

## REVIEW WORK FOR THE PAST YEAR

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE B. C. ORPHANAGE

#### Generous Donation From Western Fuel Company—Reports of Officers for Twelve Months.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Orphan's Home was held in the city hall Tuesday afternoon, Charles Hayward presiding. After receiving the usual annual reports the following were elected a committee of management: Rt. Rev. Bishop Oridge, Charles Hayward, H. D. Heimken, Edgar Fawcett, representing the Reformed Episcopal church; Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, Edgar Crow Baker, Rev. Stanley Ard, A. C. Plummer, representing the Anglican churches; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Thornton Fell, Rev. W. Leslie Clark, G. L. Milne, M. D., representing the Presbyterian churches; Rev. J. P. Westman, Noah Shakespeare, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, W. J. Pendry, representing the Methodist churches; Rev. H. Carson, G. O. Carter, W. S. Crawford, D. Sprague, representing Congregational churches; Rev. J. F. Vichet, Adolphus McGregor, Rev. Le Roy Dakin and A. B. McNeill, representing the Baptist churches. These gentlemen, their first meeting appoint a president, secretary and treasurer, and also name a committee of ladies to superintend the internal management of the institution.

A. B. Fraser, sr., was elected auditor and Dr. R. H. Carter medical attendant at the Home for the ensuing year. A gratifying communication was received from James B. Smith, vice-president of the Western Fuel Company, Frisco, stating that he had written to Mr. R. Stockert, manager of the company's mines at Nanaimo, requesting him to deliver twenty-five tons of coal to the Home for the year. He requested the Orphanage authorities to communicate with him personally on this matter as long as he was connected with the company. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the company for this splendid donation.

The president's report was read and adopted. It reviewed in general terms the work done during the past year. Reference was made to the construction of a septic tank and the improvement of sewerage facilities, and certain necessary improvements in the heating system.

The report refers to the gratifying financial condition of the institution, but explained the large cash balance by pointing out that the year's subscriptions were collected just previous to the meeting. The report also deplores the death of Mrs. G. A. Sargison, who for nearly thirty years was an active worker for the welfare of the Home.

The report concludes with an encouraging reference to the future, and an expression of hearty appreciation of the assistance rendered by the ladies' committee.

Then followed the receipt of the ladies' committee report, signed by Jennie F. McCulloch, president of the committee. This report gave a comprehensive outline of the work accomplished by the ladies' committee during the year. The report expresses regret on the resignation of Miss Perrin, and deep sorrow over the death of Rev. H. J. Wood and Mrs. Sargison. Gratitude was given to the matron and her assistant.

The success of the pound party is also commented upon in the report, which also expresses thanks to the collectors, especially to Mrs. W. Bullock, Wilson and Mrs. A. Toller for their excellent work. In conclusion the report says:

"While fully appreciating the work of all our helpers, we feel most especially to acknowledge the practical and generous assistance of the I. C. C. Society, the King's Daughters, the Hoche-laga Working Party, the Church Guilds, Dr. Carter, Mrs. Stadthagen, the P. R. Jubilee hospital, the Fifth Regiment band, the Times and Colonist Publishing Companies, the Western Fuel Company, R. Porter & Sons, James Dunsmuir, the teachers of the North Ward and Hillside schools, H. W. Bullock, West Spring Island, the Labor Union Bureau, the I. A. and A. Association, the B. C. A. C. Association, A. O. U. W., the B. C. S. P. C. A., the Ladies' Basketball Club, Prof. F. O. Wickens, Messrs. Bishop & Clark, Miss Hynds, John Tormie, far-off Cariboo for \$32, collected by Mrs. Kelly from the warm-hearted miners, Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, the draymen of Victoria, and lastly, the happiest little donor, Oswald Barton."

"The committee take great pleasure in recording their appreciation of the ever-ready and hearty co-operation and support of the many kind friends who have listened to their appeal for aid in this movement, so much needed under modern conditions. We must have money to meet constant emergencies, but better spend our money on homes than on prisons and reform schools. As we gather them in, may we feed their hungry hearts and groping minds with the Bread of Life?"

Number of children in the Home at last report, 49; number of children admitted during the year, 15; total, 58; removed by guardians during past year, 6; placed at service during past year, 3; adopted during the past year, 3; total 14; present in the Home, 44.

"There have been no deaths during the year."

