

ON ARRIVING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It is sometimes better for an intending farmer of moderate means to place his money, on first arrival, in the Government Savings Bank (which allows interest), to take lodgings, and to work for wages for some time, in order to gain a knowledge of colonial life and modes of management.

Colonists are recommended not to linger about the towns at which they may arrive, but to proceed, with as little delay as possible, either to their friends, if they have any in the province, or to the localities where they are likely to meet with employment.

The immigration Agent, at port of arrival, will furnish information as to lands open for settlement in the respective districts, farms for sale, demand for labour, rates of wages, routes of travel, distances, expense of conveyance, etc.

The colonist should be careful of *his cash capital, and not put it into investments hastily.* *There are Canadian Government Savings Banks in the province.*

PRICE OF BOARD AND LODGING.

Very erroneous ideas prevail in some quarters as to the actual expense of living in the province. In old days, during the mining boom and prior to the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway, rates were undeniably high. But at present the increased shipping facilities and livelier competition have lowered prices all round, and necessities of life cost much less than in the adjacent American territory, and can be purchased at a very reasonable advance upon ruling prices in Ontario and the older provinces. Good board and lodging at hotels (meat at every meal) costs from about \$5.00 to \$6.50 per week, or 20s. to 26s. Sterling currency. Board and lodging per day, \$1, or 4s. Sterling; single meal, 25c., 1s. Sterling; beds, 50c. and 25c., 2s. and 1s. Sterling.