tuesday and Friday—fare, \$3.00; round trip, \$5.00. Liberal deduction to tourists in parties of ten or more, for round trip.

From Nanaimo, steamer for New Westminster every Monday, returning on Tuesday—fare, \$3.00.

From Nanaimo to Comox, every other Wednesday, returning on Thursday.

Stages leave Yale for Barkeville, Cariboo and Cache Creek regularly, and steamers run from Victoria to Wrangell and other ports of the coast as circumstances require.