The appended financial statement was submitted by the hon. treasurer:

Receipts.	
To balance on hand from last year as under:	
Order for goods on hand	\$ 51.50
Cash to Cr. Act, current Bank Commerce, 1,040.04	
Deposit in savings dept. Bank Commerce	1,518.75
To annual subscriptions as per statement	\$ 821.00
To subscriptions collected by ladies as per statement	576.10
To M. R. Smith & Co.	
	\$610.29

employees, per R. T. Clanton	10.75
To donations as per statement	\$1,407.85
To proceeds from "pound party"	122.10
To rec'd on acct. board inmates, 12 mos.	1,831.25
To Mrs. Kelso, 8 mos. room rent	24.00
	\$1,968.75
To net amt. rec'd from rents	\$ 436.80
To R. T. Clanton, proceeds legacy, \$1,000.	850.21
To corporation Victoria, 12 mos. 1st. debentures.	80.00
To sale of goat	2.00
To Can. Bank Commerce, 1st. deposit acct.	62.12
To Mrs. R. L. Higgins, re-funds on acct. paid	12.35
To trust funds, wages collected for orphans at work	58.00
	\$7,394.87

Expenditures.	
By monthly bills, 12 mos. as per receipts	\$1,548.17
By salaries, 12 mos. as per receipts	1,008.99
By light acct., 12 mos. as per receipts	37.98
By fuel acct., 12 mos. as per receipts	86.25
By printing and stationery, 12 mos. as per receipts	187.76
By sundry repairs and improvements, 12 mos. as per receipts	1,222.34
By taxes, 12 mos. as per receipts	125.00
By furniture acct. as per receipts	20.75
By insurance acct. as per receipts	48.75
	\$4,545.96
By Cyril Fleming, clothing acct.	\$ 11.25
By purchase of cow, as per receipts	60.00
By miscellaneous acct., 12 mos.	14.20
By trust funds, orphans' wages deposited	56.00
By balance forward	\$ 51.50
Cr. to acct. current Bank Commerce	1,021.48
Deposit in savings dept. Bank of Commerce	1,064.46
	\$2,704.87

Audited and found correct.	
(Sd.) A. B. FRASER, SR.,	
Victoria, B. C., March 7th, 1905.	
The reports of the ladies' committee and the treasurer were adopted.	
The meeting placed on record its sense of the loss sustained by the death of Rev. H. J. Wood, Mrs. G. A. Sargison and Mrs. A. Toller, and the executive were instructed to convey the sympathy and confidence of the meeting to their respective families.	
Notes of thanks to the retiring officers and ladies' committee brought the meeting to a close.	

### INTERESTING LECTURE GIVEN ON TUESDAY

#### On "Secrets of the Bastille," by M. Funck-Brentano—"The Man in the Iron Mask."

M. Funck-Brentano's lecture at Institute hall Monday was a great treat to those of the audience who are able to speak French, and more than interesting to many who are fairly familiar with the language. The Victoria branch of L'Alliance Française is to be congratulated on its enterprise in bringing to the city so distinguished a gentleman. It is understood that the receipts did not meet the expenditure, but the society did not expect that they would, and will willingly supply the deficiency. It was noticed with much regret that there was an almost entire absence of the recognized educationalists of the city, while the attendance of the French population was very small.

### ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of Victoria District Sunday School Association to Be Held March 25th and 26th.

The fourth annual convention of the Victoria District Sunday School Association will be held on the 25th and 26th of the present month in the Calvary Baptist church, under the presidency of Rev. H. J. Wood, Mrs. G. A. Sargison and Mrs. A. Toller, and the executive were instructed to convey the sympathy and confidence of the meeting to their respective families.

### A PROMISING COUNTRY.

District in the North Having Great Possibilities For Sportsman or Prospective Settler.

With the inquiry that has lately been going on concerning the districts in the northern part of this province adjacent or in close proximity to the probable route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, there has been brought to attention a country destined, according to those who have investigated, to become one of the finest stock-raising sections of the province.

This is what is known as the Ootsa and Cheakamus country. It lies a little to the south of the Bulkley valley and to the east of the coast range. There is a light growth of poplar covering the hills through which the grass grows luxuriantly. Water is plentiful. On the low lands the soil is rich and well adapted for tillage, and in the several lakes and rivers fish abound. To the south there are great stretches of meadow land, the timber found in which country is mostly black pine and spruce, and that coal lies close to the surface. The climate, too, is favorable. The thermometer seldom drops to 30 below zero, while blizzards are unknown. The climate appears to combine the properties of the atmosphere of the Pacific slope and in the East, and this not only makes it congenial for mankind, but permits of all kinds of vegetables being produced, such as potatoes and turnips and oats, and the new grain, by the railway. The snow fall averages between a foot and a foot and a half from the end of December to April.

The resources of the country have not been exploited, but it is known that good quartz is available, and that coal lies close to the trail. The game is unlimited. For those wishing an outing, no part of the province or indeed of the north offers greater opportunities in the way of sport. There are the lakes and

rivers, which, as stated, are full of fish, and in addition to the wild fowl, which is found in great variety and are very plentiful, there are caribou, bear and other big game.

