



*An Old View of Victoria.*

## VICTORIA, PAST AND PRESENT.



*Pioneer SS. Beaver.*

### Old Hudson's Bay Co. Fort.

Victoria is situated at the southern end of Vancouver Island. The fort is a square enclosure of one hundred yards, surrounded by cedar pickets twenty feet in height, having two octagonal bastions, each containing six six-pounder iron guns, at the north-east and south-west angles. This is the best built of the company's forts." From another source it is learned: "The building is even now (1846) though plain to a fault, imposing from its mass and extent, while the bastions or towers diminish the tameness which its regular

THE foundations of the present City of Victoria were laid in 1843. It was June of that year when the "Beaver" landed a small force and the Hudson's Bay Co.

### Early History.

fort was erected. In 1846, Colonel Holloway reported, "Fort