

It is gratifying to see the increase of shipments lately made from Nanaimo, the last year exceeded the previous year by 10,000 tons, while the shipments during the first two months of this year are far in excess of that increase. And so it must continue to the end—the long, dreary night of misfortune is giving way to the dawn of a brighter day, and if you only avail yourselves of the mineral wealth in your possession, the coal beds of Nanaimo, Cowichan, Comox, Newcastle, and on the Mainland, are sufficient in themselves to build up the Colony to the highest state of prosperity and wealth.