



One of the
Bastions
of the
Old Fort.

house in which smaller bargains are concluded, tools and agricultural implements, beads, shawls, blankets and all the multifarious products of Sheffield, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds are offered for sale."

In 1852 Victoria was laid out in streets, then bounded on the west by the harbour, on the east by the present Government Street, on the south by the old fort and on the north by Johnson Street. Beyond these boundaries were fields, all under cultivation. Outside the fort there were but twelve houses within the city limits.

As It Was in the Fifties.

In 1853 some two hundred additional colonists arrived and at the close of that year it is estimated that there were in Victoria and the vicinity three hundred whites.

In 1861 the population had grown to 3,500 whites, English and Americans predominating. During the next two following years considerable progress was made, as early in 1863 the population is reported at 6,000. The buildings numbered 1,500, including substantial warehouses, stores, commodious hotels, a "theatre, a hospital, five churches and five banking-houses."

Population 40 Years Ago.

The sudden growth was the result of the discovery of gold on the Fraser River in 1858. Victoria was the first and last



James Bay
Victoria
Harbour.