RURAL HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

List of Successful Candidates at Annual Tests Announced by Provincial Department of Education

The rural High school entrance examination results for the Province were announced yesterday by the department of education. Of a total of 321 candidates in the six inspectoral divisions in the Province 156 were successful. Margaret Gladys Wilson, of Belmont school, obtained 773 marks out of a possible 1,100 and ranks first in the Province. The urban High school entrance examination results will be made known later. The complete list of those who passed is as follows:

INSPECTORATE NO. 1.

Municipality of North Cowichan.

Duncans Centre.

Chemainus Landing—Number of candidates 6, passed 2—Robert S. Robinson, 586; Bessie B. Porter, 550.

Duncans. Number of candidates 11, passed 5—Albert G. Dickinson, 706; Lydia E. Campbell, 614; Harold S. Allen, 610; Christina N. Paterson, 594; Stylle B. Hamilton, 564.

Maple Bay. Number of candidates 4, passed 4—Jessie M. Herd, 725; Jessibelle Herd, 676; Victor L. Jackson, 671; Ivy N. Herd, 656.

Quamichan. Number of candidates 4, passed 0.

Somenos. Number of candidates 4, passed 2—Verna B. Macdonald, 634; Gertrude B. Kier, 571.

Municipality of Saanich.

Sidney Centre.

Cedar Hill. Number of candidates 6, passed 4—Roy M. Irvine, 652; John P. Holmes, 619; Annie W. Bradshaw, 582; Robert Edwards, 557.

Craigflower. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Gerald Few, 649.

Elk Lake. Number of candidates 3, passed 2—Margaret M. Griffin, 693; James H. Campbell, 635.

Gordon Head. Number of candidates 4, passed 4—Isabelle J. Dunnett, 665; Isabella G. Grant, 603; John C. Williamson, 601; Mamie A. Honihan, 570.

North Dairy. Number of candidates 7, passed 4—Hazel Ballantyne, 697; Marion Service, 629; Allan D. Ballantyne, 598; Edgar D. Borden, 560.

Prospect Lake. Number of candidates 3, passed 3—Margaret McChulough, 568; Gertrude L. A. Heal, 561; Arthur J. Reid, 551.

West Saanich. Number of candidates 2, passed 1—Albert B. McNeil, 623.

Strawberry Vale. Number of candidates 4, passed 1—Reta M. Yeomans, 550.

Tolmie. Number of candidates 2, passed 1—Jessie Kelsey, 642.

Municipality of North Saanich.

Sidney Centre.

East ward. Number of candidates 2, passed 2—William L. Wood, 643; Nelson E. Hinton, 563.

West Ward. Number of candidates 2, passed 0.

Non-Municipal Schools.

Alberni Centre.

Alberni. Number of candidates 3, passed 0.

New Alberni. Number of candidates 3, passed 0.

Beaver Creek. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Ellen McNeil, 757.

Gill. Number of candidates 3, passed 0.

Duncan Centre.

Bench. Number of candidates 2, passed 2—Dennis O. Dighton, 690; Frank Ordano, 633.

Cowichan. Number of candidates 3, passed 3—Ethel M. La Fortune, 598; Jessie E. Mearns, 583; Bessie Keene, 565.

Glenora. Number of candidates 2, passed 0.

Malahat. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Victor Case, 636.

Parksville Centre.

Parksville. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Sidney Centre.

Beaver Point.—Number of candidates 2, passed 1. Annie E. McLennan 56.

Pender Island—Number of candidates 4, passed 2. Ruth H. Menzies 686, Basil Phelps 553.

William Head—Number of candidates 1, passed 1. Henry Robin Watt 577.

INSPECTORATE NO. 2.

Municipality of Burnaby

Maple Ridge Centre.

Barnet—Number of candidates 3, passed 0.

Municipality of Coquitlam

Maple Ridge Centre.

Coquitlam—Number of candidates 5 passed 3. Lucy Smith 587, Dylora Swencisky 558, Rudolph Corbett 552.

Municipality of Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge Centre.

Haney—Number of candidates 3, passed 2. Hildegarde Hallonquist 551, Paul A. Hallonquist 550.

Maple Ridge—Number of candidates 2, passed 1. Mildred E. Davenport 563.

South Lillooet—Number of candidates 2, passed 0.

Stave River—Number of candidates 1, passed 1. Donald H. Gilchrist 594.

Municipality of Mission

Mission Centre.

Ferndale—Number of candidates 3, passed 3. Millicent O. Tunbridge 712, Eva M. Barr 617, Evelyn E. M. Verchere 597.

