



CITY OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B. C.

of the late Rear-Admiral Hills, born at Egthorne, Kent, England, in 1816, and educated at the University of Durham. He was ordained deacon in 1839, and subsequently priest, and after holding several curacies, was appointed Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral. He was consecrated Bishop of Columbia in Westminster Abbey in 1859.

On the western coast of British Columbia, to the south, lies the beautiful island of Vancouver, the climate of which Dr. Forbes declares to be unsurpassed by any with which he is acquainted. It is about three hundred miles in length, with an average breadth of sixty miles, and contains an area of about 20,000 square miles. This island, with the smaller islands which naturally belong to it, forms the present diocese of Columbia, the mainland now being under the care of the Bishop of Caledonia in the North, and of the Bishop of New Westminster in the South. But when Bishop Hills arrived in Victoria, the capital, (in Vancouver Island), the whole colony, with its mountains and vast forests, its miners and Indians, was under his sole charge. He is spoken of as having been a hard-working clergyman in England, an eloquent speaker, and as one who possessed much power in attracting people to himself, and on taking charge of the vast wilderness called his diocese, as large as France and England put together, he threw himself heart and soul into the peculiar work demanded of him. In every sense of the word he has been a missionary bishop. His mode of travelling from post to post was chiefly by canoe coasting, or sometimes by the Hudson Bay steamer which ran at intervals. Great were the hindrances that he met with from the elements above, the sparse accommodation, the uncouth and unknown jargon of the Indians called the Chinook, which, through an interpreter, formed the only means by which he could make known the message which was ever ready to break from his lips, yet he persevered, though the progress was necessarily slow and unsatisfactory. The labors of missionaries were hard, and often heroic. The typical missionary,