

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

The city of New Westminster (sometimes called the Royal City owing to having received its name direct from the Queen) stands proudly on the right or north bank of Fraser river, immediately above the junction of the north arm and fifteen miles in a north-easterly direction from the entrance proper. The site was chosen by Col-

appear to have been thoroughly in alliance, for a more beautiful, convenient and commanding situation for a large city could not well have been desired. Occupying a gentle acclivity, having a southerly aspect, it commands a really magnificent view. The noble Fraser rolls seaward in sullen silence at its feet. To the southwest lies, spread out like a panorama between it and the gulf of Georgia, an archipelago of

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ST. ANN'S ACADEMY AT NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

onel (now General) Moody under special instructions from the Imperial Government, as the capital of British Columbia, at that date (1859) a separate colony of the crown. In selecting the site General Moody was, we are told, largely influenced by military considerations. Nature and the General would

beautiful islands of amazing fertility, while far away to the south rise the snow-capped peaks of the Olympian range, glittering in the sun. Looking northward and eastward, the hoary heads of the Cascade range stand out against the blue sky like giant sentinels, conspicuous amongst them the two beau-

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In natural advantages it is no less favored. Fraser river takes its rise far up in the Rocky Mountains, some six hundred miles from the coast, and as it pursues its laughing and frolicsome way