

Vancouver Island—previously it had been accepted as a portion of the Mainland. Although visited by many traders and adventurers in search of furs in the years following, it was not till 1842 that a permanent settlement was made at Camosun, or Fort Rupert, (the present City of Victoria) by the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1849 the Island was created a crown colony, which was granted representative government in 1856. Two years later Vancouver Island formed a union with New Caledonia, (the present British Columbia Mainland), and the two were welded by royal proclamation into the crown colony of British Columbia, which became a province of the Canadian Confederation in 1871. In the early days of her history as a crown colony Vancouver Island as a self-supporting community, presenting the unique instance of an isolated apanage of



*"Broken by falls and rapids"*