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VANCOUVER'S ISLAND—continued.

6. *Price of Land*—continued.

The Colonial Office imposed most impolitic restrictions upon the Company in regard to the price of land to settlers, *Right Hon. E. Ellice* 5851.

7. *Want of a Survey of the Island*:

Circumstance of the interior of the country not having been explored or surveyed, *Hon. C. W. W. Fitzwilliam* 2253-2255. 2276-2282. 2360, 2361—There should be a proper survey of the island, *ib.* 2277.

8. *Spirit Licences*:

Statement as to the licence to sell spirits costing 120 *l.* in each case, *Cooper* 3672-3678. 3690, 3691—After the licence is taken out there is no material restriction save as regards the Indians, *ib.* 3679-3687—Licences are only required in the case of spirits, *ib.* 3688, 3689—There are four houses paying for licences, *ib.* 3859, 3860.

9. *Expenditure on Public Works*:

Expenditure of the Colonial Fund, that is, the money derived from licences and from land, in making roads, &c., *Cooper* 3861-3870. 4018, 4019—Exception taken to the expenditure of 1,000 *l.* on a bridge across Victoria Harbour, *ib.* 4020-4037.

10. *Religious Instruction*:

There is but one Protestant clergyman, the colonial chaplain, and no attempts are made, save by Roman-catholic priests, to christianise or educate the Indians, *Cooper* 3768-3793. 4001-4013—There are some schools for Europeans and two Protestant schoolmasters, *ib.* 3788, 3789. 3794. 4002-4004.

11. *Particulars relative to the Native Population; their Treatment by the Company, &c.*

Particulars relative to the Indians on the coast of the island; their character, means of subsistence, &c., *Hon. C. W. W. Fitzwilliam* 2265-2269. 2283-2293. 2314-2318—There are from 8,000 to 10,000 natives, *Cooper* 3591—Probability of the Indians becoming troublesome and rebellious, though hitherto peace has been kept, *ib.* 3592-3597. 3636. 3658—Instances of Indians having been apprehended through the instrumentality of the Queen's ships of war, and punished for their offences, *ib.* 3596-3598. 3645-3658—Injudicious conduct of the Government, inasmuch as Indians who have committed offences are frequently not punished, and are even bribed with blankets, &c., in order to prevent any breach of the peace, *ib.* 3633-3644. 3658-3660—Danger of the colonists from the treachery of the Indians, *ib.* 3662.

Employment of Indians on the coal-mines and farms, *Cooper* 3761-3763—Payment of the Indians in trade goods, they not generally understanding the value of money, *ib.* 3764-3767—Further evidence as to the mode of payment of the Indians and Company's servants; complaints hereon, *ib.* 3975-3985.

The natives subsist chiefly by fishing, and are a very degraded race, *Blanshard* 5117-5120. 5251-5260—They were very kindly treated by the Company when witness was there, *ib.* 5198. 5234, 5235. 5244—Instance of murder by some Indians; how dealt with, *ib.* 5199, 5200. 5231-5233—As in the United States, so in Vancouver's Island, the red man would soon disappear before the march of civilisation, *ib.* 5239-5243.

12. *Suitableness generally of the Island for Colonisation and Settlement*:

Vancouver's Island would be more attractive to settlers than any other portion of the Company's territory, *Ross* 70, 71—Witness has not visited Vancouver's Island, but understands that it is only the southern end that is favourable for settlement, *Sir G. Simpson* 730-732. 760-763. 2077-2085—Fine timber in the island, for which there is an excellent market at San Francisco, *Kernaghan* 2208-2210.

Character of the country; the soil is generally productive, though in places rocky, and the fir timber is magnificent, *Hon. C. W. W. Fitzwilliam* 2249. 2256. 2379, 2380—Excellent harbours at Esquimaux and other places, *ib.* 2257, 2258. 2277. 2299. 2338, 2339. 2372, 2373—Productive land in the Cowichan valley, *ib.* 2268—The island is the most valuable British possession in the Pacific, *ib.* 2277—Size of the island, *ib.* 2294—Character of the navigation from Victoria to Nanaimo, *ib.* 2311-2313—Wheat, oats, barley, and potatoes, are easily raised in the island, *ib.* 2376-2381.

The land is partially wooded and partially open with prairie, and is capable of cultivation to a considerable extent, *Cooper* 3572. 3608, 3609. 3706-3719—With respect to the soil of the country, it is peculiarly well adapted to the production of corn and vegetables, *ib.* 3696-3719—Wheat produces from twenty-five to forty bushels per acre, *ib.* 3716-3719—There are several small streams in the island, and the valleys are very fertile, *ib.* 3818-3821—Rain falls as abundantly as in England, *ib.*—3822, 3823—Some