

sideration of the industrious surplus population of Great Britain, I offer these remarkable facts in the hope that they may induce them to better their condition by settling on the beautiful and promising Island of Queen Charlotte, which, under the elevating influences of Christianity and civilisation, would eventually become one of the brightest and most precious jewels in the British Crown.

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LIFE ON A MINING CREEK.*

AUGUST 11th.—An express came over to-day from Antler Creek, with letters and papers for the magistrate. The Government profess to have established a regular mail service this season between the lower country and Cariboo: that is to say, they have given an express man several thousand dollars to convey letters from New Westminster to Antler Creek, at the rate of one dollar per letter! They forgot, however, to include William's Creek in the contract, and so the contractor charges half a dollar more for the sixteen miles between this and Antler—six shillings a letter, not including the extra colonial postage! Last year, one of our brethren had to pay ten shillings a letter for some which were carelessly sent up country to him contrary to his instructions.

I walked a mile or two down the creek this afternoon, notifying to miners the fact of there being Sunday services. Returning again to the "town," as I passed a drinking saloon, I was told that a man lay badly hurt in a back room. I asked if I could see him. He had been engaged in a drunken

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