

tackle, and a few acres of ground; for example, he could catch enough game and fish on a Monday morning to last all the week, and during the following days of the week could attend to his farm, the expenses of which would be only for seeds, tools, clothing, &c., which are to be had at the capital at London prices. Fish and game being so very plentiful, it is no hardship to obtain any quantity within a mile of where you start from. Girls from ten to fourteen could attend to the traps and fish-lines; one working for each family an hour each day would produce enough.

A man who does not work himself, or let any of his children, would find the cost of living about the same as in England. At the capital a merchant's clerk can live on twenty shillings per week. Missionaries, not having time to fish, hunt, or farm, could live in the farm districts at about six shillings per week per head, as they could buy enough fish and game from the Indians to last a week for the value of a few pins, tobacco, buttons, or say one shilling. Flour, potatoes, &c., could be bought from the farmers or at the capital at a less cost than in England. By trapping fur skins or trading with the Indians a large profit is to be made; for example, a bear-skin could be purchased from the Indians for about a shilling's worth of trinkets, and sold at the capital for four or five dollars.

I will only add a few words about the climate:—It is much milder than at Victoria; the summer not quite so warm; the winter much warmer, with less snow, but more rain. The winter of 1862-63, the Indians all say, was the "coldest in their recollections," yet the frost was never severe. The autumn is the most pleasant season of the year, being mild and dry. The temperature is never as low as 8° below freezing-point during winter, and higher than 80° in the shade during summer, with very little rain, often less than ten inches during the whole summer. I only once heard thunder and saw only two electrical discharges during twelve months, and they happened during the month of January.

NOTE.—If necessary I could supply a tracing of the island, and write out the language. Any questions I will with pleasure answer without delay.

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