

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM PORT SIMPSON

Closing Exercises at Public School Followed by Open Air Games—Destructive Bush Fires

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Port Simpson, B. C., June 25.—Port Simpson public school closed on the afternoon of Friday last and was one of the chief events of the season. The closing exercises at the school were held in the school room which was decorated with bunting, cedar wreaths, and floral arrangements.

The exercises were presided over by the Rev. Mr. Hartling, in the various branches of study and acquitted themselves with credit, while the programme of lessons was interspersed with well selected recitations and choruses, which were also well rendered by the pupils and much enjoyed by those present.

At the close of the exercises Rev. Mr. Grenfell presented the rolls of honor to the following pupils: Marsden L. Alexander, for proficiency; Bertram Flewinn, for department; and Margaret Brentzen for regularity and punctuality. Prizes were awarded to Sophia Brentzen for diligence, to Albert and Evelyn Richards for proficiency in their classes, and to Marsden L. Alexander for English and Canadian history.

The afternoon was spent in playing games in the open air, the older people joining with the little ones in their fun until the hour of refreshments. The shed had also been tastefully decorated, and the small tables together with the floral arrangements and pretty dresses worn by the children made a very pretty picture indeed, and the day was a complete success in every way.

Mrs. Hartling will leave by the steamer Amur to-morrow for her summer holidays in Victoria. Her many friends here wish her a happy vacation and hope to see her back in Simpson again this fall.

Miss McIntyre, who has for some time been a patient of the hospital here, will also be a passenger for Victoria on the Amur. She will remain away for three months in order to regain her health, until which time Miss Blanchard will relieve her at the Girls' Home.

The place is exceptionally quiet here just now. Last week the cannery tugs must have cleared out some thousand Indians, counting the Hydah and Simpson tribes. Most of the whites have gone for the summer, and the hospital nurses have gone to Fort Essington to open the summer hospital, while Nurse Burpee remains here to look after the patients.

The C. P. R. are giving us an excellent mail service now, and it is exactly what the port has wanted for a long time. The steamer Princess May is here to-morrow morning from the south and the Amur from the north about the same time. Who could wish for better? But then, seeing that Port Simpson is to be the terminus of the C. P. R. the steamship companies may well afford to begin and work up a patronage on the northern coast.

The weather is beautiful here and has been so for some weeks—no rain at all worth mentioning. Thunder was heard here all Friday afternoon, but was very far away. Reports from the Skeena say it was terrific down there.

Bush fires have been the cause of the alarm on the telegraph line. Late yesterday the weather in the Middle Dundas islands here has been on fire for two days, and great clouds of smoke are rolling up here from the horizon. The Indians say the fire on Annet's island appears to be in the direction of Port Chester.

NIVELLE FROM LIVERPOOL. Ship Reached Royal Roads Last Evening After Passage of 154 Days. The British ship Nivelle, Capt. McMillan, completed a long voyage from Liverpool to this port last evening. She came into the roads and anchoring there for the night was towed to the outer wharf this morning, where she will discharge upwards of 1,000 tons of her cargo. This is consigned to R. P. Rithet & Company, the firm being the ship's local agents. The balance of the cargo of which there will be about 2,500 tons, is destined principally for Vancouver.

The freight is a very large one for a sailing vessel. But the Nivelle is a large vessel, her tonnage being 2,292, and her carrying capacity proportionately great. In speaking of his voyage this morning Capt. McMillan is reported that he was a week on the voyage, a trip protracted more than is usual, perhaps, by unfavorable weather. A number of sailing vessels were sighted, one being the Antiozoga for Port Townsend. She was spoken about two weeks ago. The Nivelle brings a large quantity of cannery supplies.

CUSTOMS REVENUE. Ottawa, June 30.—The customs revenue of Canada for the year ending to-day is \$41,534,573, an increase of \$1,225,961 over the same time last year. The total customs revenue in 1896 was \$20,219,000, so that it has more than doubled since then.

The customs revenue for June was \$3,721,837, in increase of \$12,216 over June, 1904.

