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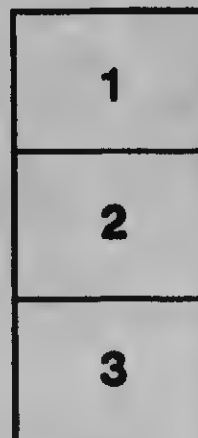
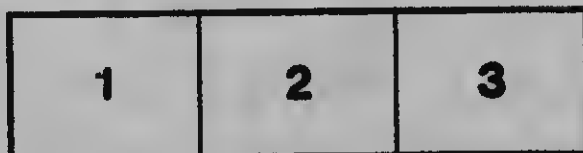
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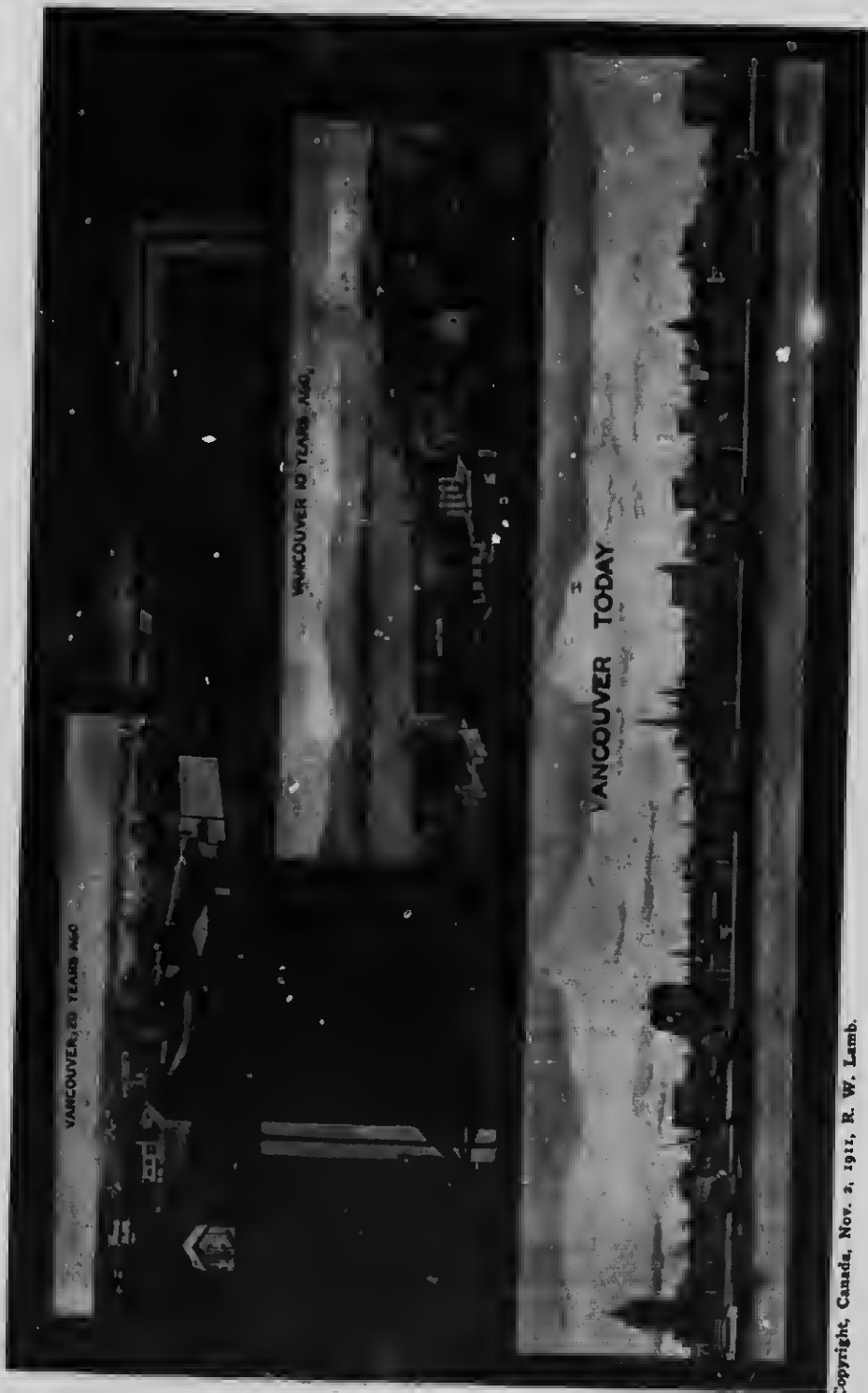
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# BRITISH COLUMBIA

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TIMES TO THE PRESENT

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## A PROPHECY

"I do believe that the day will come, and that many now present will live to see it, when, a portion at least of the lands on the other side of the Rocky Mountains being also brought into colonization and guarded by free institutions, one direct line of railway communication will unite the Pacific to the Atlantic."  
—Edward, Lord Lytton, July 8, 1858.

## AUTHOR'S FOREWORD



**T**HAS BEEN a trite saying that the history of British Columbia has yet to be written. While there are a number of histories of this Province in existence, they are in every case partial and incomplete. Many phases of the subject have never yet been even touched upon. Much new material has, in the past few years, been brought to light; so that the time has now arrived when a comprehensive history can be prepared.

The authors have in their possession a large number of very rare pamphlets and scarce volumes, some of which are in Spanish and Italian, that have hitherto escaped attention. They have had access to extensive collections of original letters and diaries—the real sources of history—which throw a new light upon the past. All these will be laid under contribution.

