

have never placed confidence, whose *personal* and *pecuniary* interests are wrapped up in the progress and prosperity of Victoria and Vancouver Island.

Our Governor has taken a course publicly and privately, just such as might be looked for from one "raised" in the confined atmosphere of the Hudson Bay Company.

What's born in the bone  
Is ill to get out of the flesh.

His "Friendship" for British Columbia, his "largeness" of mind, his "freedom from local prejudices," are estimated by the British Nation, according to his own and his *special pleader's* representations, they are estimated by us more truly through his actions, public and private.

Governor Douglas, backed by the special pleaders, represented British Columbia as self-supporting from the commencement, that is, ready to make cash payments for all internal improvement, and able to support all its burdens, civil and military, besides giving a helping hand to many who relied on the "speculating writers' testimony," offering to all, "red gold for the winning."

Five years hence, the pretty picture may be true. It was not true under the *past* administration of government, and it is not true under the present system.

"Never too late to mend"—better the people of England should know *the truth and the whole truth*, and the clique by whom this Colony is *mis-ruled*, should retire from public life, to spend in private the fruits of their labors, than we, whose stake is really greater theirs, should, by our silence, endorse misrepresentation, misrule and systematic selfishness.

Governor Douglas was raised from comparative obscurity by British Columbia.

What has he done for its Capital—for its commerce—for its lot holders—for its *few* resident officials? We say, let Victoria be a "Free Port." Let her become a "Great City," if she will, but for Heaven's sake, let some truth be brought to light, about the relative positions and relative importance to Great Britain of the Continental Colony and Douglas Island.

If you are content to let others tack British Columbia to an Island, let it be so! If you think it "all for your advantage," to be supplied with re-shipped goods, and if you possess as little faith in the possibility and *certainly* of direct commerce between Westminster on the Fraser, and the rest of the world at large, as your Victoria Rulers state, be it so.

"Be like dumb, driven cattle;"

but don't complain if a few Victorians have it all their own way, and degrade your splendid Colony, (splendid by its varied producible wealth and position,) from its proper title as a "first class" Colony to a humble, third rate appendage of the Island which *you* have supported. I hope there is too much patriotism, and too much personal interest at stake, to allow that to become a reality, which to say the least looks very like possibility.

Fellow Countrymen—Our Colony is *bound to rise*, will' if you! make it rise by sending home to England, Canada, Australia, the

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