

appear far more likely to cause a long-continued prevalence of the same rate of remuneration for physical labour.

The emigrant should carefully weigh these chances, and must use his judgment in concluding whether or not to adopt these colonies as his future home. His best time to arrive would evidently be during the spring months at Victoria, as then numbers leave it for British Columbia.

There are three routes by which to reach these colonies, and the prices of passage are as follows:—

Southampton to San Francisco, by steam, *via* Panama—

First Class	...	...	...	£65	0	0 and upwards.
Second Class	...	...	...	49	0	0
Third Class	...	...	...	35	0	0

Liverpool to San Francisco, by steam, *via* New York and Panama—

First Class	...	...	...	...	£59	0	0
Second Class	...	...	...	...	60	0	0
Third Class	...	...	...	...	39	0	0

London direct to Victoria, Vancouver's Island, direct, by sailing vessel—

First Class	...	...	...	...	£12	0	0
Second Class	...	...	...	...	36	15	0
Third Class	...	...	...	...	26	5	0

San Francisco to Victoria, by steam—

First Class	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
Second Class	...	...	...	...	5	0	0

San Francisco to Victoria, by coasting vessel, £2.

It is thus seen that the lowest fare from England to Victoria by steamship is £35; and as the casual expenses cannot be estimated safely at less than £10, the entire cost by this method would be £45, of which £3 might be saved by taking a sailing vessel at San Francisco. The length of this steam passage is about forty days, which may be considered its only advantage as the comfort and food of a third-class passenger are more than equalled by those of a sailing vessel.

Steamship travelling has a great drawback in its high price of freight, all baggage weighing more than 50 lbs. is charged at the rate of £30 per ton, with an additional 5*d.* per lb. for crossing the Isthmus. By taking a passage, therefore, in a sailing vessel, and no casual expenses being necessarily incurred, the passenger arrives in Victoria for about one-half the cost of a trip by steam, with equal, if not superior, comfort; but the time occupied is about 150 days instead of the forty by steamships.

In travelling by either method, it is a mistake to encumber oneself with much luggage; the emigrant will find in Victoria every kind of clothing, furniture, or other necessary, and it will prove more to his advantage to purchase as required at the extra price, than to