

pected, be commenced at an early date, and when completed will afford a means of transporting to markets hitherto unattainable the output of our coal mines as well as the other natural products of Vancouver and adjacent Islands. The line in question will doubtless in the near future be carried even beyond the point to which it is about to be extended, and in all probability will shortly traverse the entire length of the Island from North to South. As a means of bringing under settlement remotely situated districts and developing the resources of the country, the existence of such a line cannot be too highly valued, as it is hoped that the Dominion Government may see fit to promote the rapid completion of the extension by granting a liberal subsidy. The Board has constantly advocated the work in question.

IMMIGRATION.

From statistical information kindly furnished the Board by the Provincial Immigration Agent, Mr. John Jessop, (see Appendices) it will be observed that immigration continues on an increasing scale.

With a view to ascertaining whether some further impetus might not be given to immigration by a more general circulation of printed information regarding the Province and its resources, the Board procured from the Portland Board of Trade full particulars as to the character of the information compiled and distributed by the Oregon State Board of Immigration. It appears that by such means immigration into Oregon has been largely induced. The facilities which under this system are afforded immigrants, immediately upon arrival, for procuring easily and without expense the fullest and most reliable information relative to available land, its cost, capabilities, &c., also appear to be productive of excellent results and in the opinion of your Committee it would be highly beneficial to this Province were a similar Board to be formed here under the direction and control of the Local Government. It may be here mentioned that the Board has