Already the people of this country have begun to realize the necessity for the preservation of this fascinating story. Only a few of the brave men who were among the first actors in the drama of this western wilderness are now with us. The records and journals left by those who have gone before are disappearing one by one. The destruction, within the past six months, of the valuable collection of material gathered together by the Pioneer Society in Victoria and the Native Sons strongly accents the necessity for multiplying these



FIRST SPANISH CHART OF STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA, 1790  
From original manuscript in Provincial Archives.



EARLY VIEW OF MANAIMO, SHOWING OLD BLOCK-HOUSE.

records so that they will be preserved. In this way they will also be more accessible to the public. Many of these first-hand sources of information now are gone forever.

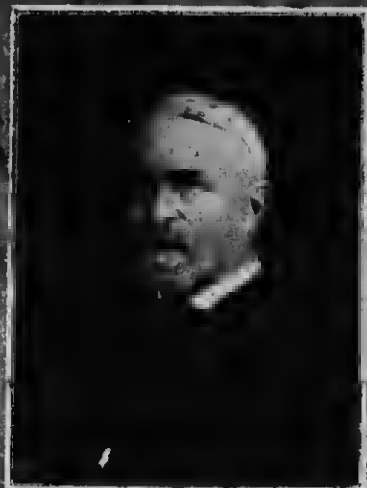
Merely to state the facts of history is not difficult for one possessed of the information; but to give a correct impression of the conditions existing in the early days, to give what is called the "local colour," necessitates personal contact with original sources. The authors have for many years made it a point at every opportunity to interview the pioneers, many of whom are now gone, and they have received at first hand the stories of the lives of those who took part in the stirring events of pioneer days.

And this, after all, is but another proof that history, properly so called and properly written, must find its basis in the biographies of the actors in the scene. In the beginning our Province lay so far removed from its natural sources of supply that none but the more daring and intrepid had courage to face the difficulties of a journey of thousands of miles from home and civilization into an unknown wilderness, there to lay the foundations of a great empire on the Pacific slope. And this statement holds good even to the present time; for it requires to-day the same energy, ability and disregard of personal comfort to pioneer the unknown, uninhabited and almost inaccessible portions of the Province that characterized the brave men and women who originally came here.

There is no page of history more replete with varied incident than that which contains the stories of the pioneers of this country—not alone those who came with the gold rushes, but those who, in later years, developed the almost unknown interior of the Province, who laid the foundations of the industries of the interior and built up the great cities of the coast.

"It is a tale half told and hardly understood  
A tale it is of lands of gold  
That lay toward the sun."

The whole story—most romantic and interesting—from prehistoric times to the present day will be given in this work. The apocryphal voyages of Sir Francis Drake, the story of Juan de Fuca, the progress of Russian and Spanish discoveries, the coming of Captain Cook, the maritime fur trade, including details of the work of Captains Gray and Kendrick, the overland advance, the Nootka, Oregon and San Juan boundary disputes, the explorations of Vancouver, the journeys of Fraser, Thompson and other fur traders, the Astoria venture, the *regime* of the Hudson's Bay Company, the origin of the Colony of



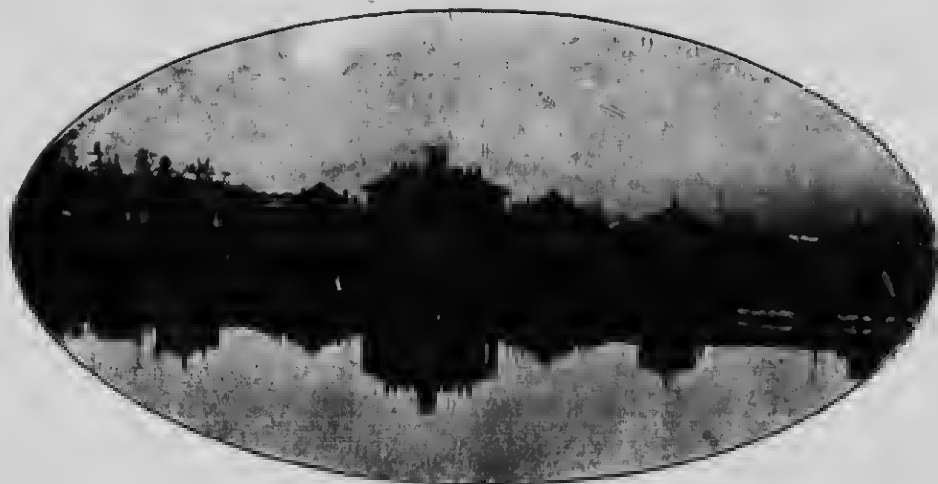
No. 1.—HIS EXCELLENCY RICHARD BLANSHARD—First Governor of Vancouver Island.  
No. 2.—HIS EXCELLENCY ARTHUR E. KENNEDY—Governor Vancouver Island, 1864-1868.  
No. 3.—HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ANTHONY MUSGRAVE—Governor of British Columbia, 1865-1871.  
No. 4.—SIR JAMES DOUGLAS, K. C. M. G.—Governor of Vancouver Island 1851-1884 and of the  
Mainland, 1858-1884.

Vancouver Island, Cariboo and the great gold excitement, the Indian troubles, the formation of the Colony of British Columbia and the life of Governor Douglas, the union of the two colonies, confederation and railway difficulties, the growth and development of the Province, and the later political history will be fully dealt with.

To make the history complete and worthy of a place in every student's library, it is intended to include as an appendix the principal Acts, Treaties, Agreements, Charters and Conveyances which are connected with the subject. At present these valuable documents are practically inaccessible to the general reader. This collection will add greatly to the value of the work and will render it indispensable to anyone who wishes to be familiar with the story.

