

days going up, and one day coming down, for which each passenger is taxed \$10.00 for the round trip. The Hudson Bay Company also dispatch a steamer twice a week to New Westminster, and there connect with Capt. Irving's line for Yale. The scenery en route is all that the most exacting lover of nature could ask for, a kaleidoscopic panorama of sea, river, islands, mountains and snow peaks.

Across the Gulf of Georgia, and up the Fraser river, we pass Colonel Adair's, Laidlaw & Co.'s, and several other salmon canning establishments, past the "Royal City," and the settlements and villages of Maple Ridge, Langley, Chillawhack and Hope. The latter place, located fifteen miles below Yale, is destined, at some day in the near future, to become quite an impor-



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THE CAPABILITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It certainly is a source of aggravation to the intelligent British Columbian to hear, as we have often in our travels in that favored land, the country maligned by a class who never study its resources or capabilities, but simply form unfavorable opinions of the entire Province whilst lazily lounging on some street corner. Hardly one of these chronic growlers have ever been outside of the city they reside in; have, perhaps, never examined a reliable work on the province, and wouldn't know the map of the country if they saw it, unless the name was printed on it in very large type. We have before us a reliable map of British Columbia, official surveys and statistics, and as figures won't lie, we can state, without fear of contradiction from any reliable source, that more than one-half of this vast extent of country, nearly 800 miles in length by 400 in width, is good arable land; is well watered; contains an abundance of good timber; affords excellent opening for extensive cattle ranges and sheep walks, and is, in every way, a desirable country and capable of supporting a large population of good farmers. Many of the fertile tracts are, as yet, remote from market, but not more so than the now valuable farms in the Palouse country, W. T., were six years ago. The Canadian Pacific Railroad from Emory eastward is being pushed forward with all the energy characteristic of Mr. A. Onderdonk, the gentleman in charge of the work. The very first work on the road began May 15, 1880, and some



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MASONIC TEMPLE, VICTORIA.

tant city, from the fact that five miles back from it Silver Peak is located. This section requires but the attention of prospectors and plucky capitalists to give it the popularity of Nevada in its palmiest days. A silver belt runs right through the district, a ledge of it having been traced for miles even across Lake Harrison. We have it from reliable authority that several tons of this ore shipped to San Francisco, sold in the rough at \$400 per ton.

The agricultural capabilities of this district are immense, and as a cattle and sheep range, it is unsurpassed. Nutritious bunch grass abounds in the hills, whilst the cultivated lands will repay the husbandman's labor.

Ammen's Cough Syrup never fails to cure if used in time.

Comox is a prosperous farming section some 50 miles above Nanaimo. It is estimated to contain 300,000 acres of arable lands. Extensive coal fields exist here and elsewhere in the vicinity.

Everybody who has tried Ammen's Cough Syrup continues its use; besides, they tell their neighbors of it. We were in a drug store the other day and a customer asked for a bottle of Ammen's Cough Syrup, saying: "I do not know anything about it myself, but my neighbor advised me to buy it for my cold, and tells me that the use of three bottles has entirely cured his cough of two years' standing, in fact, he says, 'It is the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds and lung complaints,' and that a one-dollar bottle did him more good than all the prescriptions he had from the doctors."

extensive tunneling and grading has been, since then, accomplished. The road is in running order from Emory to Yale. As it pushes into the interior it will connect thousands of acres of rolling bunch-grass country, with the navigable waters, and land which now can be had as a free homestead or for \$2.50 per acre will be held at \$25 per acre in less than ten years from now.

Wheat, barley, oats, rye, Indian corn, potatoes, the different grasses, and all the fruits of the temperate climate flourish wherever intelligently cultivated in the Province. The three first named do splendidly even as far north as the 55th degree of latitude. Last season wheat ripened as far north as Glenora, on the Stikkeen river. The winters, with remarkably few exceptions, are mild, open and always short. The summers are delightful, the thermometer seldom going over 80 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade on the hottest days, and the nights are always refreshingly cool. Stock thrives well out doors without special care at all seasons.

In the delta of the Fraser dyking is being extensively carried on. At Sumas 70,000 acres have been reclaimed, and at Matsqui 25,000 acres. These reclaimed lands, with thorough cultivation, crop enormously.

On Boyd and Cillgour's ranch in the delta of the Fraser river, 13 acres were seeded in timothy 11 years ago. Since then the average annual crop from it has been three and a half tons to the acre, which sold at \$15 per ton, \$682.50 per annum, or