

of prosperous settlements are on the line of this road, and several charming resorts that are much frequented by tourists and sportsmen.

There are a number of features of special scenic beauty in the city of Victoria and its environs. Beacon Hill park occupies an elevation in the eastern part of town and is one of the most interesting of its attractions. The park itself is a rare combination of the beauties of nature and comforts of art, and the outlook from it is most grand. The North arm is a favorite locality for boating and fishing. Goldstream

make the trip. The distance from the city is some thirteen miles. Esquimalt is also one of the prominent resorts of that vicinity, the government works and naval equipments adding to the attractions which the scenery of the harbor affords. Large numbers of people visit the war vessels that lie at anchor in the bay. The Esquimalt harbor is probably the best one on the shores of Vancouver island, it being a perfectly land locked refuge, and naturally accessible for vessels of the deepest draught.

To persons not familiar with the surroundings of



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is one of the most noted resorts near the city. This is a mountain stream of considerable size, and its banks are picturesque in the extreme. A hotel has been erected at the most central point and various other accommodations provided for pleasure seekers. About a mile from Goldstream is a recently discovered waterfall that is an object of much interest. It is a branch of the Goldstream, in what is termed Niagara canyon, and the water pours over a rocky precipice more than two hundred feet high. Niagara Canyon falls is the name given this cataract. It is proposed to clear a suitable trail to this place, so that it may be conveniently visited by all who choose to

Victoria, a question as to what there is to support its growth naturally arises. In the first place there is no popular appreciation of the value and extent of the natural resources of Vancouver island. It is nearly three hundred miles in length northwest and southeast, and has an area of about twelve thousand miles. The coast is indented with a vast number of small, but navigable, inlets; but a large portion of the interior is mountainous, and a considerable area is still unexplored, or, at best, only a general idea of the surface characteristics of the country is obtained. In some parts of the island mountains rise to a height of nine thousand feet above the sea. In the valleys of