

THE EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS have been directed to print, with a view to make public, the following Reports of survey of land around the Nanaimo River, and in the Cowichan Valley in Vancouver's Island, which have recently been received from the Governor, by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Surveys were made under the directions of Mr. Pemberton the Colonial Surveyor, and extend over the three districts of Mountain, Cedar, and Cranberry, round the Nanaimo, comprising together about 30,000 acres,—and over the five districts of Shawnigan, Cowichan, Comiakén, Quamicham, and Somenos in the Cowichan Valley,—comprising together about 57,600 acres.

Each district, unless where broken by the coast, contains 16 square blocks of 1,000 acres each, and each block is again subdivided into 100-acre sections.

Mr. Pemberton expresses his dissent from certain remarks of Mr. Wells who surveyed the Cowichan district respecting the insecurity of Cowichan Harbour (page 13); and, from his estimate of the number of the Indian population in the district (page 14). Mr. Pemberton states that the harbour appeared to him to be well sheltered by islands off its entrance,—and he considered the number of Indians to be under-estimated at 1,100 souls, as large bodies were absent at the herring fisheries when Mr. Wells made his report.

By order of the Commissioners,

S. WALCOTT,  
Secretary.

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