

flowers, and the larger homes and stately residences, of which there are many, have magnificent grounds, with a wealth of roses and flowers from the tropics, for the climate is the most delightful of that of any country, being neither cold in winter nor hot in summer, but an exhilarating medium, due mainly to the Japan current of the coast, and the physical geography of the locality.

Sir James Douglas, a man of sterling worth, was the Factor-in-Chief of the Hudson Bay Company, and those associated with him were men from "bonnie Scotland," as their names—Munro, McTavish and Findlayson clearly indicate. By birth, association and education they were men qualified to take a position in any society. In religion they were, as might be expected, Presbyterians, but the Presbyterian Church of the mother land was not then as faithful in looking after the welfare of those who left her shores as she now is. Times have changed, and that for the better. These early pioneers were for nearly twenty years "roughing it" on the Pacific slope before a minister of the Gospel was sent them to conduct divine service according to the simple but impressive form of the Church of their fathers. Although they were far from the centers of civilization, and the means of grace as administered by the Presbyterian Church, their religious outlook was broad, and they regarded Christianity as larger than any denomination, and always gave a hearty welcome and loyal support to any missionary of the Gospel who reached the country West of the Rockies.