

Our visit chanced to be at a moment of great interest, for the four men-of-war and two torpedo boats, designed by the British Government for protection of its interests in Behring Strait, had just weighed anchor and were majestically standing out to sea. We watched their departure from the landlocked harbor with considerable interest, wondering whether they will come in contact with any ships that float the Union Jack ere they return. Victoria has a number of pretty residences, most of which are built in cottage style and surrounded by gardens. There is an air of old fashioned solidity and comfort about them. The Governor's residence stands in a pleasant park, and about it are the Government buildings. None of these can lay any claim to beauty. They are of red brick, square and low. The monument to Sir James Douglass, the recent Governor who died during his term of office here, stands at the entrance to the grounds.

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