

indeed in ancient ecclesiastical and baronial buildings.

Though one of the least exacting forms of a lecture—that abundantly illustrated by lantern slides—Mr. Hosie's pertinent notes and parenthetical comments provided an evening instructive as well as entertaining to all concerned in British history in relation to the northern portion of the Island of Great Britain.

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AMONG OTHERS WHO CONTRIBUTED to the season's programme of the Scottish Society were: Professor Henderson, — on Carlyle; Secretary W. G. C. Stevenson, another Vancouver lawyer, Scottish born, on "Some Scottish Lawyers in Fiction;" Professor Porter on Sir Archibald Geikie, Geologist, etc. Dr. Patterson and Mrs. Jean Houston were responsible for a musical evening which was voted one of the best; and Mrs. Bingham, a graduate of Glasgow University, and a comparative newcomer to the West—but one who has readily undertaken a share in its unrivalled opportunities for usefulness, gave a lecture, aptly illustrated by song and story, on the social life of the eighteenth century.

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While not attempting anything like a complete review of these social and literary evenings, we should add that one of the most remarkable lectures was that given by a Vancouver business man, Mr. James Inglis Reid. Scottish history has evidently been one of Mr. Reid's hobbies. At any rate, so full of his subject was he, that he could trust himself—and thoroughly justify the trust—to review his subject adequately without recourse to notes. According to Mr. Reid, Bruce, Knox and Burns were the three men who were the most outstanding "Makers of Scotland," and if we remember aright he was disposed to hold that the greatest of these was Knox. At the same time Mr. Reid emphasized that the work of each of these great nation-builders had been inter-dependent.

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MR. W. R. DUNLOP, it should be recorded, after having in recent years proved himself a noteworthy lecturer, has been almost a professional chairman during the past season—as he has continued to act in that capacity for each of the Vancouver Institute and the Scottish Society of Vancouver herein referred to.

One of the most pleasant of the Scottish Society evenings was that of Mr. Dunlop's lecture on "Impressions of the Homeland" (revisited)—of which an article was afterwards pub-

lished in this Magazine. Mr. Dunlop also lectured at the Institute.

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IN HONOURING BRITISH COLUMBIA WRITERS who had recently published books of one kind or another, the B. C. Branch of the Canadian Authors' Association held what proved to be one of the happiest meetings in its history.

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As we have had occasion to remark before, retiring Chairman Percy Gomery, who, in his own quaintly humorous way would probably claim that he is never *retiring*, makes a mirth-provoking presiding officer at any function. On this occasion he was surrounded—being a banker, he needs no "supporting"—by a galaxy of local literary talent. Perhaps we should say a constellation instead of galaxy, as that group of "fixed stars" were not necessarily confined to "the Milky Way." In any case, they vied in outshining each other that evening, in story telling in which wit and humour enhanced personal and historical surveys.

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The genial Hopkins Moorhouse, author of "Deep Furrows," etc., (until recently of Winnipeg) led off, and in unhurried order there followed: Isabel E. MacKay; Robie L. Reid; Bruce McKelvie; A. M. Stephen; and Alice M. Winlow. Others heard more briefly at that memorable meeting included Captain Pybus, Mr. Bernard McEvoy, Mr. Herbert Beeman, and Mrs. Stevens, New Westminster, who, in a clever speech, passed on an original idea to the writers present as to how they might ensure affluence to their posterity—by properly marking various cast-off articles of their wardrobes so that the "collectors" of other generations would not lack souvenirs! Mrs. W. A. Clark, representing Vancouver Women's Canadian Club, also contributed a neat little speech.

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THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE B. C. BRANCH of the Authors' Association is a somewhat onerous office, even if the new incumbent has not, like Mr. Gomery, in 1926, to face a Convention at Vancouver of the Dominion Association.

But for a personal disability on her part, which only increases the sympathetic regard of all literary workers acquainted with Mrs. Annie Charlotte Dalton, the author of "The Silent Zone," etc., she would no doubt have been given precedence of all eligible for the office. The retiring Secretary, Mrs. Winlow, also, not only did good work for the Organization during the past Convention year, but has given prom-

ise—and proof—that she is likely to rank in no secondary place among prose and poetry writers of the Canadian West. Her election to the Vice-Chairmanship is therefore a timely recognition of her service.

With Mr. Stephen Golder back in the office of Secretary (plus the office of Treasurer this time, formerly held by Mr. Beeman) Mr. Herbert Beeman, the new Chairman, has experienced associates, who, with the other members of the Executive, will enable him to carry on effectively.

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MR. BEEMAN'S WEIGHTY OFFICIAL DUTIES in connection with the Board of Trade and his other dramatic and literary interests, make the more noteworthy his undertaking of this responsible chairmanship. Insofar as the honour is a recognition of his different and varied type of literary work, those acquainted with such lines of his as the clever ones "Via Vancouver" will be pleased to see a man who can versify the practical affairs of life, and do his bit in other directions, given an opportunity to express his preferences and personality in this prominent position.

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MURPHY, as has before been observed in this Magazine, is one of Canada's leading orators, and all who heard his recent addresses before Vancouver Canadian Club on the history of British Columbia will be pleased that wider knowledge of them is assured through publication in the weekend editions of the *Province* newspaper. Such an outline of history, however, is worthy of preservation not only as newspaper or magazine articles, but in book form.

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ANOTHER HISTORIAN OF NOTE who gives evidence of being full of his subject is Dr. R. G. MacBeth. It is commendable and gratifying to find the Canadian Club and other local organizations alive to the weight and worth of such workers as Mr. Justice Murphy and Dr. MacBeth while these gentlemen are among us and in their prime.

By inclination and opportunity Dr. MacBeth is an outstanding historical authority on Canadian history, and particularly that of the Canadian West. In a recent review before Vancouver Kiwanis Club he touched upon the misrepresentation given in "movies" of the methods that were followed by men such as those of the Royal North West Mounted Police. Unlike the staged types, these practical heroes of other days did not rush in with gun