

and rations amount to little, and, if kindly treated and properly superintended, the results of their labour are profitable to the employer.

Game is abundant, consisting of elk, deer, bear, grouse, Game. partridge, wild fowl, crane, and pigeons.

CRANBERRY DISTRICT.

This district contains 15,500 acres, and is bounded on the Content. north by the Nanaimo district, and on the east by the Cedar Bounds. district, and to the north is within a quarter of a mile of the head of the Nanaimo Harbour, and through it flows nearly the whole navigable portion of the Nanaimo or Quamquamqua River.

A large portion of the north-west part is fitted only for North-west grazing purposes, as the soil is very shallow, and rests on part. the sandstone rock; many of the bottoms, however, are fertile, and produce rich vegetation.

The same applies to the south-west and westerly parts. South-west and westerly parts.

This district takes its name from the berry which is abundant in the swamps and around the lakes.

The north-easterly and easterly parts lying along the banks of the Nanaimo River are those best suited for farm- Origin of name. ing purposes. North-easterly and easterly parts.

The soil is sandy, but covered with the most luxuriant vegetation; fern, wild fruit bushes and trees, among which may be noted the crab apple and cherry, are everywhere found; Soil. the woods are for the most part open and free from brush and fallen timber, and present quite a tropical appearance.

The principal timber is the cedar, pine, maple, and poplar, Timber. all of which grow to a gigantic size; the pines rising to the height of 100 feet, without a branch, and having many distinct and separate tops; the branches of the cedars grow to the very ground. Some of these trees measured 27 feet in circumference, and are all perfectly sound; the maple and poplar trees are very tall and straight, and average 10 feet in circumference.

The banks are low and accessible to boats and canoes; Nanaimo and for a distance of 60 yards on either side there are indi- or Quamquamqua cations of floods; the banks occasionally rise to a height of River. 25 feet above the level of the river.

The river is navigable for about nine miles for flat- Naviga- bottomed boats and canoes, of a light draught of water, with bility. perfect safety; the current is rapid and always descending, the tide running in but a short distance, even at springs, which, however, always back up, and consequently increase