PROGRESS MADE AT JUBILEE HOSPITAL

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST YEAR

Annual Meeting of Subscribers Was Held Thursday Afternoon—Officers For Ensuing Twelve Months

Thursday afternoon the fifteenth annual meeting of subscribers and donors to the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital was held in the council chamber of the city hall. The president of the retiring board of directors, B. S. Day, occupied the chair, and among those present were Messrs. Dalby, Hall and Robertson, and Messrs. T. Shotbolt, James Forman, A. Wilson, F. B. Pemberton, Dr. Hasell, R. E. Brett, H. D. Helmecken, K. C., and Secretary Elworthy. After the usual routine a budget of reports was submitted.

The first of these was from the board of directors and was as follows: "Before presenting the fifteenth annual report of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, the directors desire to place on record their profound regret at the loss they have sustained by the decease, on the 14th March, of their colleague, the late Isadore Braverman. Mr. Braverman's appointment was made by the French Benevolent Society fifteen years ago, and while his health permitted, he was most regular in his attendance at the board meetings, as well as the meetings of the finance committee.

"The chief event of the past year has been the opening of the Strathcona wing. The ceremony took place on the occasion of the graduation of the hospital students under the auspices of Mrs. J. A. Douglas, to provide funds towards furnishing a room in the new wing in memory of the late Sir James Douglas, K. B., the Right Rev. Bishop Griggs offered the dedication prayer, after which the president narrated the history and purpose of the wing, and formally declared it open.

"The directors acknowledge with grateful thanks the kindness of the following friends who have furnished the rooms in this wing: Colfax Lodge, No. 1, Degree of Rebekah, I. O. O. F.; Daughters of Charity; King's Daughters of Vancouver Island; Organized Labor in Victoria; Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. J. A. Douglas; Mrs. Dunsmuir; Mrs. B. Dunsmuir; Mrs. H. Dallas Helmecken; Alexis Martin, Esq.; W. and Mrs. L. Peor Trench.

"A suitable tablet has been placed in each room to commemorate these acts of generosity. "A graduate nurse has been put in charge of the work in this wing, and the large number of patients treated therein has amply demonstrated its usefulness. "The extra number of patients has called for a considerable increase in the staff, and we wish to point out that while an extra number of pay patients has been treated, we have also had an unusual number of free patients in the wards, and despite civic and provincial aid, we have only just met our expenses. Nor is this to be wondered at, as the extra number of nurses and medical treatment at this hospital supplies, cannot be obtained for the same amount in the city or south.

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"Mrs. Wm. McDowall and Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. B. C. R., paid donations of \$100 and \$50, respectively, towards furnishings for the children's ward, to our honorary treasurer, Mr. James Dunsmuir, and supplied coal, as in former years, at a very low price, and the fuel bill is some hundreds of dollars less than it would have been but for this generosity. Particulars of other donations will be found in the printed accounts of the board.

"The Victoria Daily Times and Victoria Daily Colonist have assisted the directors in notices and gratitons copies of their papers have been delivered at the hospital for the use of the sick poor and nurses. Many of the directors' meetings have been held in the Victoria Board of Trade rooms, which are generously placed at our disposal without charge. Articles of every description have been received from numerous donors and acknowledged in the newspapers. Although intimations of votes of thanks have been sent by post, in each case, the directors cannot allow this opportunity to pass without gratefully expressing their grateful thanks and appreciation. The encouragement derived from this evidence of interest in the hospital from so many sources greatly stimulates the directors' efforts in behalf of the institution.

"The directors also thank the visiting medical and surgical staff, resident medical officer, matron and staff, who by their untiring good services, have done so much to promote the welfare of the patients and the efficiency of the hospital. "Attention is directed to the detailed information which will be found in the reports of the honorary treasurer, the audited accounts and reports of the resident medical officer, and matron, and steward, which are appended hereto."

