

being \$35,000.00. It is a well disciplined and efficient organization. The streets of the city are nearly all macadamized and have well-kept sidewalks. Nearly \$53,000.00 were expended on them last year, and important improvements in the way of paving the main thoroughfares and opening new ones are contemplated for the near future. One thing that strikes the visitor is the unusually excellent condition of the drives about the city and the roads leading into the country. They are all hard and smooth like the streets of the city. These roads are under the supervision of the

Besides these, there are the ladies' college under the auspices of the Anglican church, and an academic institution, as well as a primary school, maintained by the Roman Catholic denomination. There are Protestant and Roman Catholic orphanages. The city has a public library of about ten thousand volumes, and several of the fraternal and benevolent societies also have libraries of considerable size.

Esquimalt harbor, about three miles to the westward of Victoria, is the site of a British naval station. It is an excellent harbor. One, two or three



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government, and not subject to the caprice of local tax payers, or rate payers, as they are termed there. The soil of Vancouver island is such that good roads can be maintained at a comparatively small expense, and tourists find special enjoyment in the long drives in the country from Victoria, and the beautiful scenery they afford.

The city is amply provided with educational facilities, both public and private. There are five ward schools, besides the large central high school, and an efficient corps of instructors is employed. The public schools are supported by the government and controlled by a school board elected by popular suffrage.

war vessels are stationed there constantly, and it is general headquarters for Her Majesty's navy in the Pacific. Facilities are provided for doing all sorts of repairing for war ships. There is a dry dock four hundred and fifty feet long and twenty-seven feet deep, with an entrance fifty-five feet wide, which was constructed at a cost of about \$900,000.00. The arsenal contains large quantities of stores and ordnance supplies of all descriptions. A royal navy hospital and cemetery is located there. A small town is built up about the dry dock. There are many fine residences along the Esquimalt road and it is a popular drive from Victoria. The Esquimalt district embraces