Mission—Number of candidates 8, passed 4. Catherine D. Manson 633, Basil E. Catchpole 588, Kathleen U. G. Appo 587.

Municipality of Point Grey

Bridgeport Centre.

Eburne.—Number of candidates 3, passed 2. Jean B. Abernethy 642, Wilfred G. Cook 619.

Municipality of Richmond

Bridgeport Centre.

Bridgeport.—Number of candidates 23, passed 8. Thomas M. Laing 644, Agnes J. Webster 618, Susie I. Baxter 614, Annie C. Hambrook 613, Christina Lanoville 608, Florence E. MacDougall 595, Mildred I. Lyness 590, Ida A. Rees 574.

City of Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert Centre.

Prince Rupert—Number of candidates 7, passed 3. Mary F. Currie 651, George A. Hunter 641, Muriel F. Strathy 628.

Non-Municipal Schools

Prince Rupert Centre.

Essington.—Number of candidates 6, passed 0.

Valdez Island Centre.

Cortez Island.—Number of candidates 1, passed 1. Michael W. Manson 605.

Valdez Island.—Number of candidates 2, passed 2. Valma M. Anderson 586, Arthur V. Joyce 550.

Whaletown.—Number of candidates 2, passed 2. Madge E. Barrett 635, Mary Barrett 560.

INSPECTORATE NO. 3.

Municipality of Langley

Belmont Centre.

Aldergrove South.—Number of candidates 2, passed 0.

Beaver.—Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Belmont (First Division).—Number of candidates 9, passed 4. Margaret G. Wilson 773, Bessie Green 669, Georgina J. Porter 643, Margaret C. Rankine 613.

Belmont (Second Division).—Number of candidates 2, passed 0.

Langley.—Number of candidates 1, passed 1. Isabelle D. McIntosh 676.

Lochiel.—Number of candidates 3, passed 3. Nellie B. Harding 619, Katie L. Smith 555, Rizpah Selby Hele 550.

Spring Brook.—Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Municipality of Delta

Ladner Centre.

Annieville. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Ladner. Number of candidates 8, passed 3—Evelyn A. Lord, 693; Eric O. Taylor, 660; Edwin J. Curtis, 622; Leonard A. McBride, 606; Arthur D. McBride, 583; Katie Plewes, 573; Thelma E. Clark, 550; John W. Kirkland, 550.

Sunbury. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Westham Island. Number of candidates 7, passed 1—Olga Cederberg, 587.

Municipality of Matsqui

Abbotsford Centre.

Abbotsford. Number of candidates 2, passed 0.

Clayburn. Number of candidates 2, passed 1—Laura Purver, 600.

Matsqui. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Campbell H. Watson, 627.

Mt. Lehman. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Thomas Thomson, 550.

Municipality of Surrey

Cloverdale Centre.

Annledale. Number of candidates 3, passed 3—Beatrice M. Bournes, 706; Ellen E. Bournes, 601; Warren M. Gillis, 583.

Clayton. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Cloverdale. Number of candidates 2, passed 1—Marion A. Carncross, 656.

Johnson Road. Number of candidates 2, passed 1—Annie Johnson, 576.

Kensington Prairie. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Gertie L. Woods, 635.

Mud Bay. Number of candidates 4, passed 1—Edith M. Dinsmore, 651.

Springdale. Number of candidates 2, passed 2—Robert Gillen, 731; John Gillen, 678.

Tynehead. Number of candidates 4, passed 0.

Municipality of Sumas

Abbottsford Centre.

Musselwhite. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

INSPECTORATE NO. 4

Municipality of Kent

Agassiz Centre.

Agassiz. Number of candidates 3, passed 1—Roger M. Wright, 583.

Harrison. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Non-Municipal Schools

Ashcroft Centre.

North Bend. Number of candidates 2, passed 1—Philip J. Lyons.

Clinton Centre.

Clinton. Number of candidates 4, passed 0.

Nicola Centre.

Merritt. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

Nicola. Number of candidates 5, passed 1—Wilhelmina M. Marquart, 570.

Lower Nicola. Number of candidates 1, passed 0.

INSPECTORATE NO. 5.

Municipality of Pentiocton.

Penticton Centre.

Fairview. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Alister C. Brown, 653.

Penticton. Number of candidates 6, passed 5—Frank O. McDonald, 658; Richard E. T. Power, 570; Roland O. Bull, 562; Esther Latimer, 559; Gladys Z. Weeks, 550.

Municipality of Summerland

Summerland Centre.

