BIG BEND GOLD MINES!

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The SAFEST, the SHORTEST and the CHEAPEST ROUTE to these Extraordinary PLACER MINES is by way of

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND!

Passengers going this way have not to cross the dangerous Columbia River Bar, and the distance is over ONE-THIRD [or 279 Miles] SHORTER by way of Victoria, than by way of Portland.

The Governments of Vancouver Island and British Columbia have subsidized the following powerful Steamers to carry Miners from San Francisco to Victoria and New Westminster direct:

The Hudson Bay Co.'s Steamer "Labouchere," Capt. Mouat;
The Cal. S. N. Co.'s Steamer Active, Capt. Thorn.

These, or other first-class Steamers, will run on this route regularly, and will connect at Victoria with swift River Steamers carrying passengers to Yale, a distance of 175 miles. From Yale to Savana Ferry, a distance of 133 miles, there is a splendid Government Wagon Road and Comfortable Way-side Houses every few miles; over this road travellers can easily walk, or they can ride in Barnard's Fast Four-horse Stages. From Savana Ferry the Hudson Bay Co.'s new and swift **STEAMER "MARTEN"** will run to Ogden City, upper end of Shuswap Lake, a distance of 111 miles. From Ogden City to the Columbia River, a distance of 34 miles, there is an excellent Government Pack Trail.

MINERS GOING TO THE RICH MINES OF

BRIDGE RIVER OR CARIBOO,

Can do so by the Government Wagon Road from Yale, over which it is easy to walk, or Travelers can ride in Fast Stages.

The Steamers running from San Francisco for the conveyance of passengers, by way of Victoria and the Fraser River, being under contract to the British Colonial Governments, the Rates of Fare charged are very low, and passengers are expeditiously, comfortably and cheaply conveyed from Victoria to the mines.

Miners going from San Francisco to the British Columbia Gold Mines will derive another great advantage by visiting the FREE PORT of VICTORIA. In Victoria Miners can supply themselves with every article they require, free of duty, and 25 to 50 per cent. cheaper than they can buy similar goods in California or Oregon.

Distance from Victoria, Vancouver Island, to Big Bend Mines, ... 473 Miles.
Distance from Astoria, via Portland, to Big Bend Mines, ... 752 Miles.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF DISTANCES, COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES.

FROM VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.		FROM ASTORIA, VIA PORTLAND.	
To New Westminster, by steamer	80 Miles.	To Portland	96 Miles.
Thence to Yale, by steamer	95 "	Thence to the Dalles	110 "
Thence to Savana's Ferry, by stages	133 "	Thence to Walla Walla	100 "
Thence to Head of Shuswap Lake, by steamer	111 "	Thence to Colville	210 "
Thence to Columbia River, at a point 30 miles above the supposed head of navigation, by Government trail	34 "	Thence to a point where the Trail from Shuswap Lake strikes the Columbia River	216 "
Thence to Gold Creek, by boats	20 "	Thence to Gold Creek	20 "
	473 Miles.		752 Miles

Showing that the distance to the Big Bend Mines is 279 Miles *less* by way of Victoria than by way of Portland.

The following Statistics, respecting the probable Time and Expense of Traveling from **VICTORIA** to **BIG BEND**, have been compiled by Mr. F. J. Barnard, the well-known British Columbian Express Agent and Stage Proprietor:

CLASS 1—BY STAGE OVER THE WAGON ROAD, AND INCLUDING MEALS AND BEDS THROUGH.

	Dist.	Time.	Rate.	Meals, &c
Victoria to Yale	175	24 hrs	$4	$5 00
Yale to Kamloops Lake	133	24 hrs	40	5 00
Over the Lakes	120	15 hrs	10	4 00
Head of Lake to Columbia River	35	18 hrs	—	9 00

Total number of hours traveling, 81.
Total cost, $73.

CLASS 2—ON FOOT FROM YALE TO LAKE KAMLOOPS, TAKING MEALS AND BEDS AT WAYSIDE HOUSES.

	Dist.	Time.	Rate.	Meals, &c
Victoria to Yale	175	24 hrs	$4	$6 00
Yale to Kamloops Lake	133	5 dys	—	20 00
Over Lake	120	1 day	10	4 00
Head of Lake to Columbia River	35	2 dys	—	9 00

Total time, 8 days.
Total cost, $53.

CLASS 3—MEN FURNISHING OWN FOOD ON STEAMERS, TRAVELING ON FOOT FROM YALE TO LAKE KAMLOOPS, AND BUYING THEIR OWN PROVISIONS ON THE WAY, OR PACKING IT WITH THEM.

	Dist.	Time.	Rate.	Meals.
Victoria to Yale	175	24 hrs	$4	$1 00
Yale to Kamloops Lake	133	5 dys	—	5 00
Over Lake	120	1 day	10	1 50
Head of Lake to Columbia River	35	2 dys	—	5 00

Total time, 8 days. Total cost, $26 50

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