

I have fully inspected the whole district, and my conviction is that it will ere long far out-rival Seattle, Port Townsend, or Tacoma, all lying well up Puget Sound, whilst Port Angeles is on the open ocean, and ships can enter without, being towed. An expert who has been exploring the Olympian range says that coal and minerals abound there, only awaiting the opening up of a road to bring it to the seaside. A railroad is being constructed, which will make this place its terminus and connect it with the existing lines of Washington and Oregon. Being thus impressed with the growing importance of the port, I took up the option of 40 acres, at 125 dollars the acre, for myself and friends, and became the agent for England for the sale of other portions. Since I was out, a sale by auction has been held, when house lots fetched such good prices that the reserve price for forty-acre plots has gone up 25 per cent. I shall be very pleased to give further information, exhibit maps, plans, &c., to intending purchasers, and I firmly believe—but of course I do not guarantee—that buyers will reap a rich harvest. The following extract from the *North American Review* gives a fair account of what public opinion is as to the future of the place:—

“The city of Port Angeles, situated on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, midway between the ocean and the already well-known ports of Puget Sound, occupies one of the most commanding positions in the entire coast line of the Union. The Strait of Fuca is the great north-west artery through which is now beginning to flow one of the richest streams of commerce which this country has seen, or will ever see. To and from the populous countries of the Orient, four transcontinental railways are reaching out to this matchless highway of trade, and from it are being projected and put under way some of the most gigantic steamship lines of the age, under the fostering patronage of the two greatest commercial nations of the world—the United States and England. Towards the inner end of this strait, which is a hundred miles long, and from ten to twenty miles wide, standing *vis-à-vis*, are the two cities that during the coming decade are sure to attract the attention of the entire country—Victoria, B. C., and Port Angeles, Wash.

Port Angeles is an old infant, her political and commercial importance being recognised by the general government as far back as 1862, when it laid out the present Fort Angeles town-site. The city of Washington D. C., is the only other in the country which enjoys the distinction of having been laid out