Summerland. Number of candidates 13, passed 11—Jessie Mitchell, 622; Marjorie E. Tingley, 620; Lemar Sherk, 613; Alexandrina G. Thomson, 586; Robert Monro, 571; Arnold Gayton, 566; Eula I. Watson, 564; Ralph W. Brown, 560; George C. Dale, 550; Willard R. Estabrook, 550; Walter G. Mumm, 550.

Non-Municipal Schools.

Arrowhead centre.

Camborne. Number of candidates 1, passed none.

Comaplix. Number of candidates 2, passed none.

Nakusup. Number of candidates 3, passed none.

Meedles. Number of candidates 2, passed none.

Trout Lake. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Allice D. Murray, 608.

INSPECTORATE NO. 6.

Cranbrook Centre

Cranbrook. Number of candidates 20, passed 8—Beulah J. Stuart, 710; David D. Simpson, 666; Florence H. Wood 600; Raymond A. Armstrong, 569; William F. Brownlee, 567; Mamie G. Mackey, 567; Vivian J. Sissons, 551; Sidney C. Elmer, 550.

Fort Steele. Number of candidates 1, passed none.

Moyie. Number of candidates 1, passed none.

Wesa. (Private study) number of candidates 2, passed 1—James W. Blake, 570.

Windermere. Number of candidates 3, passed 1—Gladys C. Pitts, 550.

Creston Centre.

Creston. Number of candidates 7, passed 5—Effie F. Arrowsmith, 628; Marshall Barton, 622; Jessie K. Dow, 615; Roy J. Stocks, 563; Elsie M. Henderson, 555.

Erickson. Number of candidates 3, Passed 2—Capitola E. Hickey, 604; Melva L. Cartwright, 550.

Fernie Centre.

Fernie. Number of candidates 7, passed 7—James Linn, 686; Arthur R. Muirhead, 672; Isabel Dicken, 661; Menio E. Giddings, 638; Elsie Woodhouse, 594; Dorothy M. Henderson, 566; George G. Henderson, 559.

Greenwood Centre.

Greenwood. Number of candidates 3, passed 2—Ina Sutton, 597; Gordon S. Smith, 564.

Phoenix. Number of candidates 1, passed 1—Elizabeth F. Nelson, 585.

New Denver Centre.

Sandon. Number of candidates 1, passed, none.

Slocan. Number of candidates 4, passed, none.

CANNOT MAKE GRANT

Provincial Government Will Not Comply With Request for Strip of Vancouver Property

Notification has been sent to the authorities of Vancouver city by the Provincial Government that it will be impossible for the Government to grant to the city a strip of land fourteen feet in width extending from the court house grounds, which was desired in connection with the plan for the widening of Cambie street. In making the application, it is said, the city did not expect that it would be successful, as the resultant reduction of frontage of the court house block would have greatly depreciated its value as Hastings street property. An amended plan has now been placed before the Provincial authorities, asking that a gore of land be granted on the east side of the court house block, giving a full fourteen feet on Pender street, but running to nothing on Hastings street. Owing to the shape of this plot it is thought at Vancouver's city hall that this request might be granted without unduly reducing the value of the Province's property.

PROBABLE APPOINTMENT

Mr. R. F. Laurence, of Esquimalt, to be Provincial Architect—New Fire Wardens

At this week's meeting of the Provincial Executive there is reason to anticipate that, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works, Hon. Thomas Taylor, the appointment will be made of Mr. R. F. Laurence of Esquimalt, out of a list of some thirty-two candidates, to the position of supervising Provincial architect, vice Mr. Criddle, deceased. The appointment is for the present, temporary. The office carries with it a salary of $158.33 per month. The appointment has just been made of Mr. Frederick Warner as fire warden for the Sugar Lake section of the Okanagan, while Mr. J. Harris has been appointed fire warden for the Delta, in the place of Mr. George Macaulay, who has tendered his resignation of the post.

To Vote on Annexation.

A request has been transmitted to the Provincial authorities by the property owners in lots 301 and 302, Hastings Townsite, that arrangements be made for a poll in these suburban districts on the question of annexation to Vancouver city. In order that a thorough canvass may be made, the appeal includes a request that the assessment roll for the district lot be closed in so far as it may govern the poll, at a stated date.

Advertising the Province

During the past few days the provincial bureau of information has shipped approximately thirty thousand pamphlets and booklets to Winnipeg for distribution at the exhibition there opening on the 13th instant, and at which Messrs. Bullock-Webster and Brandrith are officially representing the Department of Agriculture. There have also been sent forward a number of handsome enlarged photographs representative of the industrial, agricultural and orchards scenes in this westernmost province.

