

VICTORIA PRESERVE FACTORY, ROCK BAY BRIDGE.

The Following JAMS are Manufactured by us :

Green Gage,
Apricot Marmalade,

Magnum Bonum,
Apple Marmalade,

Orange Marmalade,
Etc., Etc.

Nothing but PURE Granulated Sugar is used in the manufacture of these Goods.

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Desire to Return Thanks to the Ladies of Victoria
for the universal expressions of Praise and Good-will
for Their Goods.

PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The Montreal *Trade Review* comments upon the annual report of the British Columbia Board of Trade as being an interesting document, "replete with facts and figures, which are valuable as illustrating the rapid and substantial progress that is being made by the Pacific Province." It remarks upon the number of charters granted to railway companies last session as certain to exert a powerful influence in developing the resources of the province. But we may be permitted to observe that there is an "if" that should not be lost sight of. That "if" is "should those enterprises be worth more than the paper they are written or printed upon?" There is every reason to believe that the majority of the charters have been obtained in good faith with the intention of carrying them out to completion, and of giving the province and its resources the immediate benefits to be derived from railway construction. In the case of Manitoba and the Northwest there were many railway schemes that were incorporated by both the Dominion and the Provincial Legislatures for the sole object of selling the franchises obtained, and on this account vast extents of territory have not as yet been reached, which but for the existence of the charters would long ere this

have been reached and turned to practical account.

In this province development is hampered, not so much by the number of railways on paper only, but by the fact that so much territory has been grabbed by speculators who, despite the law to the contrary, are continually grabbing for more. From all directions comes the news that likely people have been looking out for locations on which to settle, but found the best lands all taken up, not by people who have the slightest idea of settling or doing anything with the properties which they have acquired, but by those whose sole object is to hang on to them until something altogether outside of anything which they themselves may do shall give the sections a marketable value. Let any one take the trouble to scan the columns of the *British Columbia Gazette*, and he will see that in open violation of the objects of the law; but in what may without much of a stretch of imagination be regarded as a compliance with its letter—thousands and thousands of acres of the best available lands are being taken hold of. These land-grabbers are advertising not only their own intentions, but are publishing those of their wives, "their sisters, their cousins, their aunts," their living and prospective children, their man-servants, their maid-

servants, their oxen and their asses, and everything that is theirs. And thus the valuable lands of British Columbia, about which so much is said, are being "settled up." Unfortunately this aspect of development is not alluded to in the admirable and generally comprehensive annual report of the British Columbia Board of Trade. Many of the most salient points in and the most important recommendations of the Board's report are recapitulated and in their turn commented upon, with the satisfactory commendation "we trust that the utterances will receive in the proper quarter the attention which is due them."—*British Columbia Commercial Journal*.

THE enterprising town of Seattle has just had a fire of considerable proportions, whose occurrence has shown that there is something wrong somewhere, which must be remedied. From its previous fire the city Phoenix-like rose from its ashes, a far handsomer, better built and otherwise substantial town, profiting immensely by the lessons as well as the substantial benefits of the conflagration. We say substantial benefits, for had it not been for the fire, it is more than possible that many existing improvements would not have been undertaken, and now Seattle is to-day an ornament and an example to the Sound country.