

Soil—On the prairies, a rich sandy loam. Price of land, 4s. 2d. an acre payable when surveyed.

In 1861 the population of Whites was about 6000.

Estimated population during the summer of 1862—

Whites—20,000 men, 500 women.

Chinamen—4000 to 10,000.

Indians—10,000 to 15,000.

There are about 50,000 Chinese in California, who expend about £2,800,000 per an. in that country—its labouring population are endeavouring to expel them. The miners of Columbia have been mostly foreigners who naturally prefer their own country, therefore do not settle, and this colony has been nearly depopulated every winter, minus the large amounts of gold obtained by them every summer. Another great cause for this migration is the scarcity of women—nothing appears to settle a man so quickly as a wife, and in this country she is not to be had.

CLIMATE—very salubrious, of various character owing to difference in altitude, latitude and surrounding peculiarities—mining is carried on in Cariboo from June to October; when tunneling commences, it may be pursued through the winter; on the lower Frazer many places have been worked all through the winter months at intervals; at Beaver Lake, in Cariboo, last January, mercury in thermometers congealed whilst exposed to the setting sun.

Agricultural products are similar to those of Vancouver, and command a higher price than in any other country, arising from the paucity of farmers and the high price of freight, duties, &c.

PRICES, at a good farm, 60 miles from Cariboo, in summer of 1861—Vegetables, 4d.; Hay, 4d.; Barley and Oats, 1s. 2d. per lb.—in Cariboo, Vegetables, 1s.; Barley, 1s. 8d.; Hay, 1s.; Oats, 2s; Butter, 6s.; Beef, 1s. 8d.; Flour and Bacon, 2s. 11d. per lb. The nearer to Victoria, the cheaper to live.

Port of entry—New Westminster, 80 miles from Victoria and 15 miles from the mouth of Frazer River—population, 300 to 500—it contains the custom-house, a bonded warehouse, the mint, treasury, and a pretty episcopal church; three or four miles higher up the river there is a village, which is the head quarters of a company of Royal Engineers under Lieut.-Gov. Col. R. C. Moody, R.E.

A SIMPLE FACT—Gold Digging in this country “a lottery without blanks and the prizes are indeed splendid.” Five men in two months