HAND-BOOK TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## CHURCHES.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND - Alert Bay, Cariboo, Cedar, Chemainus, Chiliwack, Comox, Cowichan, E-quimalt, Kamloops, Metchogin, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Northfield, Saanich, Salt Spring Island, Sooke, Trenant, Vancouver, Victoria, Wellington, Yale. METHODIST-Agassiz, Aldergrove, Ainsworth, Bella Bella, Bella Coola, Cheam, Chilliwack, Delta, Donald, Howe Sound, Langley, Maple Ridge, Maple Bay, Mission Citv, Naas, Nanaimo, New West-minster, Northfield, Nico'a, N-ison, Port Essington, Port Simpson, Queen Charlotte Island, Revelstoke, Richmond, Salt Spring Island. Saanich, Salmon Arm, Similikameen, Sumas, Surrey, Union, Upper Skeena, Vancouver, Victoria, Wellington. PRESBYTERIAN-Alberni, Chilliwack, Comax, Kamloops, Kaslo, Ladner's Landing, Langley, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Nicola Lake, Northfield, Revelstoke, Spallumcheen, Spence's Bridge, Sooke, Surrey, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria, Warnock, Welling ton.

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BAPTIST-Nanaimo, New Westminster, Vancouver, Victoria. REFORMED EPISCOPAL-Abergeldie, New Westminster, Victoria.

## CLIMATE AND RESOURCES.

## THE CLIMATE.

The climate of the Pacific Province is spoken of by all who visit this coast as one of its great attractions; it can hardly fail to please since there are several climates to choose from. The person who cannot stand cold weather and shudders at the sight of ice, can find ample space for enterprise or temptation to ideness in a land that might have suggested "The Loto-Eaters." On reaching Vancouver Island or the coast line of the main!and, like them, he need "no longer roam," for there he will find a c'imate such as he desires. "What strikes an Epclishman most about the climate is its

What strikes an Englishman most about the climate is its what scheep an Englishman most about the chimate is the serenity, the absence of the liting east winds, and the less need than in England of an umbrella during the spring, summer, and the pro-longed autumn. He notices, also, with surprise and pleasure, that rainy weather here does not tend to depress the spirits as it does in England. The invigorating quality of the climate remains through

out the year. "The cool nights in Vancouver Island, and in all parts of the Pro-vince, freshen the heat-worn denizens of California and the Atlan-Such visitors linger before leaving the Province, and tic States. long to return.

## FARMING.

Although the general surface of British Columbia is rugged and mountainous, there are thousands of acres of valley land, as fertile and productive as any the sun shines upon in its daily round. This land is of three classes—the alluvial bottoms lying along the water courses; the more level portions of the uplands of the islands and courses; the more level portions of the uplands of the islands and coast, and the mountain districts of the interior, now covered with timber, but possessing excellent soil and yielding largely when clear-ed and cultivated; the treeless benches and table lands of the inte-ior, which are highly productive when watered by irrigation. These embrace a total of not less than ten thousand square miles of arable soil, so diverse in character, climatic conditions and location, as to be suitable for the production of every fruit, cereal, vegetable, tree, plant and flower known to the temperate zone.