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Company at a much lower price than the company would have sold to private individuals. The price, however, was considered far too high for experimental purposes, the land having a residential value. A committee of the board has given much time to the selection of a site and although other suitable and less costly ones have been shown to and reported on by Mr. Anderson, the spring a special representative of the Dominion Government, it cannot be stated that any site has yet been finally selected. This is much to be regretted as it is now several years since the Dominion Government announced their intention to establish one or more experimental farms on Vancouver Island.

National Park

To the Provincial Government is due credit for reserving a large tract of country in the vicinity of Buttle's Lake, Vancouver Island. "With a view of later on setting it apart as a Provincial Park." This is in accord with the recommendation of this Board of Trade made in 1905, when a special committee waited on the Hon. Richard McBride, the premier and called his attention to the suitability of the area now selected. This matter is dealt with more fully in the committee report appended hereto.

Naval Defence

The board's views on the subject of Naval Defence found expression in the following resolution, unanimously adopted at a special general meeting on 24th September last:

"That this board has learned with great satisfaction that it is the intention of the Canadian Government to participate in the naval defence of the Empire; that this board heartily favors the establishment of a Canadian navy; that this board is gratified to learn that the protection of the Pacific coast is to form a part of the naval programme of Canada and it hopes that included therein will be the construction of a dock sufficient for the requirements of the largest ships of war; that this board again represents that in its opinion there is no other place on the Pacific coast of Canada possessing as many advantages as the site for a naval base on the Pacific coast as Esquimalt has, where an extension and costly equipment has already been provided, and it heartily renews its request to the Dominion Government for the location of the proposed dock there."

The Hon. William Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue and Mines, and Members of Parliament, G. H. Barnard and Ralph Smith attended that meeting by invitation and the board was pleased to hear their opinions that Esquimalt is the only place on the Pacific coast for the proposed naval station and to receive promises of their hearty support to that end.

The board's delegates to Ottawa, in February last, interviewed members of the cabinet and advocated action along these lines and when their report was made, on 10th March, the board considered the subject of Naval Defence from a broader point of view and Resolved:

"WHEREAS the Government of the Dominion of Canada has undertaken the organization of a Canadian navy whose ships shall be stationed on both the Atlantic and the Pacific;

AND WHEREAS the importance of the Pacific Ocean has increased enormously in later years;

AND WHEREAS both the naval and mercantile marine interests demand suitable graving dock facilities on the Pacific coast of Canada;

AND WHEREAS by reason of the rapid increase in size of vessels employed in both the naval and mercantile marine, there are at present no adequate facilities for dockage, on the Canadian Pacific Coast; and the Esquimalt dock is not nearly large enough to accommodate modern ships of war except of the smaller class and there is, therefore, no place nearer to the Canadian Coast than Hongkong where British ships of war could go for refitting and repairs;

And, whereas the harbor of Esquimalt is in every respect; in point of size, depth and accessibility ideally situated for the purpose of such necessary graving docks and can be easily rendered impregnable from the sea;

And whereas a large modern graving dock capable of accommodating the largest ships afloat or in prospect, is therefore of urgent moment and such graving dock would be utilized by all classes of merchant ships in need of repairs, thereby ensuring revenue and profit on the cost of construction;

Tehrefore, the Board of Trade of Victoria, British Columbia, hereby urges upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada the importance of immediately building or securing the construction of, by guarantee of the bonds of a private company, in Esquimalt Harbor, of a modern graving dock capable of handling the largest ships afloat or in prospect, and recalls and reiterates its former memorials to the Dominion Government on this important matter.

Insurance

The Board devoted considerable time to the Insurance Bill, introduced in the House of Commons, and on 14th January last unanimously resolved:

"In regard to those clauses in the bill restricting the right of the insured to cover risks outside of Canada or by indemnity agreements, your committee is of opinion that it is not in the general interest that this right should be restricted or penalized, and that it is only fair and reasonable that all companies or associations domiciled or represented in Canada should be placed on equal terms."

Following are some resolutions of the Board upon other subjects:

Coast Alberni Waggon Road

"As this meeting is informed that the Provincial Government is considering the linking up of the existing waggon roads in the southern and central portions of British Columbia through East Kootenay to the Province of Alberta; this Board wishes to go on record as thoroughly approving of and endorsing the principle of linking together sections of waggon and trunk roads wherever practicable and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Richard McBride and to the Honorable Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works."

Eight Hour Day

"That such questions should be left to the employer and employee to arrange."

Trade Combines

The committee which considered this matter in the House of Commons reported:

"That it is a very reasonable measure, but, so far as we can see, no provision is made for a court of appeal." The Board adopted this report.

