

Vancouver Island

The Land of Opportunity

VANCOUVER ISLAND has an estimated area of 15,000 square miles. Nothing conveys a better idea of magnitude than comparison with other countries, so a few are appended:

The Island is substantially of the same area as the Province of Nova Scotia, exclusive of Cape Breton.

It is twice as large as Wales.

It is 30 per cent. larger than Belgium.

It is nearly twice as large as Massachusetts and larger than Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

In acres the Island is not much under 10,000,000, including the adjacent smaller islands.

CLIMATE

The climate of Vancouver Island approximates closely to that of great Britain, modified by its geographical situation. The proximity of the snow-capped Olympian mountains has a marked effect on the summer temperature, which is never intensely hot, while the Japan current, striking the west coast, brings with it moisture and heat, which temper the severity of the winter. The remarkable advantages Victoria enjoys over all other coast points, the small amount of rainfall and moderate temperature, are strikingly illustrated in the meteorological returns for the years 1907 and 1908. The absence of any high ranges of mountains in the immediate vicinity, the influence of the Japan current and other factors all combine to produce a result which is perhaps best shown by the fact that the isothermal lines showing the highest temperature in the winter and the lowest temperature in the