

# BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Population 92,767.

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, VICTORIA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA is bounded on the north by the parallel of 60° north, on the west by the Pacific Ocean and Alaska, on the south by the 49th parallel (the boundary of the United States), on the east by the Rocky Mountains and the meridian of 120° west. It is the largest of all the Canadian Provinces, having an area of 390,344 square miles. It includes a number of islands, the largest being Vancouver, which contains the capital of the Province, has an area of about 14,000 square miles, and produces the finest coal on the Pacific Coast. Over 800,000 tons are exported annually to the United States, and the quantity is steadily increasing. The Province is about 700 miles long and 500 wide. The Fraser River, its principal stream, is 800 miles long, and 600 yards wide at its mouth; its valley containing much the greater part of the arable land. Its surface is largely mountainous and densely wooded, producing trees of enormous size. Lumbering is one of the principal industries, but as the land becomes cleared the soil is found very fertile and a considerable area is well adapted for agriculture of all kinds. The fruit growing industry is expected to become important. The climate is temperate and healthy, and is particularly suited for stock raising. Gold has been found in large quantities, and mining it is one of the chief industries. Upwards of \$15,000,000 of this metal have been exported during the last 15 years. Copper, and iron ore are widely distributed, and many other minerals are found. The fisheries are also very valuable, their produce in 1886 having been reckoned at \$1,884,318. Fur bearing animals are very numerous. The principal town on the mainland is Vancouver, the terminus of the Pacific Canadian Railway. Newspapers are published in 8 Districts.

## COMOX DISTRICT, (-). Pop. —

News .....Ind .....Union ..... 400

## EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, (S.E.) Pop. \*2,000

Era.....Local Golden..... 500

## NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT, (S.) Pop. 42,226

Low; soil generally a rich black loam; particularly adapted to fruit raising. Apples, pears and grapes are prolific; wild berries grow profusely, and are the staple food of the coast Indians. Potatoes, turnips, cabbages, etc., do well. Has large area of woodland, and extensive lumbering interests, the trees being of immense size. The salmon fisheries of the Fraser are extensive and highly productive. Saw and grist mills and distilleries. CAPITAL, New Westminster, pop. 6,641.

Progress .....Ind .....Chilliwack ..... 1400  
 Surrey Times .....Local { Cloverdale .....  
 { (Clover Valley P. O.)  
 Columbian (evg.).....Ind.....New Westminster 1650  
 Columbian .....Ind ..... " ..... 11,300  
 British Columbia Budget.Lib .....Vancouver.....  
 News-Advertiser (morn.)..Ind ..... " ..... 1,600  
 News-Advertiser .....Ind ..... " ..... 2,100  
 World (evg.).....Ind.Lib ..... " ..... \*4,200  
 World .....Ind.Lib ..... " ..... \*7,500

## OKANAGAN DISTRICT (-). Pop. —

Advance .....Fairview .....

## VANCOUVER DISTRICT, (S.W.) Pop. 18,229

Vancouver Island section low and rolling near coast with fertile soil; back country mountainous; mainland section low. Coal of superior quality produced abundantly at Nanaimo, iron ore abundant, Freestone quarries. Lumber interests important. Has an important commerce in coal with United States ports. CAPITAL, —

Free Press (evg.).....Ind .....Nanaimo..... 1600  
 Free Press (s-wkly).....Ind ..... " ..... 1700  
 Enterprise .....Cons.....Wellington..... 1672

## VICTORIA DISTRICT, (S.) Pop. 18,538

South end of Vancouver Island surface low near coast; mountainous back. Has some grain, vegetable, fruit, and stock raising interests, there being patches of fertile soil. Lumbering is the leading industry. Esquimault, near Victoria, has an excellent harbor, and is a British Admiralty station. Has a large dry dock. Commercial relations with San Francisco, Japan, China, and Australia. Fisheries important. Manufactures—Soap, iron castings, beer, spirits. DISTRICT and PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, Victoria, pop. 16,841.

British Columbia Com- }  
 mercial Journal..... } Com.....Victoria f.....  
 Colonist (morn.).....Cons..... " ..... 12,500  
 Colonist (s-wkly).....Cons..... " ..... 12,500  
 Province .....Lib ..... " ..... \*1,875  
 Times (evg.).....Lib ..... " ..... 2,200  
 Times (issued in two parts)Lib ..... " ..... 3 000

## WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, (S.E.) Pop. \*7,000

Mountainous and undulating; densely wooded with conifers of magnificent proportions, including the great Douglas pine. Lumbering not much developed. Large tracts of fertile low lands in the river bottoms, and excellent vegetable and fruit crops raised. Good grazing lands. COUNTY SEAT, Revelstoke, pop. \*500.

Prospector .....Local Kaslo .....  
 Miner .....Ind .....Nelson .....  
 Tribune ..... " ..... 1600  
 Ledge .....New Denver..... 1500  
 Kootenay Mail.....Ind .....Revelstoke f..... 480  
 Record .....Rossland .....

## YALE DISTRICT, (S.E.) Pop. \*10,000

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British Columbia Min- }  
 ing Journal..... } Ashcroft .....  
 Inland Sentinel .....Ind .....Kamloops..... \*955  
 Advance .....Lib .....Midway .....  
 News .....Ind .....Vernon ..... \*1,160

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. \* Sworn.  
 POPULATION: Census of 1891. \* Estimated. † County Seat.