

neighborhood. Six public schools are maintained. There are several flour and lumber mills in operation in the valley, and others would find that a good field for enterprise. A summer hotel, to accommodate the annually increasing number of guests that find recreation in that vicinity, is one of the needs that will most likely soon be supplied.

The farming and grazing lands of the Hood river valley are of fair quality. Owing to the proximity of perpetual snow, the herds follow the receding snow line through the middle of summer, always having fresh grass and plenty of pure water throughout the

entire season, and during the winter the animals find shelter and food in the valley. The soil produces never-failing crops of cereals, fruits and roots. The hills are timbered with a heavy growth of fir, cedar, maple and other woods of commercial value, and there is an abundance of water power for manufacturing purposes at almost any spot in the valley. There are fine opportunities for people to establish homes or inaugurate business enterprises that are specially adapted to this locality. It is an attractive country and the community is prosperous and growing.

NIGHT ON THE GEORGIAN GULF.

One dull, red glow across the western sky,
Tells where the sun has stooped to kiss the sea,
And purple shadows brooding on the lea,
Are shot with glances from night's silver eyes;
Victoria, with spires all sun washed, lies,
Catching the last high light, half mistily,
While down before her, broad and blue and free,
The waters roll, touched with a thousand dyes.
One slender disc of silver, slanting, leans
Against the fir trees on the haze-bound hill;
And soft-voiced robins from the twig-laced screens,
The mellow, dreamy air with music fill;
Sink earth and sea to sleep; one lingering ray
Burns itself out—pales with the June-sweet day.

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