

always considered the best and surest, being on the strength of their crops when taken to market. This is the way every poor settler gets on in a new country. I would recommend that every family should be members of the Mission, and give a little help when not otherwise engaged on farm work. Of such an expedition I should be only too glad to become an active member, doing my share of work.

In all kinds of transactions entered into with Indians it is absolutely necessary never to make a promise without fulfilling it strictly to the letter, and to insist upon their doing the same. By all means have no white man on the island for a single day to counteract the good which may be done. One bad man in a single day will undo the work of months; it would be, therefore, advisable, on the arrival of any ships, to keep an eye on the crew, *i. e.* a very close watch. If these instructions were carried out, Queen Charlotte's Island would become the most prosperous island in the Pacific within a few years. After the Mission members had settled there, say two years, then other families might be introduced from England.

There is nothing I should like better than being connected with such an enterprise, and I would freely give my knowledge and time for such a good purpose. The position of the island is good, and on the future Australian route; and a better prospect and brighter field does not present itself for a Mission, and for families seeking a future and independent home, than this said island at the present day.

It may be well also to say something about the quality of the land and its capabilities. In many parts it is rich, black, loamy, deep soil; while in others there is sandy prairie land, capable of producing the finest potatoes in the world (free from disease). I have seen them not uncommonly six inches in diameter, and all sound in the centre: while four inches diameter is the most common size—nice, dry, mealy potatoes. Soil that grow such can produce anything. The soil is such as to render manure unnecessary for many years. Good timber is now getting so scarce in Canada that the well-known Gilmor and Co. will have to begin operations in this colony; and here they will find abundance of the finest timber in the world for length and strength, being without joints or knots. A common specimen of the timber is used as a flag-pole at Kew Gardens, London.

To enter rather more fully into the particulars of the probable cost of maintaining a small Mission colony, and the cost per man or per family of so many:

A man with a family of six could be supported by one gun, fishing-