

Cormorant island, and reports that the survey of Malcolm island will be finished by the end of the current month, when it is the intention to have him prepare for settlement other suitable and adjacent tracts of country.

H. Fry, of Dunsmuir, is exploring the country lying between the west end of Cowichan lake and the Alborni canal, with a view of choosing and eventually locating a suitable route for a road between these points.

Mr. Allan, of Bridge creek, will commence forthwith an exploration of the valley of the Kneva klene river from its source in the lower Chilcotin country to its mouth at the head of Knight's inlet. From comparatively reliable information it is understood that a considerable tract of land suitable for farming purposes exists in this valley, and it is the intention to have it prepared for settlement without delay.

A. F. Cotton, of New Westminster, and R. E. Palmer, of Vancouver, have commenced the survey of the valley of the Bella Coola river, and expect before the season closes to have a large tract of country ready for the settlers. As the North Bentinck arm of Burke's channel is an inlet which almost pierces the Coast range of mountains, it forms an excellent terminal point for a probable transcontinental railway.

The continuation of the survey at the north end of Vancouver Island is now being performed by E. B. Hermon and A. H. Hawkins, of Vancouver. Last year these gentlemen reported the existence of a large tract of land suitable for settlement, but until the portion is thoroughly examined it is hard to determine whether it would be best adapted to agricultural or grazing purposes. This information will doubtless be supplied when these gentlemen have completed their survey and furnished the government with a full report thereon.

C. E. Perry, of Victoria, is now engaged upon surveys for the government in the Kootenay district, having just completed the survey of a government townsite on Soocan Lake.

J. S. O'Dwyer, of Vancouver, has been instructed to make a thorough exploration of the Upper Squamish River and its branches, with a view of either sub-dividing the available lands into sections or laying off the country into timber limits of 640 acres each wherever timber of a suitable character can be obtained.

Coryell & Burnyeat, of Vernon, will subdivide the Commonage reserve situated between Okanagan and Long lakes, thus bringing a very desirable and valuable tract of country into the market. Surveys are also contemplated in the neighborhood of Rock creek and Kettle river.

In addition to the above steps are being taken to acquire a more perfect knowledge of the valley of the Skeena and the channel of the river. The information thus obtained will assist very materially in locating accurately the numerous cannery sites. A new map of the province will shortly be issued, also a map showing Vancouver island and adjacent coast as well as a map of the lower Cariboo country, compiled from recent surveys and the most reliable sources of information.—Victoria Daily News.

Wool.

Bradstreet's New York report says: "Leading markets report light trading in wool. The London sales opened Tuesday, and the attention of the trade has been diverted from the domestic markets to the movements abroad. The light supply would have prevented heavy buying even if manufacturers had been inclined to speculate, but it is between seasons with them, and their present wants are light. The closing prices of the last London sales have been maintained, except on low grade crossbreds. The firm situation abroad has strengthened the position of wools here, especially wools from Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. An advance in them is now considered certain unless values in London should weaken."

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