

even find fresh grass for themselves from day to day." At page 181, they arrive at Fort Nisqually, on the evening of the fourth day from Fort Vancouver, and there, it is stated, "The Sound yields plenty of fish, such as salmon, rock cod, halibut, flounders, etc.;" and at page 182 Sir George writes, "The neighbouring country, comprising the southern end of Vancouver's Island, is well adapted for cultivation; for in addition to a tolerable soil and a moderate climate, it possesses excellent harbours and abundance of timber. It will doubtless become, in time, the most valuable section of the whole coast above California."

Sir George Simpson, says, (Vol. I. page 47) that in 1841, with a company of forty persons, and many cart loads of stores and heavy goods, he travelled from Montreal to Red River in thirty-eight days, being about two thousand miles. The fact is, that the extraordinary number of rivers, navigable like the Ottawa, with boats, for hundreds of miles at a stretch, notwithstanding that in places the rapids and waterfalls render portages necessary, are adapted most materially to facilitate transport and traffic, and render possible such speed as above. But there is a material difference in the mode of transit now, through the different States, from what there was in 1841. Railroads have, and are making giant strides through the Continent of America: within about twelve months from this time a railway will be completed to Fond du Lac, the extreme north-west point of Lake Superior, which is in a direct line from New York and Montreal to Red River settlement; and about one hundred and fifty miles more of railway through the State of Minnesota, (which is sure to be opened in the course of a few years), will connect Red River settlement by rail with the whole of the Atlantic sea board.

But, independent of railways, it is not meant to say, that emigrants could command all the resources that Sir George Simpson had at his disposal, but only that where nature has done so much, it is impossible to believe, but that plenty of colonizable land is to be had with less than the average difficulty of access in the Far West of America. However, it is