

some 300 gardens are a witness to considerable progress.

We have hitherto received no assistance from the Government, upon which point I beg to quote the remarks of the Archdeacon of Vancouver. He says in a letter to the New England Company published in the Columbia Report for 1840.

"The Government of this colony has hitherto had no definite or tangible policy with regard to the native Indian tribes. They have preserved for them Crown lands, under the name of Indian Reserves; they have prevented their land being encroached upon; they have in existence a Liquor Law, with penal clauses stringent and severe, but honoured more in the breach than in observance. Beyond this they have done nothing, so far as I know. There does not exist an Indian hospital in the colony to ameliorate the evils which contact with a too advanced stage of civilization has brought upon its unprepared victims. There may be insuperable obstacles in the way of any definite policy of preservation and development being adopted. I am bound to suppose that such obstacles do exist; otherwise, such negligence would make the very stones cry