

and the mainland of British Columbia are, since 1864, united into the one colony of British Columbia, with a Governor and Legislative Council, of whom two-thirds are nominated by the Governor.

I have myself been here over seven years, and having originally settled in one of the country districts (Cowichan), in the very heart of Indian tribes, and, after some months' experience there, having been forced to throw up my land rather than expose my wife to what I considered danger from the proximity of Indians, burning under an acute sense of unfair treatment on the part of the Colonial Government, and having, since my return to this city, for upwards of five years practised my profession of attorney in the Supreme and other Courts of the colony, I have had ample opportunities of observing the way in which Indians are treated. We have, I regret to say, no Indian policy whatever: there are no Indian agents, and the only friends that the Indians have in the colony are the Missionaries, who are, however, almost powerless for want of government assistance. Each Governor has, in turn, treated Indians differently, one making them amenable to the English laws, another suffering them to shoot and kill