

a public library and reading room, two newspapers, two fire companies, a St. Andrew's society, a Freemasons' lodge, a horticultural society, a philharmonic society, a gymnasium, billiard rooms, bowling alley, a jockey club, theatre, and a rifle corps is being formed.

VICTORIA IS A FREE PORT—Vessels of 16 ft. displacement can enter its harbour, those of greater, discharge at Esquimaux. Imports in twelve months, ending July 31st, 1861, were £463,935.

Entered, in six months ending June 30, 1861, 550 vessels, tonnage 53,443, crews 3,523.

Cleared 609 vessels, tonnage 57,398, crews 3,725.

Gold export in 1861, about £500,000—this was the product of British Columbia—very little gold has been obtained on Vancouver. Other exports than to British Columbia, coal, timber, dried fish, furs and assorted merchandise, probably £75,000 to £100,000.

Imports in nine months ending Sept. 30, 1861, £293,502, of which £53,285 were from England. About five-eighths of the imports would be provisions, &c., most advantageously supplied by the neighboring continent until raised on the island.

Imports during March 1862, were £52,350.

Revenue derived from sale of public lands, a tax on real estate, licenses to trade, harbour dues, supreme court and police, &c.—revenue in 1861, £25,291; expenditure, £22,912.

A reciprocity treaty with the United States would be a great benefit to the people of Vancouver and the continent—the island gives all she has to offer, and asks for some return from her populous neighbour.

A line of economically worked auxiliary screw steam vessels, of about 500 tons, to ply between San Francisco and Victoria, likely to be well supported and subsidized by the colonial government.

Were the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's boats connected with a line of north Pacific boats, it would tend much to increase the business of merchants at home with the colony.

Young men beginning life with a small capital may feel as sure of attaining independence in this colony as at home they are certain to have a hard struggle merely "to make both ends meet." It must be evident that either in coal, copper or iron mining, in farming, fish curing, lumbering, the manufacture of crockery, brewing, or in other branches of industry, Vancouver offers an almost certain reward. Its climate is unsurpassed for invigorating qualities, it possesses a highly productive soil, and what some may deem considerations, it has