

OUR NEW COVER.

The new cover design for The Outlook appearing on this issue was drawn by Mr. H. C. Martindale, whose card appears on another page. It is intended to represent the outlook of British Columbia; and the more prominent industries of the province are sketched, beginning with gold washing and dredging in the foreground, and depicting smelters, saw mills and factories stretching away in the distance.

The design has been much admired for its artistic merit, and the exceedingly tasteful manner in which the subject has been treated.

S. P. C. A. Notes.

We have received the annual report of the Provincial Society and are glad to note that the Government recognized the importance of the work by rendering financial assistance, and the Premier by granting a free pass to the secretary over the railway and steamers of his company.

The president of the society in his address says "that the difficulties and lack of sympathy we have experienced are now things of the past, and as the public now fully understand the nature of the work, so will they the more readily give us the necessary means to enable us without delay to extend our work; and I predict a great and increasingly useful work being done this year upon which we have just entered."

The claims which this society has upon the public, must in the nature of the case, be widely different from those of any other charity, for the S. P. C. A. is obliged to state the case and take the part and if possible interpret the feelings of those who cannot speak for themselves.

A public sentiment has to be built up, and by literature and education the rising generation must have instilled into it the habit of being merciful and loving to dumb animals, for too often cruelty is practised by young people not naturally cruel, but from want of thought, and possibly owing to the bad example set them in their own homes and elsewhere.

To encourage pupils in the public schools in Victoria to write essays on "Kindness to Animals" prizes were offered and although the competitors were few the prizes awarded it is hoped will incite others to competition in the future. The object of this society to organize these competitions is to instruct the minds and educate the hearts of children in their duties towards animals.

It may be tolerably easy to teach the young, whose instincts are not blunted:

There are others who are more thoughtless than wilfully cruel that may be reasoned with.

There are again those who are selfish and cruel by nature; these have to be punished by the law, for nothing else avails.

A philanthropist speaking of Chicago thirty years ago says when he first went there to try and establish a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, he found old horses abandoned in cold weather and turned out on the prairie to starve; a cow run over by an engine in the south part of the city, and both her fore feet cut off, was permitted to lie in a public street twenty-four hours with nobody to care for her; rough men and boys looking at her, some laughing at her, and some poking her with sticks.

In the stock yards the water was shut off every Saturday night till Monday morning. During the long, intensely hot Sundays of summer while church bells were ringing, and the people of Chicago were gathering in the church, tens of thousands of animals were standing in those stock yards from Saturday night to Monday morning without one drop of water.

Shall we say: "That was thirty years ago!" That state of things couldn't exist now; but the cruelty does exist now in this province, only in another form, for.

Mr. F. B. Kitto speaking at that meeting says: It is a difficult problem to know how to deal with the great cruelty that is known to exist throughout the province amongst ranchers, dealers, packers, Indians and others in allowing cattle, horses and dogs to die of starvation and cold during the winter and fishing seasons.

It is well known that a great number of cattle perish during a severe winter starved to death, be-

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