

*Int. 31.*—State, if you can, the kind of buildings at Okanagan, what they were built of, and their cost and value.

*Ans.*—The buildings within the enclosure were built of adobe, but the stockades were of wood. Taking the same basis of value as at Fort Nez-Percés, I should estimate the buildings, stockades, and outbuildings at Okanagan at twenty-five thousand dollars.

*Int. 32.*—Are you acquainted with the post at Colville? If so, please state how long you have known it, and what you know about it.

*Ans.*—Yes, I am acquainted with it. The first time I visited Colville was in the month of April, 1847, and I have been there repeatedly since. It is situated on the southern bank of the Columbia River, a few miles south of the 49th parallel of latitude. At this post the Hudson's Bay Company carried on extensive farming operations, and had a grist mill for the manufacture of flour, with which article they supplied the interior posts in the Districts of New Caledonia and Thompson's River, as also Fort Nez-Percés and stations in the Snake country. It was the centre likewise of a large fur trade including the Flathead country, Kootanais, and Columbia Lakes. Large numbers of horses and cattle were raised here. It was also at this place that all the boats required for the navigation of the Columbia River were built. It was considered the place next in importance to Fort Vancouver.

*Int. 33.*—Look at the list in the document marked A, under the head of Colville; say what you know about it as to its correctness.

*Ans.*—I can answer for the correctness of this list as far as the number of buildings and their measurements are concerned, having myself made it out in the spring of 1847. As regards the farm at the "White Mud," the post at "Kootanais," and "Flatheads," I am not sufficiently acquainted with them to give any definite information. I observe that the quantity of cultivated land is set down in this list at 340 acres, but that I know is only what was under fence at the time, the hay and pasture land not being included. The flour mill was a strong, substantial structure, and the water power of great value. I stopped several times at the "White Mud" farm, and I am astonished to find that according to this list there are only thirty acres of cultivated land