

*Int. 14.*—State, if you know, whether this fur trade, for a series of years, was, or was not, profitable?

*Ans.*—As accountant at Vancouver, I had to make up the books for several years, say from 1844 to 1849, and during these years the balance sheet showed large profits, as much sometimes as thirty-five thousand pounds per annum.

*Int. 15.*—State, if you can, Mr. Lowe, what foreign trade was carried on from Vancouver, and with what countries, and in what articles?

*Ans.*—At the time of the Treaty in 1846 the foreign trade was confined to the Sandwich Islands and the Russian possessions on the North-West coast. The exports to these places consisted of lumber, pickled salmon, flour, and dairy produce. In 1848, soon after the discovery of gold mines in California, an extensive trade in these articles was opened with San Francisco.

*Int. 16.*—Were you at Vancouver after 1850, after you left the Company's employ in 1850?

*Ans.*—Yes, I was there repeatedly.

*Int. 17.*—State, if you can, the condition in which you found the lands of the Company with reference to settlers?

*Ans.*—I found a great many settlers claiming and occupying these lands, and carrying on farming operations.

*Int. 18.*—To what extent did it interfere with the agricultural operations of the Company, and the pasturage of their cattle?

*Ans.*—It appeared to me that they had ceased to carry on farming operations, as most of the land they had claimed had been squatted on, and the same had taken place with the Stock Range.

*Int. 19.*—Are you acquainted with the post at Champoeg, and how long?

*Ans.*—Intimately, from 1845 to 1860.

*Int. 20.*—Look at this list of buildings and property at Champoeg on document marked A, and see if it is correct?

*Ans.*—The dwelling house, granary, and outbuildings I know were there, and the Company also owned some land and town lots.

*Int. 21.*—State, if you can, the cost and value of each of those buildings, while in possession of the Company.

*Ans.*—The granary, I should think, was worth five thousand