

background is a fine view of Squamish Glacier which gives its pale grey colour to the Sound. Some of us were given a drive through the mazes of Stanley Park—the pride of Vancouver—a wooded peninsula 1000 acres in extent, one of its enormous trees I measured roughly and judged it to be 67 feet in circumference. The area of Vancouver Island is 14,000 square miles, and of the entire Province 403,300. The Island and mainland were united as one Province in 1866 and entered the Dominion Confederation in 1871. New Westminster once the capital of British Columbia still clings to the empty name of the “Royal City.” The good people of Victoria had a treat in store for the members of Assembly who responded to their invitation to cross the Straits of Georgia, and visit the far famed capital of British Columbia. The sail of 80 miles through an archipelago of islands was a treat. Next day we had a trip to the famous harbour and stronghold of Esquimalt, Squimalt as it is here called, is the naval depôt of the Pacific squadron. The *tout ensemble* of Victoria is beautiful, it is a residential rather than a commercial city, though it is an important sea-port. The social aspect of Victoria is in keeping with its environment. In and around it are many homes of cultured people. No finer mansion can be desired than the new Government House commanding a magnificent view of the islands in the Straits of Georgia, and nothing could exceed the kindness of the Lieutenant Governor. Before leaving he did me the honour of asking me to sign his private register, and extracted from me a promise to call again, on my return from the Orient.

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