

# CHILD EMIGRATION

## FAIRBRIDGE SCHOOL IN CANADA

### SITE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

The Child Emigration Society have acquired 1,000 acres of land on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, for a second Fairbridge Farm School on the model of that which has been successfully at work in Western Australia for over 20 years.

This purchase is the first result of the appeal for £100,000 which the Prince of Wales launched last June, with the aim of extending the society's activities from Western Australia to other parts of the Empire by establishing three new Fairbridge Farm Schools. The fund has now reached £60,000.

In his speech in June the Prince announced that the consent of the Canadian Government and of the Government of British Columbia had already been given for the starting of a school in that Province. The secretary of the Child Emigration Society, Mr. Gordon Green, said yesterday:—"The society have been fortunate in securing a beautiful property on Vancouver Island. The children will live with a very pleasant scene, and will have every opportunity there to apprentice themselves happily to life and work in Canada."

The principal of the new school will be Major M. F. Trew. He has been in British Columbia for the last two months, after spending a similar period at the farm colony in Western Australia, and will sail from Montreal to-morrow for England. In the spring the society will send out 56 children to Vancouver Island to form the nucleus of the new school. The number will be gradually increased until there are 300 children under the age of 14 in residence.

A State school will be erected on the estate, as in Western Australia, and the children will attend this school from their arrival at the age of between 10 and 11 till they are 14. They will remain at the Fairbridge Farm School for something like five years, leaving at the age of about 15½ to enter employment. Thus they will be thoroughly at home in their adopted country by the time they go out into the world; and from then till they are 21 the school's after-care system will be charged with their oversight.