

considering ten months ago it was but a dense forest, the progress is really great.

"An incident I am sure will interest you concerning the site of the proposed church.

"I visited New Westminster a few weeks ago and stood upon the site. I found at work five sturdy men felling the enormous timber. Trees there were from 200 feet and upwards in height, with a diameter of eight feet. Those five men were miners who had wintered at New Westminster. They occupied a cabin hard by. They were going up to the diggings in a few days. They were then making their contribution to the new church. That labour, worth gold a day, they were devoting freely to the service of God. Every tree was cut down.

"I witnessed the fall of two. They came down like giants, and the earth trembled as they fell. Two men were many hours in cutting through a single tree. Those men had never missed a service any Sunday all the time they were in Westminster. Their pastor had won their hearts to himself, and we trust their souls to Christ. They supplied themselves through him with Prayer Books, and they had requested him to provide them with Testaments for the mines.

"I conversed with them. Three were Canadians and two Norwegians. They told me they should come again and winter at Westminster if God spared them.

"I trust the Committee may be able to give a good grant to this first church in New Westminster.

"4. *Bibles, Books, Tracts in Foreign Languages.*—A singular feature in the population of these colonies is their varied nationality. This is a peculiarity of the Pacific coast generally, but here it is even more marked. The statement of one place rising into importance will put this clearly before you. I select Douglas, a town at the head of Lake Harrison, which communicates with the Fraser. It is on one main route to the mines. The Rev. Mr. Gammage is the clergyman.

"Christmas, 1859. Census of Douglas, British Columbia:—

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| Coloured men (African), | 8 | | |
| Mexicans and Spaniards, | 29 | | |
| Chinese, | 37 | | |
| French and Italians, | 16 | | |
| Central Europe, | 4 | | |
| Northern Europe, | 4 | | |
| Citizens of the United States, | 73 | Males | 204 |
| British subjects, | 35 | Females | 2 |
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| Native Indians, | 60 | | |
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"There is no parallel in any of our colonies of society so composite in character. The useful labours of the Foreign Translation Committee will have ample sphere in this field. Our clergy, wherever placed, will need supply of books in all languages. I would therefore ask for a grant of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, in Spanish, French, Italian, German, and Chinese.