

ments of a large population, but these are all inland, at a distance of several miles from the coast.

The salmon is abundant, both upon the coast and in the rivers, and with the herring fisheries will unquestionably prove a lucrative branch of employment to a proportion of the future population. Codfish and numerous other kinds kinds are also taken in quantities by the Indians.

In traversing the country several descriptions of game were met with,—among which were the elk, deer, grouse, partridge; wild pigeon, ducks, and wild geese; from my own observations and from the supplies constantly brought to us by the Indians, it was inferred that the country is plentifully stocked with most kinds of game.

The Cowichan Bay is exposed to raking winds from the east and south-east, and is a somewhat insecure harbour.

The small bay running up in the 6-range of the Cowichan district would form a very secure anchorage and harbour for a certain amount of small and even of large craft, and a reservation of the sections upon this harbour might be advisable.

Access to the Cowichan Valley by water is at all times easy, the distance from Victoria being only about 35 miles. By land the communication will be somewhat more difficult. Passing a road from Victoria by the head of the Saanich Inlet, and along its westerly side, the distance would probably be about 40 miles; but it would appear that no natural obstacles will be found to render the undertaking a very expensive one. On reaching the Cowichan Valley roads will be opened with the greatest ease, and at a small expenditure, the land being favourable.

Communication with the Fraser River and British Columbia would likewise be had in about half a day's sail; but the natural market for the products of the Cowichan region will undoubtedly be at Victoria, for which it will form a rich "back country."

The site for the Government reservations requires the consideration of the department. The land is sufficiently favourable at almost any locality on the southerly side of the Cowichan Bay, though the shoal waters will be an obstacle to cheap landings or wharves.

The whole area of the tract surveyed is 57,658 acres, of which about 45,000 acres of plain and prairie lands may be set down as superior agricultural districts, the remaining 12,600 acres being either open or thickly wooded land, partly arable; will likewise ultimately be chiefly occupied. There is thence a sufficient extent of good land laid out in

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