

of the island and on the other islands and the main land coast. The construction of this canal, which would be only about a mile a half long, presents no specially difficult engineering features, and it would place a very rich section immediately tributary to Port Townsend. The enterprising and aggressive policy of the business men of the city is resulting in drawing a large volume of trade to that point, and the natural growth of the country will support a large city in the advantageous position which Port Townsend occupies.

Because people pushed out on this extreme point, so far removed from the older centers of civilization and trade, at so early a period, it must not be inferred that a community has grown up deficient in ethical culture or business sagacity. The pioneers were from staid old New England, and the subsequent settlers came from eastern states, bringing with them a sense of refinement and habits of industry that bear abundant fruit in their new home. It was not a mining craze, nor a widely advertised, but illusive, paradise that lured them hither. They have established their homes and surrounded themselves with the comforts and luxuries of civilization. The local government and other adjuncts of society are firmly established and can not be overthrown by anything likely to occur. The attention given to education is alone a sufficient evidence of the broad intelligence of the people. The fact that two daily newspapers are maintained in a city of four thousand people counts for much in this direction, and shows that efforts to disseminate information are appreciated. The *Argus* is a morning publication, and the *Call* appears each evening, both publishing weekly editions that have a wide circulation. They effectively cover the local news field, and are prosperous and enterprising.

Real estate values in Port Townsend, probably more than any other one feature, show the influence of the rapid advancement the town is making. It is not too much to say that real estate in general in the city has increased in value one hundred per cent. during the past three or four years; and the increasing activity promises still greater advancement for the future. There are many instances where property has advanced in price much more than this. Capitalists from California and the east are making numerous investments in the lower sound country, especially in the vicinity of Port Townsend, and the establishment of the various projected mining and manufacturing industries on Quimper peninsula and about the navigable waters of Port Discovery and Port Townsend bays will certainly prove important factors in the growth of the metropolis of that region. Considerable capital that is now technically employed outside the city in carrying on manufacturing and

shipping operations practically contributes to the commercial growth of the town and makes that its headquarters. The growing hamlets along the shore all look to this city as their trading point. It is a home market for produce, and in every way it encourages the full development of the varied resources around it. Toward the sea, on the shore of Clallam county, are growing villages, whose trade Port Townsend largely controls. Chief among these is Port Angeles, which has attracted considerable notice as a co-operative colony, and New Dungeness, which is the county seat. Port Townsend is interested in the growth of all those coast towns.

There is a small peninsula south of the city which deserves more than a passing notice. It is bounded by the waters of Port Townsend bay and Admiralty inlet, and, occupying a large portion of its head, is a bay, so nearly enclosed by land as to seem almost like a salt lake. This peninsula bears coal and iron and valuable timber, and one of the finest sites that could be obtained for manufactories is about this small bay. Indeed, the location is considered so advantageous that plats for towns have already been made, and it is very probable that a large iron manufacturing establishment will soon be located there. It certainly possesses merits worthy the consideration of any manufacturer contemplating locating on the sound.

As a tourists' resort, Port Townsend is one of the most attractive points on the Pacific coast. Its delightful climate and grand and picturesque scenery are captivating to all who visit it. The far-famed beauty of the sound has already induced many tourists to take a trip on its tranquil waters, and the wealth of praise bestowed upon it has multiplied its popularity. A tourists' hotel has been erected at Port Townsend for the accommodation of these visitors, and it is the verdict of all that the points of interest about the city within easy access make it a resort scarcely equaled anywhere. There is game in abundance in the woods and fish in the streams. There is unlimited scope for driving and riding and boating. And then that scenery that no pen can describe or pencil portray.

The more one studies the advantages and prospects that Port Townsend offers to industry and to capital, the more evident it becomes that it is destined to become a city of commanding prominence, for industrious people are constantly locating there and capital finds it a safe and profitable field for investment. The agricultural interests will not be the first developed, but they will keep pace with the demands of progress in other lines and lend stability to the general industrial growth of the section. The water will always form one of its chief advantages,