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The Indians of Vancouver Island

The miserable condition of the Indians in Vancouver Island has long been notorious; but we think that few of our readers will be prepared for the deplorable state of things brought to light in the following letter from a gentleman resident in the island:-

Victoria, Vancouver Island,
British Columbia.

24th June 1869.

In the absence of any definite information respecting the Aborigines' Protection Society, of which I am informed you are the Secretary, I write to ask you whether your Society can be induced to take up the cause of the Indians in this colony, who stand deplorably in need of assistance. As you are probably aware, this colony was little more than a series of Hudson-Bay fur trading forts, until 1858, when the discoveries of gold upon Fraser River brought it into more prominence as a gold country. I need not enter into the history of the colony further than to remind you that the two adjacent colonies of Vancouver Island and