#### THE HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS

Among the historical works of the Province, the proposed history will be the first to be profusely illustrated with engravings of the pioneers and their institutions. Instead of the common stock illustrations, it will contain a great many historical pictures which have never before been reproduced, as well as a representative collection of views of present-day interest. The plans as at present outlined involve the expenditure of a large amount on this novel feature of the work, which will make it unique among Provincial histories. The illustrations will represent the most advanced development of the photo-engraver's art. Those shown in this prospectus are but a sample of the large number of engravings which will depict every stage of British Columbia's growth—religious, educational and commercial,—its founders and builders and its institutions.



OLD GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA.  
Familiarly called "The Bird Cages."



ENGLISH BAY BEACH, VANCOUVER.

## SOME OF THE CHAPTER HEADINGS

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The following outline, which is far from complete, is intended to show only in a general way the ground to be covered. The limits of this space will not permit of a complete table of contents, nor is it practical to attempt to name in advance every topic which will receive attention. It is to be expected that as the work of research and writing progresses, additional topics will be suggested and modifications will be made in the division and arrangement of the chapters. Suffice it to say that all of the subjects here mentioned, and many others, will be treated in the proposed history.

### The Approach

Fusang and the Buddhist explorer, Hœi-Shin, A. D. 499. Search for the North-west Passage—DeFuca, DeFonte, Maldonado. From the East: The Russian expedition, Bering's three voyages, Tchirikoff. The advance northwest from Mexico—its reasons: Juan Perez, Heceta, Bodega, Maurelle. Extracts from the diaries of Crespi and Peña.

### The Discovery

Cook's last voyage, 1778, resulted in founding the maritime fur trade. Hanna, Lowrie, Guise, Portlock, Dixon, Colnett and Duncan. The advent of Meares. Captains Gray and Kendrick and the American vessels, *Columbia* and *Washington*. Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. The later Spanish voyages: Quimper, Haro, Elisa, Galiano and Valdez. The coming and mysterious disappearance of LaPerouse.

### Result of the Fur Trade

The Nootka difficulty. Spain's claim. The seizure of Meares's vessels. The Spanish armament. The Nootka convention. Spanish settlements on the coast.

### Vancouver and His Work

His survey of the coast. His unsuccessful controversy with Quadra. Vancouver's return and the Convention of Madrid. The repossession of Nootka.

### The Hudson's Bay Company and the North-West Company

Their respective origins and their rivalry. The voyage of Alexander Mackenzie.

### The North-West Company Takes Possession

The exploits of McLeod, Fraser, Stuart, Harmon and Thompson, and the first trading posts on the Fraser and Columbia. Recently discovered information on the work of Thompson.



### **Other Trading Ventures**

The Astoria venture, the outgrowth of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804-06. Its forts along the lower Columbia. Its trials and difficulties lead to its absorption by the North-West Company. The foundation of Kamloops.

### **Experiences and Adventures of the Fur Traders**

Loss of the Boston. Captivity of Jewett. Tonquin disaster. Sketch of maritime fur traders.

### **Union of the Hudson's Bay Company and the North-West Company**

Causes leading to it. Massacre of Seven Oaks. License of exclusive trade. Life of Dr. John McLoughlin. Governor Simpson, his life, work and travels.

### **Beginning of the Oregon Dispute**

Treaty of 1818 and 1827, with diplomatic and international discussions. Warre and Vavasour's secret mission—facts now published for the first time. Great immigration, 1840-1843. Last days of McLoughlin.

### **Extension of the Hudson's Bay Company's Operations**

Forts McLoughlin, Simpson, Taku, Alexandria and Langley. The Llama, the Beaver, the Cadboro, Fort Yale, Fort Hope, with sketch of Peter Skene Ogden and other fur traders.

### **Beginnings of Vancouver Island**

Removal of the Hudson's Bay Company's headquarters. Selection and foundation of Victoria. Discovery of coal. Formation of Colony of Vancouver Island. Richard Blanshard, the first Governor. His provisional council. The germ of Esquimalt Naval Station. Coal mines at Nanaimo.

### **Representative Government on Vancouver Island**

First Legislative Assembly, 1856-1860. First supply bill. Sketches of early legislators. Parliamentary investigation into conduct of the Hudson's Bay Company.

### **Gold**

Discovery in Queen Charlotte Islands, 1852; on mainland, 1856. Great rush, 1858. Indian war of 1858.

### **Formation of Colony of British Columbia**

Selection of its name by Queen Victoria. Inaugural formalities. First Governor, Douglas. Coming of the Royal Engineers. Ned McGowan w.r. Judge Begbie.

### **Governor Douglas, 1854-1864**

His constructive policies. Road construction: Lillooet and Cariboo roads. Fiscal policy. Land and mining regulations. Gold escort. Sketch of his legislation.

### **Advance into the Interior**

Discovery of gold in Quesnelle River. Gold-bearing creeks of Cariboo. Second great rush, 1862. Overland parties. Big Bend excitement.

### **Vancouver Island, 1858-1863**

Its social life. Effects of gold excitement. MacDonald's bank. Legislature of 1860. Free trade.

### **Legislative Council**

Its formation, members, work. Agitation for separate Governors. Seymour, Governor of mainland; an estimate of him. Chilcotin war.

### **The Boundary Line and San Juan**

The international commission. The survey. The disputes of the commissioners. Cutler's historic pig. General Harney lands on San Juan. Preparation for war. Visit of General Winfield Scott. Temporary arrangement for joint occupancy.

### **Vancouver Island as a Separate Colony**

Arthur Kennedy, Governor; an appreciation of him. His troubles with the Legislative Assembly. Decrease in production of gold. Temporary decline. Agitation for union of the two colonies, 1866.

