

others as much as 12 or 15 miles. They had also dairies and farms on Sauvies Island.

*Int. 7.*—State, if you can, the numbers and names of the different plains on this land, and their situation?

*Ans.*—Lying back of the fort there were several plains separated from each other by belts of timber—those known as the first; second and third plains had each been farmed; the fourth and camass plains were used for pasturage. There was a large extent of open ground back of the saw-mill, known as the mill plain, all of which was under cultivation. Adjoining the fort was the Fort plain; while some distance lower down the river were situated the lower plains, where a good deal of land had been under cultivation.

*Int. 8.*—State what you know, if anything, as to the nature and extent of farming operations, and the stock kept by the Company?

*Ans.*—At this distance of time I could not speak definitely as to these matters, but I know that farming operations were carried on very extensively, upwards of 100 laborers having been generally employed. The number of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs was also great, and much land was required as a range.

*Int. 9.*—Besides the grist mill and saw mill and agricultural operations, what other branch of business was carried on at Fort Vancouver, or near there?

*Ans.*—There were extensive salmon fisheries opposite the mouth of the Willamette, and from the Cascades to the mouth of the Columbia; the one nearest Vancouver being on what we considered as the Hudson's Bay Company's land within six miles of the fort, and nearly opposite the upper mouth of the Willamette. The yield of fish varied during the different seasons, but on an average I think the Company must have cured about 2000 barrels a year for the use of their employés and for exportation.

*Int. 10.*—State, Mr. Lowe, after you left the Company's employ in 1850, what business you entered into and where you resided?

*Ans.*—I first went to Oregon City, and commenced business as a commission merchant, and remained in business in Oregon until 1860, after which I came to Victoria, and entered into business as a merchant.

*Int. 11.*—Are you acquainted with the value of lands, mill sites, and other property in Oregon, and that section of country?