

British Columbia. The history of the Company and its operations in maintaining communication with all parts of the British Columbian coast is an interesting one and so intimately connected with the progress of the Province that an article on the subject is now being prepared and will appear in an early issue of the "Monthly." The fleet of steamers is at present composed of the following: *Islander*, *Premier*, *Yosemite*, *Princess Louise*, *Danube*, *R. P. Rithet*, *Wm. Irving*, *Maude* and *Transfer*. The two first named are constructed of steel, the *Islander* being built in Glasgow and the *Premier* at the Union Iron Works San Francisco while the others are staunch wooden steamers. The *Islander* is a splendid steamer handsomely fitted up with all the modern conveniences for passengers and is a general favorite with the travelling public. During the past few summers she made a number of trips to Alaska and on that route became the most popular steamer running. Each trip she had a full passenger list and on nearly every occasion the people travelling on her voluntarily published hearty testimonials of the good treatment they received while on board. It is to be regretted therefore that the action of the American Government has prevented the *Islander* from making her usual excursions to Alaska during the present season. The steamer will however make one trip there this summer leaving Victoria on the 26th of this month and a large party of tourists will undoubtedly avail themselves of the opportunity. In connection with this it is to be hoped that steps will be taken to permit the *Islander* to make her regular summer excursions to Alaska, and that international limitations will be stretched a point to permit of this.

The *Islander* frequently runs between Victoria and Vancouver in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway but recently the *Premier* which is also a magnificent passenger steamer has taken the route and is becoming almost as great a favorite as the *Islander*.

By reference to the time cards in the General Guide it will be seen that the C. P. N. Co's Steamers run regularly to New Westminster and way ports to Barclay sound and all northern points and that a service is also maintained on the Fraser River. In this way the Company are very materially assisting in the development and progress of British Columbia.

The officers of the C. P. N. Co's boats are noted for their courtesy and attention to passengers and to people paying a visit to the province for the purpose of recreation or health as well as to business men and general travellers this is of no small importance.

THE B. C. AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

Before the next number of the *Monthly* is published, the Exhibition of the British Columbia Agricultural Association for 1893 will have been held in Victoria. This year the exhibition takes place a month earlier than usual, which in some respects is an advantage. The exhibits of cereals and roots may not be up to the mark owing to the earliness of the show, but in every other respect the display will probably be above the average. The business men and citizens generally of Victoria, are taking more than their usual interest in the exhibition, and an almost universal desire exists to make it a grand success. As the weather in August is generally fine, there is reason to expect a large attendance of visitors from all parts of the Province and consequently there is every confidence on the part of the Management that the Exhibition of 1893 will be financially successful.

Victoria can boast of having the finest Exhibition building and grounds on the Pacific Coast north of Portland, and each year the fair week in the city is looked forward to as one of the chief events of the Season.

This year especially, the display is to be made more attractive than ever, and nothing is to be left undone to make it the best exhibition ever held by the British Columbia Agricultural Association.