It is believed that this land of promise will be reached by many this year. The route lies by way of Bella Coola, which is a port of call for the C. P. R. Company's northern steamer. From Bella Coola there is a good trail, and horses for the trip can be obtained from William Sutherland, a resident who not only outfits travellers in this respect, but furnishing them with any information desired about the country.

### "FAUST" AT THE REDMOND.

Goethe's Masterpiece Received Capital Treatment Monday Night.

Monday evening's presentation by the Watson Company of "Faust" came as a pleasant surprise to those who were a bit in doubt as to the merits of a production of that play at the low prices of admission charged at the Redmond. The Watson Company, however, dispelled all uncertainty by placing before the public perhaps one of the finest bills ever seen in this city at popular prices. In the name part Mr. Pollard was excellent. He gave a most pleasing performance of a really difficult role. Mr. Stevenson repeated his former successes in the role of Mephisto, playing it in a finished manner. Miss Roberts, as Marguerite, scored again as an emotional actress of the first order, and Mr. Watson completed the list of principals with a fine rendition of Valentine. The story of the play is too well-known for any comment, but suffice it to say that, as presented by the Watson players, we doubtless enjoy large houses for the remainder of the run.

A feature, and a decided feature of the presentation, was the excellent stage furnishings, scenic and architectural, and electrical effects. This department of the production was presided over by Andrew Lydon, of the Redmond staff, ably assisted by the property master, Frank Hall. The garden scene, the electrical duel and the broken scene were carried to a point of efficiency seldom seen on stages of the size. Mr. Lydon and his fellow workers deserved and received the highest praise for their work in making "Faust" a success in Victoria.

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The lecture was under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who was present with a party of his friends. M. Funck-Brentano, who is a gentleman of pleasing personality, was introduced by the chairman, Lieut.-Col. Gregory. The lecturer, who was cordially received, acknowledged the hearty welcome that had been accorded him, and spoke highly of the hospitality of the people and the beauty of the city. He then took up his very interesting subject, "The Secrets of the Bastille," a subject with which he is more intimately acquainted, perhaps, than any living man. He dealt with the world of mysteries that enveloped this great prison, in which a well known and respected personage concerning whose little was known when they went in, when they came out and why they were imprisoned.

After referring at some length to the Bastille generally, he devoted his remarks to that other great mystery in French history and literature, "The Man in the Iron Mask." M. Funck-Brentano gave an interesting account of this extraordinary personage, who entered the Bastille on September 18th, 1698, and died November 19th, 1703. He was buried at St. Paul cemetery, November 20th, 1703, under the name of Marchion, and this is the name in which the original manuscript relating to the case. The lecturer then proceeded to deal with some of the legends concerning "The Man in the Iron Mask." It was Voltaire who first started the report that he was the brother of Louis XIV., whom he resembled very much. Others said it was the Grand Monarch himself. There was also a story to the effect that he married the jailer's daughter, and their son was Bonaparte. All these legends were effectively exploded by the lecturer.

"The Man in the Iron Mask" was French literature as Martelli, secretary of state to Charles IV. of Gonzague, Duke of Mantua. He sold to different foreign countries the secret of the successful conquest by Louis XIV. on the frontier of Mantua. He was arrested by ambush in time of peace, and a mask put on him, not so much to hide his identity as to prevent inquiries as to how he came to be arrested at all. At first he was treated with great respect, but after a time he was dealt with in the same way as other prisoners. The manner of his arrest and the concealment of his identity have been greatly exaggerated.

The lecture throughout was most interesting. It was illustrated by views exhibited by Mr. Gibson. After the lecture an informal reception was tendered to the professor at the Balmoral hotel.

"THEY SELL WELL," says Druggist O'Dell, of Thro. N. S. Want any better evidence of the real merit of Dr. Fong's Pineapple Tablets as a cure for all forms of stomach trouble than that they're in such great demand? Not a nansoupe dose that makes one's very insides rebel—but pleasant, quick and harmless—a tiny tablet to carry in your pocket. 35 cents—104.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

### GOVERNMENT GIVEN CONTROL OVER LAND

#### Songhees Indian Reserve Bill Passed Third Reading in Spite of Opposition's Warning.

Victoria, March 13th.

Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

New Bills.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Chas. Wilson, "An Act to amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act."

By Hon. R. F. Green, "An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Regulation Act."

By Hon. R. G. Tatlow, "An Act to amend the Wellington Receivership Act, 1901."

Questions and Answers.

J. Murphy asked the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. By what authority was the order-in-council of May 3rd, 1898, fixing the assessed value of lands granted to the Columbia & Kootenay Company at \$1 per acre?

2. What is the number of acres of land affected by this order-in-council?

3. Is this land taxed as wild land or as real estate?

4. Are not lands adjoining this land taxed as wild land at \$10 an acre and upwards?

5. Is it the intention of the government to cancel the above order-in-council?

6. If not, why not?

Hon. R. G. Tatlow replied as follows:

"1. There is no special statutory authority."

