

ing from the sea, but as the shores of Victoria are neared the lighthouse shows red. This harbor is a commodious one, the anchorage ground of blue clay is a good one for holding, and averages a depth of from six to eight fathoms. It is expected that as the harbor is so easy of approach that docks will be erected, and Esquimalt become the headquarters of the Pacific squadron. The Province of British Columbia was admitted into the Dominion confederation in the year 1870, and, being comparatively out of debt, special terms had to be offered to induce her to come in, amongst which were the stipulations that Canada should be liable for all the debts of the province at the time, and was to receive by half-yearly payments in advance, interest at the rate of five per cent. on the difference per capita of debt between her and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; also that the Dominion Government grant, an annual subsidy of \$35,000, and an annual grant equal to eighty cents per head of the population, then estimated at 60,000 (payable half yearly *in advance*), until that population reaches the number of 400,000; also to provide mail service fortnightly to San Francisco, and semi-weekly to Olympia, and also defray the salary of the Lieutenant Governor, \$9,000. Administration of justice average \$45,616, the revenue being \$517,261.57, cost of collection \$21,055.70; customs and revenue, postal and telegraphic service, lighthouses, quarantine and hospitals, geological survey and penitentiary, besides pensioning off old officials, building a graving dock, to cost \$500,000 at Esquimalt, and guaranteeing interest at 5 per cent. per annum on the work—the total Dominion subsidy approximating \$225,029.09, whilst the total revenue considered necessary amounts to 603,543.00. To allow British Columbia