### **United Colony of British Columbia**

Governor Seymour, 1866-1869. Governor Kennedy retires. Removal of capital to Victoria. Agitation for confederation. Yale Convention, its genesis, work, results.

### **Confederation**

Death of Governor Seymour. Governor Musgrave ordered to bring about confederation. The proposed terms. Their discussion in the Legislative Council. Terms finally adopted.

### **First Ministries**

McCreight administration, 1871-1872; its defeat and reason therefor. DeCosmos government. Texada scandal. Duel representation.

### **Railway Difficulties**

Early surveys, Palliser and Hector, 1859-60. Moberley's explorations. Work of other survey parties. Dissatisfaction at non-commencement. Walkem's mission to England. The Carnarvon terms. Secession talk. Lord Dufferin's visit. The Elliott government.

### **Walkem Government, 1878-1882**

The railway question again. Secession resolution, 1878. Government dock scandal. Settlement of railway difficulty.

### **Completion of C. P. R.**

Beaven government, 1882-1883. Defeated but retains office. Want of confidence resolution. Smithe government. The last spike in the C. P. R. Its extension to Vancouver. Squatter's claims and adjustment.

### **Continuation of Smithe Government**

A. E. B. Davie government. Robson Government; his life, character and work. Redistribution bills. The Theodore Davie government. New Parliament buildings. Davie appointed Chief Justice. Turner government; its dismissal by Governor McInnis. Financial difficulties.

### **Development of the Kootenay Mining Region**

The LeRoi mines and Rossland. The Hall mines and the Nelson. Atlin excitement. The bountary country. Grand Forks and Granby. Coal mining. Growth and development of fishing and lumber industries. The Crows Nest Pass Railway and coal fields.

### **The Semlin-Cotton-Martin Government**

Its inherent weakness. Mr. Martin's resignation demanded. His dismissal. The dismissal of the Semlin-Cotton-Martin government by Governor McInnis. Martin forms government; shortest lived in our history. Martin government defeated at the polls. The Dunsmuir government. Governor McInnis himself dismissed. Hon. Richard McBride, Minister of Mines. His resignation and his reasons. The Prior government. Chimney Creek scandal results in dismissal of Prior government. Settlement of Alaskan boundary dispute.

### **Hon. Richard McBride Becomes Premier**

Retained power by majority of one. Grand Trunk Pacific agreement. Kaien Island investigation. Change effected in finances. Era of surpluses commences. Canadian Northern Railway agreement and Hon. Mr. McBride's railway policy. Conservation of public domain. Better terms.

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While such a work as is here proposed will, necessarily, contain, for completeness and for reference, a certain amount of material of an informational kind, the history proper will be a brilliant and fascinating narrative that all will read as they read a novel—with unabated interest.

Dates and statistics constitute the dry bones of history. It will be the ambition of the authors so to clothe this skeleton of a distant past that it shall, as far as possible, exhibit to those who live and work here one hundred years hence, not only the life of those working here fifty years ago, but also the rushing life of those working here to-day.

The authors promise to treat every city, town and locality with equal justice and impartiality. Distant and sparsely populated parts

of the Province will not be overlooked to give undue consideration to the larger cities and commercial centers; but every element of historical interest and pioneer settlement will receive due consideration. And, as far as the limits of the work will permit, those who have laboured for the upbuilding of the Pacific Province and the uplift of society will receive that recognition which their unselfish labours deserve.

With the hope that this work will receive the consideration and encouragement its importance deserves this is respectfully submitted.

*F. H. Stoney*  
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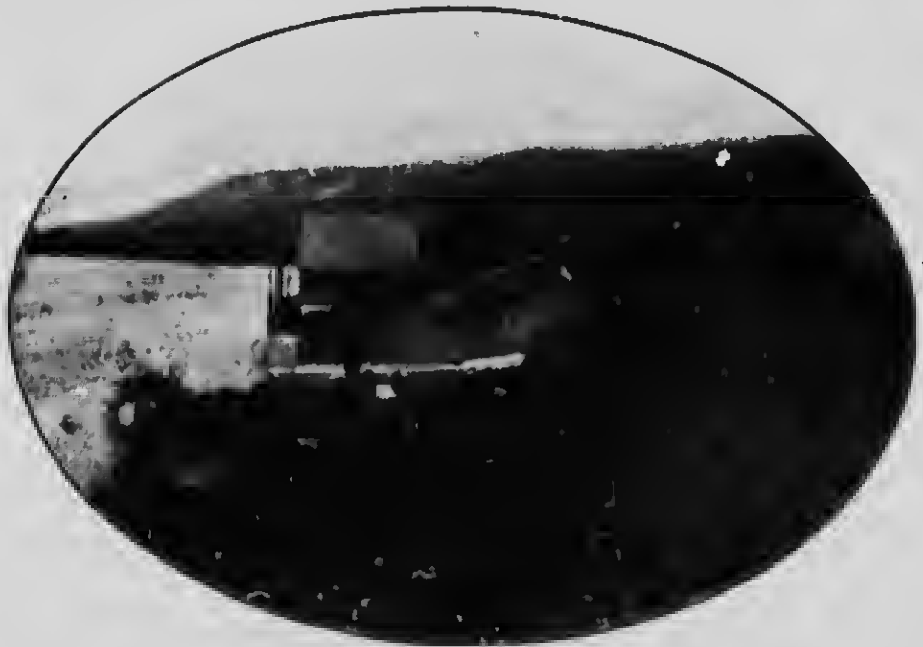
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The people of British Columbia are to be congratulated that the work of writing the proposed history has been undertaken by the two persons best fitted to do it—Mr. E. O. S. Scholfield, the Provincial Librarian and Archivist, and His Honour Justice Howay. This work will be the fruition of years of research and special preparation. On all sides both men are acknowledged to hold the highest rank as authorities on local history, and the work which they are to write will be, without doubt, the last word on the subject.

