



LIEUT. GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE—VICTORIA, B. C.



PUBLIC SCHOOL—VICTORIA, B. C.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Excepting Portland, Victoria is the largest and handsomest city in the Pacific Northwest, and is so thoroughly illustrated in this issue, that but little remains to be told in letter-press. It is the seat of government of British Columbia, has a population of about seven thousand, and contains many handsome buildings besides those illustrated. The picturesque scenery in its immediate vicinity, the most superb, natural roads branching in all directions, and the cooling sea-breezes prevailing there during the summer months, combine to make the city a desirable place of residence. From Portland it can be reached in two days by rail and steamboat, at an expense of twenty dollars

for an excursion ticket for the round trip, and we pity the taste of our "seaside"ers who will persist in being nearly devoured by fleas every summer, "down on the sands," when so pleasant a summering place as Victoria lies at our very doors. From a commercial point, the city is in a prosperous condition, supplying the mines and agricultural districts on the mainland, and enjoying the distinction of being the chief port for ships plying between the province and England. Besides having a regular connecting line of cars and steamboats to Portland, it also enjoys the advantage of a line of ocean steamers to San Francisco. Beacon Hill, which lies about a mile from the center of the city, is a natural park of unsurpassed loveliness, and in no part of the globe

can be found a place of resort adjacent to an important business community, at once so charmingly rural and so easy of access to those who toil for their living in the heart of the city. From the summit of the hill, at early dawn, a most magnificent view may be beheld. Facing the spectator who is looking south, the stately chiefs of the Olympic range rise in their grandeur; away to the left, Mount Baker and the Cascades cleave the air for thousands of feet upwards, and on the right the lovely foliage of the opposing Vancouver hills and the placid entrance to Esquimalt harbor, render the scene superbly grand. Refreshed, as it were, with the gentle breeze which reaches him from the Straits of Fuca, the spectator turns his face northward, or nearly



CUSTOM HOUSE—VICTORIA, B. C.



POSTOFFICE—VICTORIA, B. C.