

most picturesque scenery, and the lakes, streams and woods abound in sport for the angler or shot. The explorer may ramble without dread of wild beasts, nor is he annoyed by mosquitoes, those pests of most new countries.

The Indians can be, and are, with a little management, used as labourers at comparatively low wages—that they are ingenious may be seen by their works on exhibition. As the colony is at present too poor to pay the passages of labourers from home (a thing it would gladly do if able), the natives will occupy their place in a measure. Other sources of probably great profits not yet examined, the collection of turpentine which exudes freely from the Douglas pine—obtaining of salt from numerous strongly impregnated saline springs. Hops grow luxuriantly, but they are not cultivated, all those consumed are imported from California. Manufacture of iodine from unlimited quantities of kelp on the coast. The manufacture of hemp from the abundant hemp nettle, its quality is superior to Russian. There is no tannery, the leather is all imported and the hides exported—as is also the wool, for there is no loom although the consumption of blankets is enormous.

Cost of reaching Victoria by steam from Southampton or Liverpool, 45*l.*, 75*l.* and 100*l.*—length of passage, 45 days. By sailing vessel, 26 guineas; length of passage, about 150 days.

Columbian Emigration Society, for assisting the emigration of industrious women—apply, by letter, to the Rev. John Garrett, or to W. C. Sargeant, Esq., 54, Charing Cross.

The best route is *via* New York and San Francisco, because there is no detention on Panama—cost £45 to £110.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Superficial area about 200,000 square miles, 500 miles long and 400 miles wide (that of England and Wales is 58,320 square miles).

Johnstone Strait, separating on the south west this colony from Vancouver, resembles a fine river studded with islands which are covered with trees.

Interior—extremely mountainous, but there are hundreds of thousands of acres suitable for agriculture and grazing—vast forests—numerous lakes, rapid streams and swamps.