

as the settlements of Colwood to the west, Goldstream to the northeast, and Aldermere and Highland to the north.

The Victoria district includes an area of twenty-seven square miles, embracing the city of Victoria, the Gorge, Cadboro bay, Gordon head, Mount Tolmie and Cedar hill. In the vicinity of Cedar hill and Cadboro bay there is a good deal of fine farming land, and fruit raising is engaged in quite extensively, the latter being a comparatively new departure for the agriculturists of that section. They are very successful in their operations, however, and are fast developing that branch of industry. Comparatively little at-

service. One of the finest steamers on the Pacific coast is run daily between Victoria and Vancouver to connect with the Canadian Pacific railway, so it is a real terminal point for that great transcontinental route, and the trip between the two cities, through the numberless beautiful little islands of the Gulf of Georgia, is one of the most picturesque imaginable. Daily boats ply to all important Puget sound ports, both in American and Canadian territory, and to points northward on the island and on the main land. San Francisco and Alaska steamers also stop there on their regular trips. Many of the steamers plying to and from Victoria are floating palaces, equipped with



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tention has been bestowed on cultivating the soil of the island, but interest in that direction is rapidly increasing.

Though located on an island, Victoria does not suffer from the lack of outside communication, as that fact might imply. If it were not so important a place, or if the island were a small one, its location might not be the most advantageous. But all roads of that region, by land or water, lead to Victoria. From that point they radiate in all directions, to the interior as well as to the uttermost parts of the earth. There is one steamship line to China and Japan and another to Australia, both having large government subsidies, which enable them to perform first class

every modern convenience, and swift travelers. The only railway having a track into the city is the Esquimalt & Nanaimo road, which was completed only about two years ago, extending up the coast a distance of some seventy miles to the city of Nanaimo, or rather, to Wellington, five miles beyond, where the celebrated Wellington coal is mined. Daily passenger trains are run on this road and the service is first class in every respect. The first twenty-five miles from Victoria the road is built through a rough country, and an elevation of nearly a thousand feet is attained. There are several high trestles and a tunnel on this section, and lake, river, valley and mountain furnish an attractive variety of scenery. A number