

there. I never remained long enough to make particular enquiry, but from appearances should have judged that there was a much greater extent under cultivation, although probably not under fence.

*Int. 34.*—If you know, state the value of the buildings at Colville according to the list.

*Ans.*—Including the flour mill, I should appraise the value of all the buildings belonging to the establishment as it stood in the spring of 1847, at not less than one hundred thousand dollars. In 1849, several important additions had been made, especially by the erection of stockades as a further protection against the native tribes who had recently been at war with the American Government. In 1848, I found Messrs. Walker and Eels, with their families, had been obliged to abandon their Mission Station at "Tchimakain," and put themselves under the protection of the fort, where they remained a long time.

*Int. 35.*—What do you mean in speaking of cultivated lands at this post of Colville, and other posts, not under fence?

*Ans.*—In a thickly wooded country, I consider that where the land has been cleared of timber, and grass seed sown, affording good feed for stock, although it has not all been broken up by the plough, I would term it cultivated; such land at these places is seldom enclosed.

*Int. 36.*—How much of that sort of land was there at Colville, fenced and unfenced?

*Ans.*—About five miles along the river, and ranging from one to two miles back, the formation of the farming land at Colville forming a sort of semicircle with hills at the back and sides and river in front. The 340 acres fenced was on this tract.

*Int. 37.*—Can you put any value on the farming land in this semicircle?

*Ans.*—From its excellent location on the river, and the scarcity of good land in that part of the country, I consider it very valuable. The land adjoining the fort I should estimate worth twenty thousand dollars.

*Int. 38.*—State, if you can, the manner in which the Company's goods and supplies were taken up the river, and how brought back, the difficulties to be surmounted in portages and falls, posts of distribution, collection and supply.