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THE ROYAL VISIT.

The date of the royal visit to Victoria has been fixed for October 1, and the party will remain in the city until the 3rd of the month before beginning their return journey.

Arrangements for the proper reception of our distinguished visitors are now being made. We understand that steps are to be taken immediately to call a public meeting of citizens to consider what can best be done.

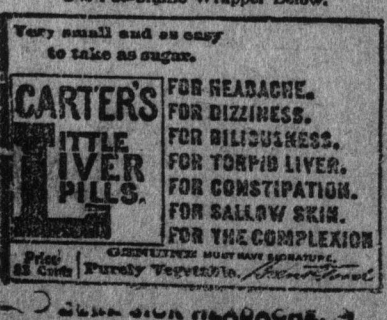
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Southern Mainland section we have described as that portion of the province which lies between the Canadian Pacific railway's main line and the International boundary, but as we explained when adopting this arbitrary division, adjoining districts merged into it, and therefore in considering the Southern Mainland it is best to take into account in connection with it the whole of what is called the New Westminster mining division.

We shall first speak of that exceptionally fertile district usually called the Lower Fraser Valley. This is one of the finest agricultural tracts in the world. For the most part it lies south of the Fraser and north of the International boundary, although there is a considerable area north of the Fraser to which the same high characterization applies.

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dyked land, the whole valley consisting of silt carried down by the Fraser. This region is capable of sustaining a large population, and will undoubtedly do so at a very early day. What seems to be most needed at the present time is better means of communication. The character of the soil is such that it is not adapted to mixed farming, and what is needed is a line of railway running through the middle of the farming district.

The products of the Fraser valley show that it is adapted to mixed farming. In fruits, apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries and prunes are the principal varieties cultivated, but in some localities grapes and melons are a tolerably safe crop. They cannot, however, be regarded as standard crops.

The valley is well adapted to dairying and considerable progress has already been made in this direction. In this connection reference may be made to the cattle of the district, which are in many cases of the highest quality.

It is probable that in the future this portion of the province will become one of the greatest dairying districts on the continent. In many parts of the valley sheep thrive exceptionally well, and for poultry raising there is no better locality.

An industry that would undoubtedly prosper in the Fraser valley is the cultivation of the sugar beet. It has been prosecuted to some extent experimentally, but no attempt has been made to deal with it on a large scale, for lack of a sugar factory to purchase the beets.

The Delta, on the coast, alluvial deposit, excellent timber on the higher levels. Elgin, alluvial in the lower levels, rich black loam and red loam on the higher, excellent timber.

Port Kells, the island requires dyking, but the mainland is protected naturally from the river floods, some good timber. Hall's Prairie, rich black loam, but requires draining, very fine timber.

Langley, rich black loam on the lower levels, clayey loam on the higher, very heavy timber. Langley Prairie, the same as Langley.

Upper Sumas is identical with Matsqui. Chilliwack, Sumas and Popcorn, clayey sandy and vegetable loam alternate, dyking not necessary. Fortions well timbered.

Hope and St. Elmo, the same as the last mentioned. Agassiz, soil varied but fertile, light timbered. Nicomin Island and Harrison, alluvial deposit, dyking necessary.

Devdney, a variety of soil all fertile, dyking necessary in some places. Mission and Hastic, some alluvial land requiring dyking, fertile upland, heavy timber in some places.

In the south eastern portion of this district, near Mount Baker, what appears likely to be very valuable gold mines are now being opened.

raising, but for the most part the whole group must be classed as non-arable. The climate is very fine. The rainfall is less than on the corresponding latitude on the Mainland, and the greatest cold ever experienced since records have been kept was 8 degrees above zero, Fahr.

The known mineral resources are coal, copper, gold and silver, but only limited prospecting has been done for anything except coal. The latter is found both on Graham and Moresby islands.

The ascertained areas are extensive and the quality of the coal is good. Gold has been mined by the Hudson's Bay Company, to some extent at Gold Harbor, on Moresby Island.

Prospects have been found in numerous other places, but it is only very recently that anything like systematic exploration has been undertaken. While it is too soon to forecast results, it may be said that the outlook is favorable.

Except on the highest levels and near the coast, the islands of this group are well timbered, principally with spruce and cedar. The wood is of good quality. Whatever doubt may exist on other points, there is none as to the values of these islands for the staple of the fisherman. The most valuable fish found in the adjacent waters is the halibut.

As is the case in most of the islands along the northwest coast, wild berries, namely, huckleberries, cranberries and luscious and large wild strawberries grow in profusion. There are about 600 Indians on Graham Island, and possibly a hundred white people on all the group.

Of the smaller islands of British Columbia, Texada attracts the greatest attention. It is situated in the northern part of the Gulf of Georgia, between Victoria Island and the Mainland. It is 30 miles long with an average breadth of 6 miles.

Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, is situated on Vancouver Island, in the city of large trade, and ranks third among Canadian cities in the tonnage of vessels entering and clearing. Esquimalt, the North Pacific station of the British navy is a suburb of Victoria. It is also a military post.

The area of farming land on Vancouver Island is considerable, but has never been fully ascertained. It is found for the most part in river valleys, although much of the higher levels is fit for cultivation.

There are prosperous agricultural districts along the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo and the Victoria and Sidney railways, also elsewhere in the southern part of the Island. Railway extension to the north end of the Island is contemplated at an early day.

MR. COHEN'S VIEWS. Mr. H. Hirschell-Cohen writes us a very vigorous letter, which we print this morning. If the publication of the first of our series of articles on British Columbia does no other good than bring about an expression of opinion from Mr. Cohen, it will not have been written in vain.

THE NEWS SERVICE. The Victoria Times and the Vancouver World have recently spoken in very complimentary terms of the telegraphic service given by the British Columbia newspapers. They have only said what the readers of these papers have been saying for some time past.

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number of deposits that have been discovered in the West Coast, but the mountain chain which forms the centre of the Island appears to be very rich. The most extensive operations carried on are at Mount Sicker, a short distance from the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway.

On Alberni canal, Barclay Sound, Sidney Inlet, Quatsno, Saanich and other points on the West Coast, mines are being developed, and some of them are already shipping ore. Other prospects are being opened up. Indeed it may be said in a general way that in every part of the explored portion of Vancouver Island paying deposits of copper have been discovered.

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unsettle the value of investments. No one regrets these more than does the Colonist, but we are strongly of the opinion that the best way to meet these and to counteract their influence upon the welfare of the province, is to state the opposite side of the case vigorously and truthfully.

The civic authorities are taking steps to improve the sanitary conditions surrounding the wash-houses in this city. The public will be glad to see the proposed improvements made.

We note that the South African consulate has been getting in its work. There is some comment in the London despatches to the New York press over the alleged uncertainty as to conditions in Africa.

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