There are some topics that cannot consistently be treated at length in the narrative form of the History as outlined in the preceding pages. These will be covered in separate chapters, and the publishers take pleasure in announcing the following writers and their special topics: Dr. Robt. E. McKechnie, the Medical Profession; William Burnas, B. A., Principal of the Provincial Normal School, Education; James Cooper Keith, one of the early bankers of the Province, Banks and Banking. The names of these writers is sufficient assurance that the special chapters will be on the same high plane as the rest of the work.

Should the citizens of this Province give us sufficient encouragement to complete such a work as is here contemplated, it will be published within a reasonable time. The number of copies issued will be limited to the number of orders taken in advance of publication, and orders taken are not subject to countermand. The history will be in three royal octavo volumes, printed on fine book paper and handsomely and substantially bound in English buckram.



**KAMLOOPS**—Showing Grade of C. P. R.



**GRANVILLE STREET**—Looking north from Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver.



**TOP PICTURE**—Earliest view of Government Street, Victoria, showing old Bastion of Hudson's Bay Company's Fort.  
**MIDDLE PICTURE**—Haida Indians in Canoe—From contemporary drawing, dated 1793.  
**BOTTOM PICTURE**—Interior view of Fort Victoria.

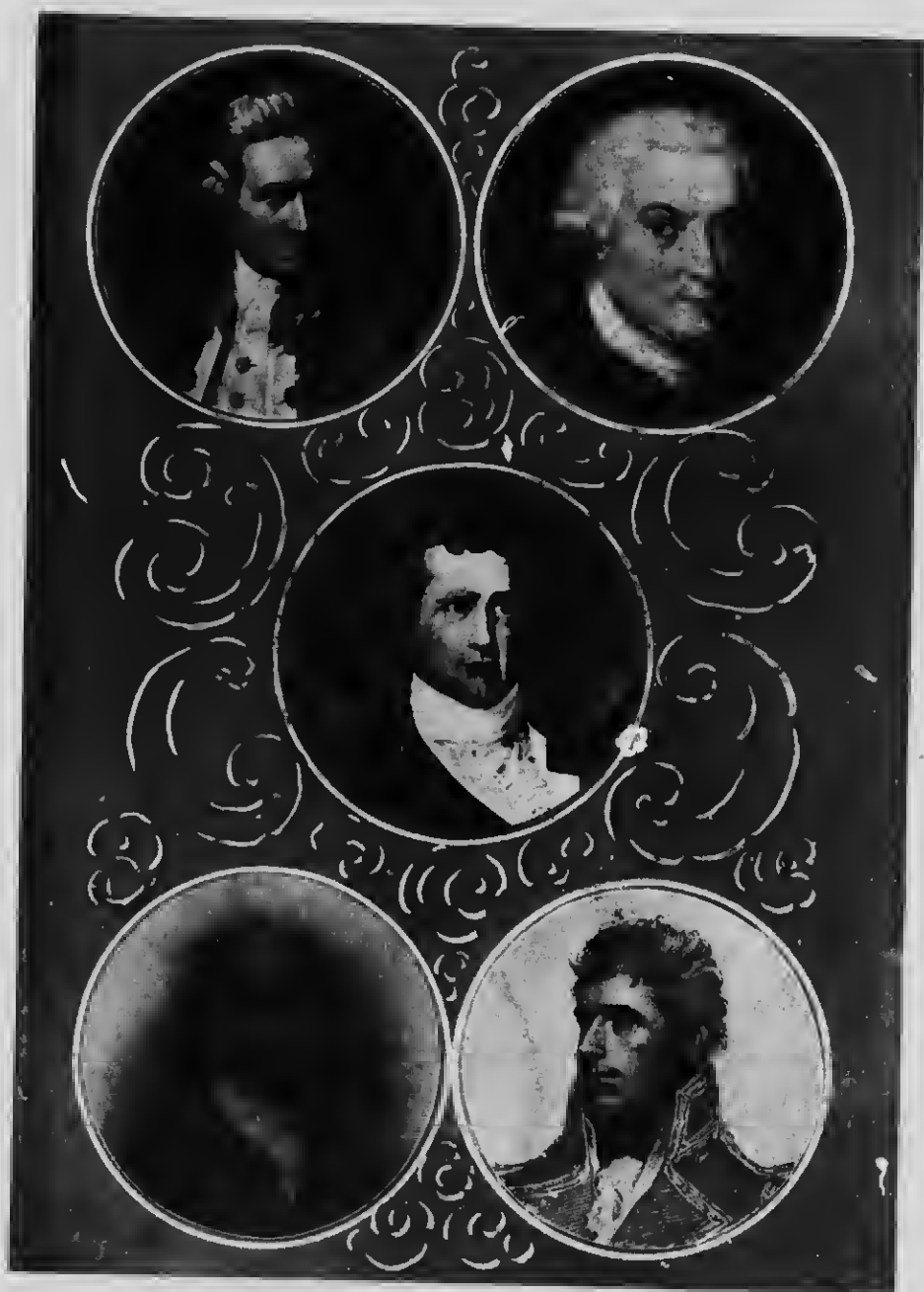




NORTH VANCOUVER FROM FERRY WHARF.



HASTINGS STREET, VANCOUVER—Looking west from Richards Street.



