

Victoria, especially at harvesting time and, though by no means beautiful they are sometimes picturesque.

During the treaty difficulties, 1846-47, with the United States, Great Britain sent several vessels to Fort Victoria to guard her interests, amongst them being the Cormorant, Fisgard and Pandora, now remembered in street names. (See Note 7, Page 68).

The Hudson's Bay Company's paddle steamer Beaver (see sketch), which I mentioned above was the first steam vessel on the coast. It was 101 ft. in length and 109 tons register, built on the banks of the Thames and launched May 2nd, 1835, but an oft-repeated yarn that King William IV. and sixteen thousand of his subjects witnessed the launching, is asserted to be without foundation. Anyway the little vessel earned for itself a lasting notoriety. At the opening of the new Parliament Buildings (February 10th, 1898), a massive and ornate gavel was presented to the Legislative Assembly by Mr. C. W. McCain. It was made