"2. 122,000 acres (approximately)."

"3. Taxed as wild land."

"4. Lands adjoining the above lands, if wild land, are taxed as wild land at assessed values ranging from \$1 to \$5 per acre, but none as high as \$10 per acre."

"5. The subject is under consideration."

"6. Answered by answer to question number five."

Mr. Murphy asked the Minister of Education the following questions:

1. Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for the salary of a teacher for an assisted school at Soda Creek or at Pickard's, Alexandria?

2. If not, why not?

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows:

"1. There is no probability of an assisted school being established at either place during 1905-06. The application for an assisted school at Soda Creek was investigated by the Education Department in September, 1904, whose report was unfavorable. The application from Alexandria was investigated about the same time by the inspector, and acting on his favoring report, the Education Department granted an assisted school, but owing to a disagreement among the patrons as to the location of building it was found impossible to establish it."

"2. The remaining portions of the reserve may be disposed of by public auction, under the terms and conditions as provided by the 'Land Act.'"

The House divided. The amendment was negative on the following division:

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On Mr. Cameron's amendment to the following as sub-sections to section 2:

"1. For a free grant to the city of Victoria of the twenty-five acres (more or less) of the reserve lying to the north of the Esquimalt road, such land to be used for public park purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may prescribe:

"2. By giving to the city of Victoria the first right of refusal for the purchase of the reserve lying to the south of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway right of way, upon such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may prescribe:

"3. By a free grant to the city of Victoria of sites for purposes of (a) public school or schools, (b) fire hall, (c) three public buildings, including a reading and writing room, and on the same terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may prescribe:

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The report was adopted.

### Game Bill.

The bill to amend the Game Protection Act was again committed by Stuart Henderson in the chair.

J. R. Brown introduced an amendment to limit the number of deer which any one could take during the year to 3 instead of 10 as at present. Deer in many parts were being slaughtered off, and they should be protected.

The section proposed to be amended was allowed to stand over for further consideration.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said that the section intended to repeal the clause of the act which prohibited shooting on enclosed property on Sunday had been left in by mistake in the draft bill. He said that the intention of the government was to have the law stand as it was.

John Oliver submitted an amendment to the minister which provided for a close season on Sunday, thus prohibiting shooting on that day.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said there had been some recent decisions given with respect to the right of provinces to enact laws for Sunday observance, and he did not think it wise to go any further than leave the act as it now stood.

Mr. Fulton pointed out that his amendment was not a Sunday observance law, but the establishment of a close season for one day a week. If the province could enact legislation for a close season at all it could regulate it for Sunday.

The minister could not accept the proposed amendment.

R. Hall moved a section to provide for the payment of a \$25 gun license by persons domiciled in the province. He said in support of this that the sportsmen were in favor of it, and he could not see why anything could not be obtained in this way in order to aid in the maintenance of the game.

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J. H. Hawthorthwaite was opposed to the bill. It would be hard to enforce, and would make game laws unpopular as they were in older countries in Europe. It would press upon a section of men who could ill afford to pay it. He intended later to introduce a bill to provide by law a longer period of recreation

A question was raised as to whether

this amendment was in order, as dictating a policy to the government, by setting forth the manner in which they should deal with certain crown lands, which it was not competent for any private member of the House to move. There was considerable argument upon this question and a number of precedents were cited.

This is a bill brought down for the purpose of enabling the government to deal with a specific piece of land, and set out the terms and conditions under which it should be disposed of.

This bill was introduced by message from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, the whole subject-matter of the bill was submitted for the consideration of the House.

In committee of the whole House, amendments may be made in every part of the bill, whether in the preamble, the clauses, or the schedules (May, 457).

An amendment must be coherent and consistent with the contents of the bill (May, 458).

When the bill, as amended by the committee, is considered, the entire bill is open to consideration and new clauses may be added, and amendments made (May, 460).

In this case the bill has been submitted by message, and the whole bill is before the House for consideration; the amendment is coherent and consistent with the contents of the bill and does not propose to interfere with the general policy of the government, but its purpose is confined to the specific lands dealt with by the bill, and I am of opinion, therefore, that the amendment is in order.

CHAS. E. POOLEY, Speaker.

Victoria, 13th March, 1905.

The amendment then came to a vote, which was a straight party one with several members absent. The divisions were as follows:

On Mr. Cameron's amendment to section 2 of the bill, viz.:

"Section 2, lines 3 and 4—Strike out the word 'such,' between the words 'upon' and 'terms,' in the third line, and strike out the words 'may be deemed advisable' in the fourth line, and insert the word 'follows' at the end of the section."

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