Next was the appended abstract from the treasurer's statement: Receipts. Account current for year ending May 31st, 1905. Grant, bequests and donations, \$16,038 06 Patients' fees " " " " " " " " 20,221 65 Pay receipts " " " " " " " " 588 95 Savings Bank " " " " " " " " 1,500 00 Canadian Bank of Commerce " " " " " " " " 529 53 (overdraft) " " " " " " " " 529 53

Expenditures. Expenses as per statement, \$36,294 10 Strathcona furnishing " " " " " " " " 1,767 77 Savings Bank " " " " " " " " 21 21 Canadian Bank of Commerce, paid last year's overdraft " " " " " " " " 1,832 47

I have examined the above statement of receipts and expenditures with the books and vouchers of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital and I find the same to be correct. (Sgd.) W. CURTIS SIMPSON, Chartered Accountant, Victoria, B. C. June 19th, 1905.

The appended report was received from the resident medical officer, Dr. H. D. Helmecken, and his report for the year ending May 31st, 1905. The total number of patients treated during this year was 1,058, and in 1904 the number was 1,048, making an increase of 10 patients for last year. "The total collective days' stay was 21,307 days, as against 19,858 for last year, making an increase of 1,449 days' stay. The daily average number of patients shows an increase of 4.43; the figures for this year are 58.37, as against 54.94 for 1904.

"The cost of maintenance this year was \$30,224, as against last year it was \$33,043.77. The daily average cost per patient was \$17.10. "The increased expenditure this year includes the completion of the sewerage system, begun in 1904, the purchase of a hot water boiler, installed by the corporation, a new water closet in the cottage, the painting of the corridors and kitchen, the purchase and installation of a baking oven in the main kitchen, the building of new chicken houses, the purchase of an incubator and brooders, the refurnishing of many of the private rooms in the old building, the removal of the main drive, the purchasing of trees and laying out the grounds round the Strathcona wing, and the building of a new sanitary sewer. The buildings have been in good repair, and numerous alterations, repairs and improvements have been effected by the handy man.

"The increased days' stay is due partly to the increased accommodation afforded by the Strathcona block, and is also still due to the presence of a number of chronically diseased indigent patients who will be discharged, for whom I trust the city will make provision in the Infirmary ward of the Old Men's Home shortly to be erected, thereby relieving the hospital of their legitimate use and the care of curable cases. "The increased days' stay has necessitated an increase in the staff, which consists of one graduate nurse in charge of the Strathcona wing, one assistant male nurse, four probationers and one ward maid.

"The following are suggestions for needed improvements: The whole hospital, except the recent additions, requires re-roofing with some fireproof material; the floors in the public wards require to be relaid and the linoleum in the corridors should be replaced, as it is quite worn out. "A diet kitchen is also much required, especially since in the new additions built to the hospital the main kitchen is further away from the wards, and it is very difficult to serve the meals in the dining hall. This improvement is also very necessary as a means of extending the training of the nurses in cooking for the sick, and would also relieve the work in the main kitchen. "A new up-to-date X-ray apparatus is very much needed for diagnostic purposes. The apparatus so kindly donated six years ago by Mrs. H. Dallas Helmecken is in almost daily use, and is a valuable therapeutic agent, and many cures have been effected by it; but it is not powerful enough for diagnostic purposes and has become quite obsolete through lapse of time, though it is as good working order as when first installed.

