

altogether on the particular location. I don't know, and no one can tell, the value of the land included in the military reservation, none having been bought or sold. In the town of Vancouver in 1860 land was worth from one hundred to one thousand dollars per acre. In 1849 this town was unoccupied altogether, and was mostly a forest. In 1860 I purchased some ten acres of land in Vancouver, at what I considered the most eligible point on the river, for one thousand dollars, and during the present year have sold it for the same, not being able ever to get more than that sum. It was situated in the lower part of the town of Vancouver, about a half of a mile below what was known as the Hudson's Bay Company's salmon-house. The value of lands away from the river was much less.

*Int. 27.*—Was there any material change in the value of land at Vancouver and in its vicinity between 1860 and 1863 to your knowledge; if yea, what was it?

*Ans.*—No; I don't think that there was. I made very frequent inquiries and could not ascertain that there was any increased value.

*Int. 28.*—What should you consider was the value of one mile square at Fort Vancouver fronting on the river, selecting the most favorable location, in 1860?

*Ans.*—It would be hard to say, because that would include the military reservation, the mission claims, and the town of Vancouver. The town has had its existence since 1849. In 1860 property was held in the town at various prices. I don't know that I could fix an estimate price upon it. Its value would have been very much greater, and the place of much higher importance, had it not been for the opposition to settlement on the part of the Hudson's Bay Company in the earlier years.

*Int. 29.*—What were the relations between the Hudson's Bay Company and the settlers in the vicinity of their post at Vancouver when you first went there, and what was the policy of the Company towards those persons who settled or attempted to settle there?

*Ans.*—The Hudson's Bay Company opposed settlement so