

[Since this Pamphlet was in type, the following article, which appeared in the "Examiner," of New Westminster (British Columbia), of 27th November, 1866, has reached me; and the information it contains, concerning the last year's crop in the Colony, so thoroughly establishes the reliability of my own estimates in the foregoing remarks, that I have thought it advisable to insert it here.—
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The progress that has been made during the last year in Agriculture in this Colony, more especially in the upper country, so far away from the ordinary depots of supply, though it may narrow to a great extent the channels of the commercial stream below, is, nevertheless—in view of the great benefits conferred upon the best interests of the Colony at large—matter of congratulation to all. It is equally gratifying to look forward. There will be no lessening of the labors of those who have in the past year devoted their energies to the healthy and—as it has been demonstrated—very profitable occupation of cultivating the soil in this Colony. More land is being taken up for this purpose by men who have witnessed its advantages, the number of settlers thereby gradually increasing. And greater efforts—consequent upon the profits realized—will be displayed by the pioneer tillers of the soil in their next year's cultivation. So we have been informed by a gentleman who has visited the agricultural districts in the upper country. It has been too much the fashion to look with indifference upon agriculture as a source of wealth in this Colony; but the great results from small means that have recently been attained have begun to dispel the unfavorable impressions of former years, and a more general desire to settle is rapidly manifesting itself. Messrs. Colbraith & Co., whose ranch is situate a short distance below Soda Creek, have, during the past year, we learn, reared as much grain as will nett, they expect, the handsome sum of \$8,000. The price they are paid is five cents per pound. Mr. Bates has a threshing machine which finds employment in the district at the rate of a half cent per pound, and is of great advantage to the grain growers. The fecundity of swine at the Creek is shewn by the fact that, from a stock of about twenty-five, Mr. Hawkes has realized \$3,000 this year. They are driven to Quenellemouth, and command twenty-five cents per pound on foot. It is estimated that within a radius of twelve miles from Williams' Lake, 300,000 pounds of cereals have been grown. We shall refer to this subject again.