

for the *bona fide* working women, who have emerged from the centre of scientific training in the old land, prepared to co-operate with their fellow students in various lines of open-air industries, with a view to carrying on a genuine business, worked upon proper business principles. As far as the districts of Metchosin and Colwood this is the psychological moment for women of this class to unite in securing land, partially cleared, with residence and outbuildings ready for use. But the women who venture to embark on any of the open-air industries enumerated must remember that capital—not less than £300 (three hundred pounds)—is necessary to ensure success, and, added to that capital, the physical strength to perform manual labour which is constant, if not arduous. There is none of the 'rush' of work found in the prairie provinces, as work can be carried on during all the year. On Vancouver Island 'unit of heads and hands' is certainly needed. The reward is, however, great, far greater than the same amount of work could ensure in the older parts of the world. If a small fraction of the money which is expended in the Motherland in supporting non-productive charities was converted into a fund for starting genuine women "ranchers" on Vancouver Island, the result would be far more satisfactory to both the Motherland and the Empire than it is under the present system. There is not the slightest reason why women, provided with a small capital and the necessary expert knowledge in different branches of agricultural and horticultural science, should not co-operate and work with excellent success on the cleared land in the vicinity of Victoria; and there is no district where conditions are more favourable for the woman-worker than in the beautiful portion of Vancouver Island lying at its Southern extremity."



"Sherwood"

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Country Homes.—As has been stated, few localities present anything like the attractions of these districts for country homes. Many Victorians have homes on which they reside part of the year, and many Old Country people, or people from the East, have bought small and large properties and are en-