

PREFACE

FOR half a century New Westminster has honored childhood above all else on one day of the year, in the merry month of May, holding a picturesque and unique ceremony—the crowning of the May Queen. It has been considered fitting that, for this Jubilee Year, there be published, in modest form, a record of the May Queens and descriptions of features of interest in connection with this cherished institution of the Royal City.

The appreciation of the citizens of New Westminster in the public spirit, the faithfulness to English traditions and the strong love for homeland customs which the pioneers of this city ever demonstrated, is expressed today in the heartiness with which all enter into the annual May Day Celebration and unite to perpetuate this joyous festival when the boys and girls, for a day, are transported, as it were, to a fairy land, and with all the pomp and circumstance of a regal ceremony, see crowned their choice of the fairest, loveliest maiden of all. With the hope that this booklet will serve to intensify this appreciation, if that could be, by linking up the present with the past, and stirring fond memories of bygone happy days for those who were boys and girls of yesterday, and that it will awaken in the boys and girls of today as strong a desire to yearly commemorate this May Day with honor to the city of their birth or adoption, as a day "For the Children, By the Children and of the Children," it is sent forth as a souvenir of the Jubilee May Day of 1920.

J. H. WATSON, Chairman D. E. MacKENZIE, Secy-Treas.
VINCENT E. ANDREW, THOMAS WIEDEMAN,
Publicity Committee.