- No. 1.—CAPT. JAMES COOK, R. N.—Famous Circumnavigator. Discovered Nootka Sound, 1778.  
No. 2.—CAPT. GEORGE VANCOUVER, R. N.  
No. 3.—SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE—First white men to reach shore of the Pacific overland.  
Arrived July, 1793.  
No. 4.—DAVID DOUGLAS—Noted Botanist. Douglas Pine was named in his honor.  
No. 5.—SIR HARRY BARRARD NEALE, R. N.—Barrard Inlet was named after him.



VIEW OF VANCOUVER HARBOR AND SHIPPING.



EARLY VIEW OF COLUMBIA STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER.



VIEW OF VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL—Meeting after the fire, 13th June, 1886.



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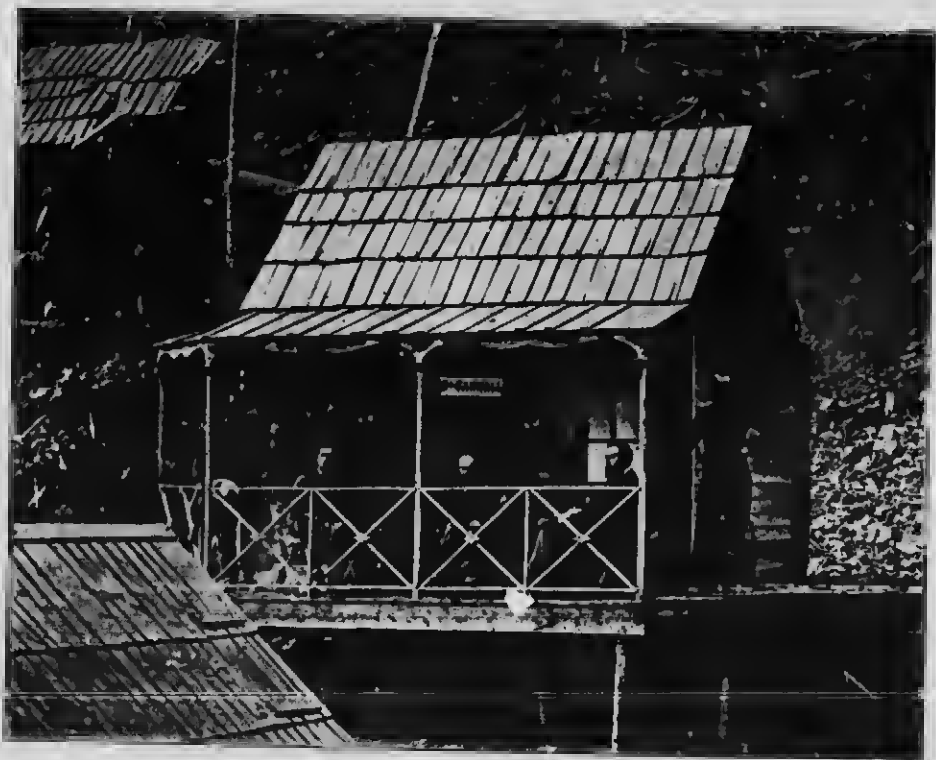


MEARES' LONG BOAT ENTERING THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA—From an old engraving.



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JUDGE NEEDHAM AND PARTY AT DR. CARRALL'S CARIBOO OFFICE—Settlement of "Grouse Creek War."



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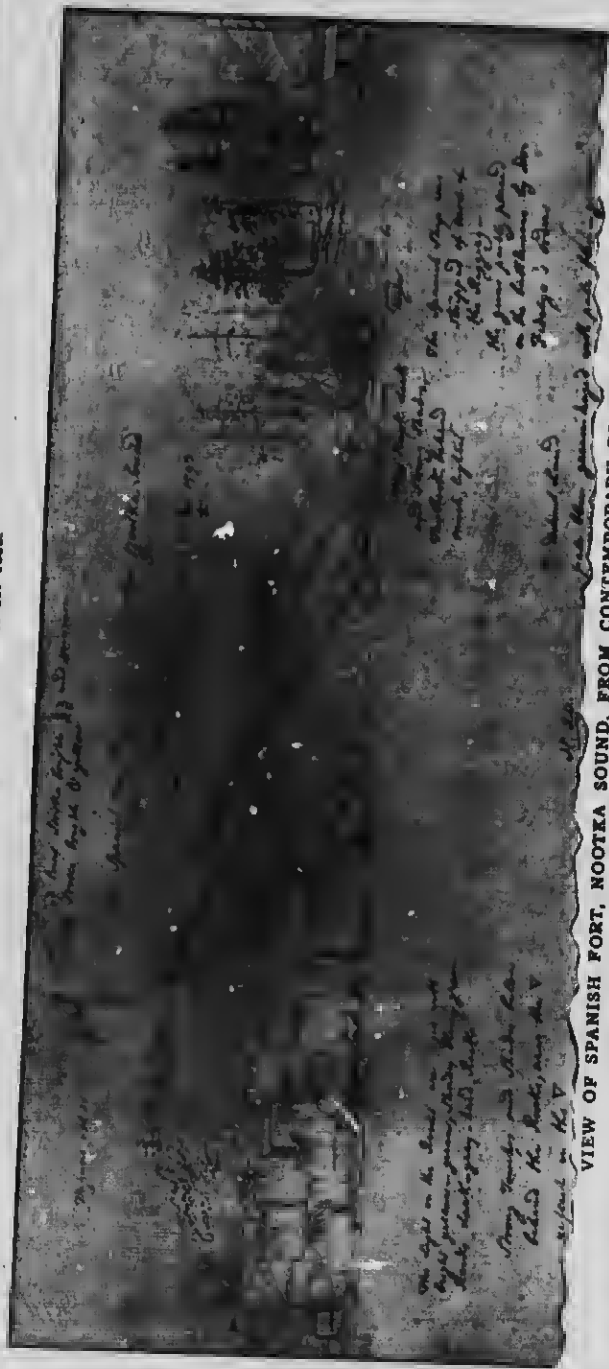


BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF VICTORIA IN 1878.





