

Population in British Columbia has constantly shifted in the past: it will probably shift even more so in the future.

The question of population is a fluctuating one, whilst a University is for all time. As against mere population there has to be set (a) The influence of the immediate or adjacent peoples on the student body; (b) The proportion of English speaking and English living members of the community in or near where a University is established; (c) The intellectual and moral status of the surrounding community; (d) The climatic conditions and environment of the locality in which the University is situated.

Victoria invites your closest scrutiny on all these points.

Capital Cities as Sites.

Victoria, in submitting its natural advantages as a University location, does not seek to support its contention by the endorsement of any other community in the province. To do so, it was felt, would defeat the very purpose contemplated by the appointment of the Commission, i. e., the selection of a University site most advantageous for study, health, and the general good of the students. Moreover, were it desirable to obtain an expression of opinion by the people at large a plebiscite would have more accurately reflected the views of the whole province.

The action of the Government in generously endowing the new seat of learning out of the public land of the province has also rendered it unnecessary to indicate those private benefactions in land or money offered to such an institution