

missionaries, and every requisite of civilisation. In 1843 there were 5,143 inhabitants; 2,267 cows; 1,976 pigs; 3,569 sheep; with multitudes of calves and other stock. The soil is good, and every encouragement is held out to immigrants, yet even here success is doubtful, and the crops once failed three seasons in succession.

"Again, in the mild regions to the west, such as Vancouver's Island and vicinity, the Company never had territorial rights till now, and consequently could not colonise.

"But wherever they found it convenient, they formed farms, and settled down in comfort their retired servants and clerks. Fort Vancouver is one of these, on the Columbia. Their farm is nine miles square. They have two dairies and milk upwards of 100 cows. They have also two other dairies in the neighbourhood, where, from the milk of 150 cows, they make butter and cheese for the Russian settlements. The stock consists of 3,000 head of cattle; 2,500 sheep; and about 300 brood mares. There are grist and saw mills, shops, offices, and establishments of every description.

"One undoubted fact is that the Company have absolutely prohibited the sale of spirits to the Indians. The reports of the Wesleyan Missionary Society evince their zeal in introducing religion and a sense of duty among the natives, and the Episcopal clergy speak of them in the highest terms.

"An excellent summary of the existing information on the Hudson's Bay Company will be found in a little volume by Mr. R. M. Martin. A perusal of it will show with what reckless audacity calumnious charges can be made against any body whose doings are at a distance, and to the great majority comparatively obscure.

"For our part, we can safely advise any active young man, married or unmarried, possessed of a small capital, and some acquaintance with agriculture, to pick up four or five labourers, even if he should have to go to Solas for them, and carry them out with him to till his freehold in Vancouver's Island. If he knows his business, he cannot fail, even at the worst, to revel in rustic abundance."—*Edinburgh Weekly Register*, September 5, 1849.

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"Those of their Lordships' who had taken an interest in the negotiations between this country and the United States of America