"The Women's Auxiliary Society, the Daughters of Pity, and the King's Daughters have, as in former years, continued their good work, and have contributed largely to the success of the hospital by keeping up the supply of linen and cookery, by furnishing many other wise unattainable comforts. They have also observed, as in their custom, the festival of Easter and Christmas by special gifts and by their kind and regular visits to the hospital cheered both patients and staff. "The clergy of the city have held their usual services on Sunday afternoons. The concerts by friends of the hospital, after the services, have been continued throughout the year, to the great enjoyment of the patients. Warm thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who have given their services on these occasions, and especially to Mr. Longfield, who has presided every Sunday at the organ. "Thanks are due to the visiting medical staff for their gratuitous services to the patients in the public wards at all hours of the day and night, and to the directors, also for the kind attention shown to members of the staff when ill and for their painstaking lectures to the nurses in training. "To all these kind friends who individually or collectively have contributed trees, shrubs, plants and flowers for the beautifying of the grounds, I should like to express my hearty thanks. With the large amount of ground which surrounds the hospital there is always a call and a place for contributions of this kind. "I beg to express my sincere gratitude to the encouragement and counsel given to me by members of the board of directors, and by the visiting medical staff, the cordial and helpful cooperation of the matron, the devoted duty of the nurses, the faithful work of the employees, and the generous and helpful contributions of the ladies interested in hospital work. "I beg to enclose detailed lists of statistics for the year. "The matron's report was as follows: "I beg to submit the following report for the year ending May 1905. The staff consists of Miss Towland, who has charge of the operating room; Miss Macrae, in charge of the Strathcona ward; eight probationers, three probationers, and two male nurses, making a total of 25. "During the year 42 applications for admission to the training school have been received. Of 14 probationers admitted, 11 were accepted as pupil nurses. "The graduating class for the year—Miss Jennifer, Miss Melhuus, Miss Williams, Miss Richards and Miss Child. "Lectures have been delivered by the resident medical officer and the attending medical staff, besides the usual examinations of the department of medicine. "The Women's Auxiliary have been untiring in their work for the hospital, keeping up the supply of linen and china, attending to the sewing and helping in many other ways. "The Daughters of Pity and King's Daughters have also been ever ready to help, and have done much to make the hospital bright and cheerful for the patients. "We would also thank the many kind friends who have kept the wards supplied with books and magazines and flowers. "H. D. Helmecken moved the adoption of the reports. He thought all would acknowledge the progress made in the past year. All the directors deeply appreciated the assistance rendered them by the ladies' societies, and the Women's Auxiliary, and the King's Daughters and the Daughters of Pity.

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hospital by keeping up the supply of linen and cookery, by furnishing many other wise unattainable comforts. They have also observed, as in their custom, the festival of Easter and Christmas by special gifts and by their kind and regular visits to the hospital cheered both patients and staff. "The clergy of the city have held their usual services on Sunday afternoons. The concerts by friends of the hospital, after the services, have been continued throughout the year, to the great enjoyment of the patients. Warm thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who have given their services on these occasions, and especially to Mr. Longfield, who has presided every Sunday at the organ. "Thanks are due to the visiting medical staff for their gratuitous services to the patients in the public wards at all hours of the day and night, and to the directors, also for the kind attention shown to members of the staff when ill and for their painstaking lectures to the nurses in training. "To all these kind friends who individually or collectively have contributed trees, shrubs, plants and flowers for the beautifying of the grounds, I should like to express my hearty thanks. With the large amount of ground which surrounds the hospital there is always a call and a place for contributions of this kind. "I beg to express my sincere gratitude to the encouragement and counsel given to me by members of the board of directors, and by the visiting medical staff, the cordial and helpful cooperation of the matron, the devoted duty of the nurses, the faithful work of the employees, and the generous and helpful contributions of the ladies interested in hospital work. "I beg to enclose detailed lists of statistics for the year. "The matron's report was as follows: "I beg to submit the following report for the year ending May 1905. The staff consists of Miss Towland, who has charge of the operating room; Miss Macrae, in charge of the Strathcona ward; eight probationers, three probationers, and two male nurses, making a total of 25. "During the year 42 applications for admission to the training school have been received. Of 14 probationers admitted, 11 were accepted as pupil nurses. "The graduating class for the year—Miss Jennifer, Miss Melhuus, Miss Williams, Miss Richards and Miss Child. "Lectures have been delivered by the resident medical officer and the attending medical staff, besides the usual examinations of the department of medicine. "The Women's Auxiliary have been untiring in their work for the hospital, keeping up the supply of linen and china, attending to the sewing and helping in many other ways. "The Daughters of Pity and King's Daughters have also been ever ready to help, and have done much to make the hospital bright and cheerful for the patients. "We would also thank the many kind friends who have kept the wards supplied with books and magazines and flowers. "H. D. Helmecken moved the adoption of the reports. He thought all would acknowledge the progress made in the past year. All the directors deeply appreciated the assistance rendered them by the ladies' societies, and the Women's Auxiliary, and the King's Daughters and the Daughters of Pity.

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