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# VICTORIA THE BEAUTIFUI

profusion about a month later. Bonnie Brae is also coming to the front as a strawberry growing centre, and has some fine orchards.

But one thing that must be always emphasized is the importance of careful and attractive packing. Honest packing need not be insisted upon; Victoria had never a name for the other kind. Properly graded and packed this district can supply some of the best fruit to be found in Canada and in neither of these important respects has it fallen short of late years. The local stores give evidence of this; no more attractive display could be seen than the average collection of fruit that might almost be labelled "made in Victoria."

be raised in British Columbia for many years to come. The population of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba is growing faster than the orchards that supply them. In addition, the old time settlers of the western prairie are steadily improving in financial conditions, they have more money to spend than in early days. The 250,000 people in the new provinces must depend on this paradise of the West for products of the orchard, and can utilize much more than can at present be supplied. Orchards do not come to fruition in a comparatively slow process.

Wm. Redwood, of the Western Daily Press, Bristol, in a letter in his paper thus describes his visit to Victoria:

Many writers have grown, enthusiastic over Victoria, which has been described as the "Empress City of the Golden West," "The Evergreen City of Canada," and "The finest residential city in America." It certainly siruck us as being the most English city we had seen since we left the British coast, and the description applied to it as "a bit of England on the shores of the Pacific" appeared to be a very apt one. It has a population of over 30,000, and occupies an ideal position at the extreme southern end of Vancouver Island, about 70 miles from the mainland of British Columbia. It is the first port entered by steamships from Australia, China, and the Orient, and forms the Pacific gateway to the great Dominion of Canada. Its position therefore is one of great importance, apart from its numerous attractions as a residential district and a tourist resort. Victoria is the capital of British Columbia, one of the provinces of the Dominion. To many it may seem strange that the Legislative Assembly of the province should be held on an island 70 miles from the mainland, but Victoria owes its premier position to the fact that it is the oldest port in Western Canada, and was an important city before Vancouver—how the largest city in the province came into existence. The Canadian Pacific Rallway Company provide a fine service of steamers between the mainland and the island, and are erecting a magnificent hotel, in a good situation, near the parliament buildings. The latter; which meets the harbor, is a handsome and imposing structure, and in addition to the various legislative departments, there is a provincial museum, containing a most interesting collection of British Columbia fossils, Indian curios, and specimens of natural history. It is claimed that Victoria has the largest stores west of Winnipeg, and the stocks carried are largely of English-made goods brought around the Horn in the steamers plying between

ing between Liverpool, China and Japan, and the North Pacific Coast.
Copper and gold mining are carried on in several parts of the island. There are several mining camps on the west coast, and important smelting works have been erected for handling the ores. The lumber industry flourishes on the island, and is likely to do so because of its almost illimitable resources; dairying can be as profitchly The confidence of the confiden

