

to be represented in the Dominion Senate at Ottawa by three members and by six members in the House of Commons, which representation will be increased, for which privileges and emoluments, the Government of British Columbia consented to join the Confederation and give to the Dominion the public lands of the province along the line of the C.P.R.R., not to exceed twenty miles on each side ; and, in consideration of the land so to be conveyed, to aid in the construction of the Railway the Dominion Government must further pay to the province, the sum of \$100,000 per annum, in half-yearly payments, in advance. So, from appearances, B. C. was not so cheap an addition after all.

The Island of Vancouver contains an area of nearly 12,000 square miles, its length is 282, breadth from thirty to sixty-five miles, its surface is very mountainous and woody, whilst its sides are pierced by numerous estuaries, inlets, sounds and harbors available for the deepest-draughted ships. The most mountainous region is inland, whilst the highest peaks, Albert Edward (6958), Alexander (6500), Crown Mounts (6082), Victoria (7484) and Mt. Alston (6,500) are all situated towards the north of the island. The surface of the west coast is covered with good timber, fir, hemlock and cedar, whilst its ribs are seamed with the best coal on the Pacific coast, and also producing some of the finer metals, with agricultural lands of sufficient area for 30,000 country people, whose labor would produce sufficient to feed a population of a million. The islands adjacent in the strait of Georgia have capacity for raising the finer grades of sheep. The waters that lave its shores abound with fish, from the sturgeon, peet, yaz, talo yaz (little salmon), white fish, loche, carp, salmon,—which,