VIEW OF VICTORIA IN 1860.



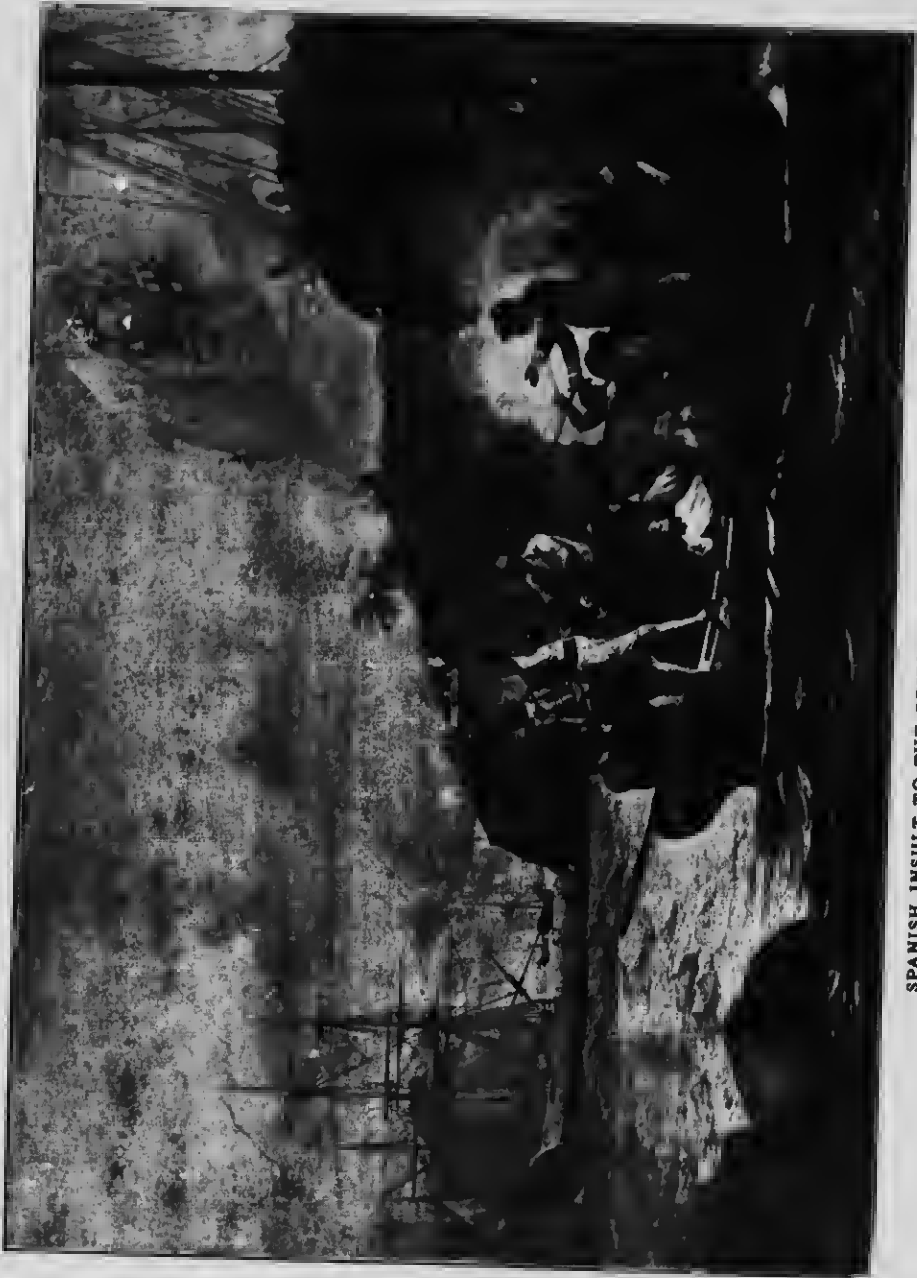
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EARLY VIEW OF GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA—Looking south from "Brown Jug Corner."



**SPANISH INSULT TO THE BRITISH FLAG AT NOOTKA SOUND. 1789.**  
Seizure of Captain Colnett of the British Ship Argonaut, by Don Esteban Martínez, Spanish Commandant.



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 No. 3.—**HON. RODERICK FINLAYSON**—Chief Factor of Hudson's Bay Company, with Sir James Douglas built Fort Victoria.  
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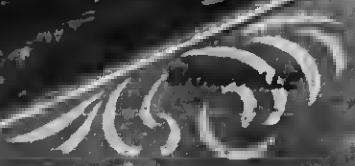
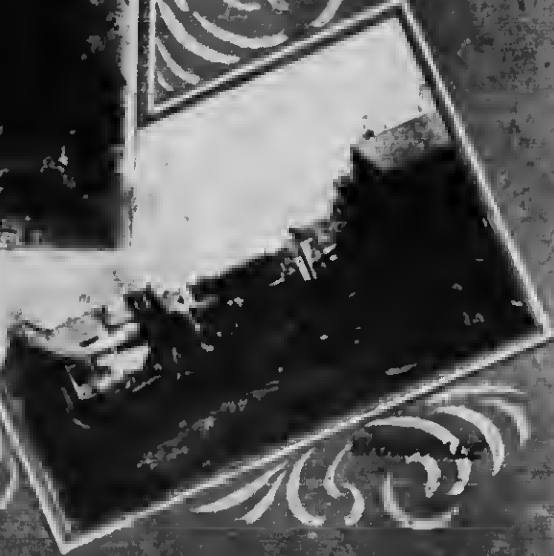
VIEW OF NATURAL GALLERY ON GALIANO ISLAND—From an old Spanish drawing, made about 1793.



