

malt, Metebosin, Sooke, and Salt Spring Island in Vancouver; and on the mainland we have New Westminster district, Langley, Sumass, Hope, Lilloet, Lytton, Kamloops, and O'Kanagan Lake, together with a number of isolated farms on the road to Cariboo. On the banks of the Lower Fraser, and its tributaries, there is a large extent of excellent grazing land, and the whole of the extensive open district between the Thompson River, Nicola Lake, and the great O'Kanagan Lake affords splendid pasturage. Large quantities of grain are raised now, and the importation of cattle much diminished, so much so that the price of meat at the mines, nearly 500 miles distant, is very little higher than, and of as good a quality, as in Victoria. For a new country the roads are excellent, and superior to those in many older colonies.

The average yield and selling price, on Vancouver Island, of the undermentioned produce, are as follows:

Wheat	..	25 to 35 bushels per acre,	2 cents per lb.,	or	\$40 (£8. 5s.)	per ton.
Barley	..	85 to 43	"	"	"	"
Oats	..	45 to 50	"	"	"	"
Maize or Indian Corn	}	50 to 60	"	"	"	"
Hay	..	1½ tons	"	1 cent per lb.,	or \$20 (£4. 2s. 6d.)	per ton.
Turnips	..	6 to 8 tons	"	..	\$15 (£3. 2s.)	"
Potatoes	..	5 to 7 tons	"	..	1 cent per lb., (£4. 2s. 6d.)	"
Carrots	..	6 to 8 tons	"	..	"	"

It is not uncommon to get as much as seventy bushels of oats, and sixty of barley to the acre.

The price above mentioned for wheat is somewhat low, but it must be remembered that even these prices for grain would be reduced if the tariff were lowered, as it will be under Confederation.

MONEY.

It will be convenient to state in this place that American coin, and the notes of the Banks of British North America and of British Columbia, form almost the only currency in the Colony. English money (with the exception of sovereigns and shillings) is rarely seen. The American dollar = 4s. 2d.; and the pound sterling = 4 dollars and 85 cents; but for the sake of convenience in this pamphlet, the dollar will be reckoned at 4s., and the pound at 5 dollars, and the shilling at 25 cents.

LAND LAWS.

Unoccupied crown lands are obtained under what is termed the pre-emption system. A man selects his claim, and records it for a small fee: if a single man, 100 acres; if married, 150 acres, with 10 acres additional for each child. On the mainland the quantity pre-empted must not exceed 160 acres. If the land be surveyed, he becomes liable to pay for it at the rate of 4s. 2d. per acre, by two instalments. If not surveyed, then the occupier becomes entitled, after having made improvements thereon to the extent of 10s. per acre, to dispose of his claim, or to purchase the fee from the Government at the above rate of 4s. 2d. per