

NOTE 3.

Early History of Victoria.

It is difficult to condense the early history of Victoria into the space allowed by these brief Notes, but those who wish for fuller details will find them admirably set forth in "British Columbia, from the earliest times to the present," by E. O. S. Scholefield, the Provincial librarian and archivist, and in other books mentioned in Note 12.

The discovery of British Columbia was made in 1774, by the Spaniard, Perez. The exploration of the coast began with James Cook's visit in 1778, and the Spaniards had explored the southern end of Vancouver Island as early as 1790-2, but it was reserved to George Vancouver, who had accompanied Cook on his second and third voyages of discovery, to thoroughly explore (1792) the Gulf of Georgia and the Juan de Fuca Strait and to give his name to the Island of which Victoria