GRANVILLE  
BURFORD INLET  
1885  
NOW VANCOUVER



CLEARING BEGINS  
FOR SITE OF NEW  
1888  
VANCOUVER





CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE COMING OF AGE OF THE DAUGHTER OF THE  
FAMOUS NOOTKA CHIEF, MAGUINNA, ABOUT 1792.—From an old Spanish engraving.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NEW WESTMINSTER



BARKERVILLE, WILLIAMS CREEK, CARIBOO, BEFORE THE FIRE.





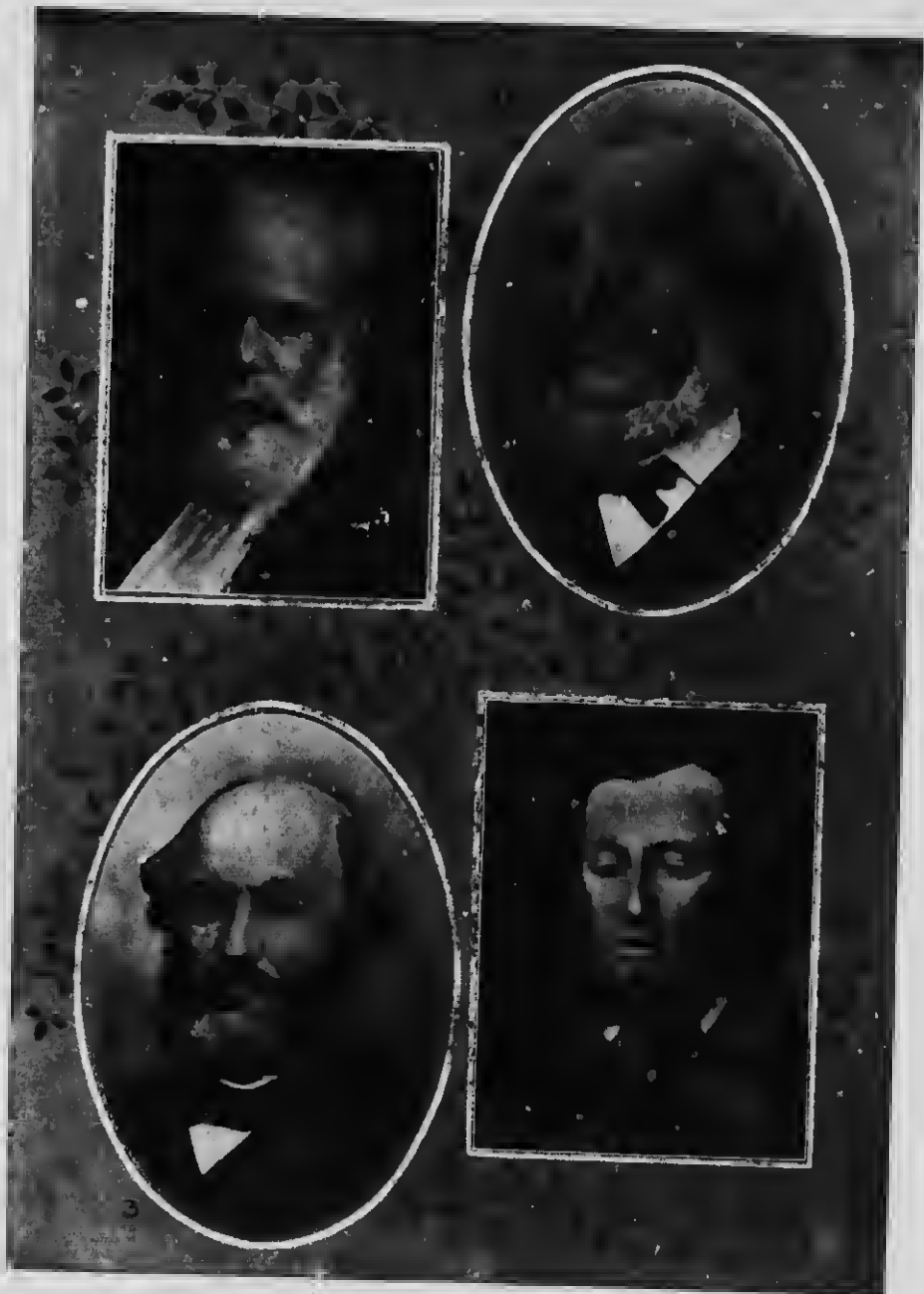
**BRITISH CAMP ON SAN JUAN ISLAND DURING PERIOD OF DUAL OCCUPATION—**  
The United States maintained a post at the other end of the island.



SCENE ON OLD CARIBOO ROAD.



EARLY VIEW OF YALE, THE GATEWAY TO CARIBOO, ON FRASER RIVER.



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No. 2.—THE HON. MR. CHIEF JUSTICE DAVID CAMERON—First Chief Justice, Vancouver Island,  
1853-1863.  
No. 3.—THE HON. MR. CHIEF JUSTICE NEEDHAM—1865-1870.  
No. 4.—THE HON. GEORGE H. CAREY—First Attorney-General.



FALLS AT INDIAN RIVER POST—Head of North Arm, Burrard Inlet.

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