

man Catholics. Eight churches represent the following denominations: Church of England, Church of Reformed Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist. The city has a board of trade, a building association, and a dozen fraternal, benevolent and social organizations. It has two good hotels, an opera house, a concert hall, two banks, daily, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers, and excellent telegraphic and telephonic communication. Several parks and public squares within the city limits aggregate in area more than one hundred acres. The corporation recently purchased the charter for a system of water works, which will be constructed immediately at a cost of about \$200,000.00. This will give an unlimited supply of pure water.

The provincial jail, provincial asylum, the central prison for the main land, the dominion land office for the province, the land registry office for the main land, the provincial land office, and the central office on the Pacific for the Canadian Pacific and Postal Union telegraph systems are situated at New Westminster. It is the residence of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops, the provincial immigration agent, the inspector of fisheries, the district senator and representative in the dominion parliament, the judge and registrar of the supreme court, and the sheriff of the district. A new court house, to cost \$20,000.00 is about to be erected.

New Westminster is connected with the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway by a branch eight miles long to Westminster Junction. Trains are run from New Westminster to Vancouver several times a day, and direct connections are made with all trans-continental trains at the junction. The completion of the New Westminster, Bellingham Bay & Seattle railway will make the city a competing point for the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific roads. Among the other railways projected from New Westminster are a short line to Vancouver, a line down the south side of the Fraser to Ladner's and up the river to Sumas, and one to Victoria, on Vancouver island, the last involving a ferry across the Gulf of Georgia, a

distance of twenty miles, to operate in conjunction with the railway on the land. These projects are being pushed by men of capital and business foresight, with the cooperation of lines already established, and they will all be completed before long.

Besides the rail communication which New Westminster has, it is well provided with boat lines plying to all towns on the river as far up as Yale, a hundred miles distant, and on the coast of the main land, as well as to the islands of the province and Puget sound ports in American territory. It has good connections by steamer with Portland and San Francisco. Stages run to Vancouver, Surrey Center, Clover Valley and Hall's Prairie, in the province, and to Blaine, across the boundary line in Washington.

New Westminster occupies a sloping site facing the south and southeast. The peaks of the Cascades and Olympic mountains afford a glimpse of magnificent scenery to the south and southwest, while in the immediate vicinity of the city are many features of interest. The celebrated Harrison Hot Springs may be reached in less than two hours by rail from the city. In town are all the accommodations to make life pleasant there. The city is growing in importance as a tourist's resort and a place of residence, even for those who have business interests elsewhere in the province.

The large trade which is enjoyed by all lines of business in New Westminster is pushing it to the front as a commercial and manufacturing center. The lumbering, agricultural, fishing and mining interests tributary to the city, and the facilities being provided for developing commerce in all directions are already beginning to bear fruit in quickening trade and attracting people from abroad. An enterprising spirit is awakened and the citizens are aroused to the advantages that lie at their door. Nearly half a million dollars will be expended in the city this year for water works and railway improvements alone, and this is but the beginning of a long train of works that will keep the town in the front rank of the rapidly growing cities of the province.