

Ocean on the west. It possesses many fine harbours, one of which (Burrard Inlet) will probably form the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway when completed; 125 miles of the line in this province are now under contract.

2. **Land.**—Heads of families, widows, or single men can obtain free grants of land from 160 to 320 acres, according to locality; the fee is about \$7. Surveyed lands can be purchased at \$1 per acre, payable over two years, and improved farms cost from £1 to £8 per acre. British Columbia has a large extent of valuable timber land, productive fisheries, which are increasing in value yearly; gold and coal are also found in large quantities. The yield of gold, from 1858 to 1876, was equal to about forty millions of dollars.

CHAPTER IV.

THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION IN CANADA.

1. **Ecclesiastical Information.**—There is no Established Church in Canada—all denominational Christians are upon an equality, the Government only interfering in the matter of secular education. For ecclesiastical purposes the continent has been divided out into the following 17 Dioceses, viz.:—Fredericton, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Toronto, Newfoundland, Montreal, Huron, Ontario, Algoma, Niagara, Rupertsland, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Columbia, Caledonia, and New Westminster.

Each diocese has its bishop and a large staff of clergy. Whenever a church is wanted, the bishop or the nearest clergyman should be written to, and they will no doubt co-operate with the inhabitants of the place in the erection of one.

At all events, the services of the clergy can always be obtained for the baptism of your children, for marriages and burials, and from time to time for the administration of Holy Communion, and the Bishops hold frequent Confirmations.