

peninsula lose their force and their chill and come to us as moderate breezes to cool the heat of the summer sun. Vegetation flourishes throughout the year, and the greenest and most enjoyable season is that of so-called winter.

The commercial importance of Oakland is dependent upon the completion of her harbor improvements. The bulk of the grain and wool products of California will seek this port as the most natural and convenient point for shipment, and the productions of foreign countries for shipment over the Central Pacific Railroad will be landed at our wharves so soon as the work now in progress is completed. From July 1st to December 31st, 1875, thirty vessels were loaded with wheat for Europe at the Oakland Wharf. The amount reached 140,128,000 pounds or 70,064 tons. The receipts of coal were 73,463 tons. Lumber receipts aggregated over twenty million feet.

As a point for the establishment of large manufacturing industries this city presents many peculiar advantages, prominent among which are her unequalled railroad facilities, and the feasibility of procuring for all time an abundance of cheap fuel. The most extensive establishments now in operation in Oakland or its immediate vicinity are the Pacific Cordage Company, which supplies the market of San Francisco, and the California Watch Company, formerly known as the Cornell Watch Company, which has removed from San Francisco to Berkeley, a northern suburb. This Company will employ when in full operation, several hundred men. Turk's Manufactory of Preserved Fruit gives employment, during the packing season, to over one hundred and fifty persons. The Standard Soap Company have built a large building in the neighborhood of the water front at Berkeley, and will greatly enlarge their business.

The R. J. Kohler Reduction and Refining Works have been established at Damon's Landing, on the San Leandro Creek, at an outlay of about one hundred thousand dollars.