A special committee waited upon the honorable the Attorney-General and urged the introduction of legislation making the assignment of book debts compulsory. The committee reported the Attorney-General considered the request far-reaching, and, the session being well advanced, it was decided to bring the matter forward again at the earliest opportunity.

Technical Education

"The Victoria Board of Trade desires to express its approval of the appointment by the Dominion Government of a Commission to visit all parts of Canada and to report upon the advisability of establishing technical schools in every Province of the Dominion."

Delegates to Ottawa

In January last it was decided to send to Ottawa two delegates, the Council resolving: "That Messrs. Simon Leiser and Joshua Kingham be appointed delegates to Ottawa re harbor improvements, and all other matters requiring attention." The delegates started on their mission on the 12th day of the following month and on the 10th March communicated to the Board what they had accomplished in a report, a copy of which is appended hereto. The Board was highly pleased, and tendered the delegates sincere thanks for their excellent work which involved the sacrifice of valuable time on public business.

Salmon Fisheries

Nineteen hundred and nine being the year of the big run in the Fraser River, the British Columbia packs of canned salmon (see appendices) was naturally much larger than in the three previous seasons; but it was considerably smaller than in 1905 the preceding big year, the reduction from 1,167,460 cases to 967,920 cases being solely due to a falling off in the Fraser catch. There were 877,136 cases packed on the Fraser River in 1905, but only 623,469 cases in 1909. The contrary was the experience on Puget Sound, a total of 1,560,000 cases being secured last year, compared with 1,047,000 cases in 1905. There was an unusual run of humpbacks, or "pink" salmon, last season, but comparing Sockeyes alone, there were just over one million cases of this species packed on the Sound in 1909, compared with 837,122 cases in 1905, while on the Fraser and here but 585,435 cases of Sockeyes were packed in 1909, against 837,489 cases in 1905. The Puget Sound pack of Sockeyes last year was therefore, as in 1908, about twice as much as that secured by our canners after the fish had reached this side of the line. In 1905 the Puget Sound canneries only packed the same quantity of Sockeye salmon that we did on the Fraser River. The disparity between the two seasons in this respect is attributable on the one hand to the increased fishing and packing preparations and the general non-observance of protective regulations on Puget Sound, and on the other hand to the increased restrictions imposed upon the Fraser canners as regards length of weekly close-time, depth of nets, etc., which in their case were enforced; but also to the fact that a large proportion of the Sockeyes only entered the Fraser waters after the 8th August, when, under the regulations, fishing operations had to cease until 15th September. Strong appeals, supported by the local officials, were made for an extension of the season, in view of the unusual lateness of the run, but without avail. This decision appeared to the canners and fishermen to be very harsh, especially in view of the general disregard of fishing regulations on the part of Puget Sound fishermen. It is felt that when the runs of fish do not conform to the dates set down by the Government regulations, some discretionary power should be left to the local officials to extend the fishing, or that, at least, attention should be paid to their recommendations. The British Columbia fishermen and canners are already suffering sufficient disadvantage in having to conform to necessary regulations while these are ignored on the other side, and two-thirds of the fish secured by Puget Sound operators.

Excessive Claim

Dr. David Starr Jordan, the American representative on the International Fisheries Commission, has reported to his Government the claim made that during last season by evasion of the regulations the Puget Sound fishermen caught salmon to the value of upwards of $600,000 to which they were not entitled. These fish should have found their way to the Fraser River; part to the canneries, part to the spawning-grounds. This gross injustice to the Fraser River fishermen and canners, and to Canadian interests generally in the fisheries, calls forcibly for rectification, but not much hope is felt of any satisfactory result of the Joint Commission, in consequence of very strong protests lodged by American interests against the recommendations of the Commissioners.

Twelve traps were operated in the straits of San Juan de Fuca during 1909 with satisfactory results. 56,000 cases of salmon were packed at the Esquimalt and Outer Wharf canneries, and in addition a large quantity of mild-cured Spring salmon was packed for export to Germany and elsewhere. These operations no doubt created considerable local business.

The packs at Northern British Columbia points was rather disappointing. In the case of the Skeena River this was occasioned by the onerous and unnecessary fishing restrictions to which reference was made in the previous report. As a consequence, operations were conducted at an actual loss, and it is satisfactory to be able to report that these objectionable new regulations have now been removed.

The salmon industry is still subject to the strange anomaly of having to secure licenses for fishing and for operating canneries from both the Dominion and Provincial governments, which, besides the double tax, leads to a good many difficulties. It is understood, however, that test cases will be submitted at an early date with a view of deciding the rights of the respective Governments.

Agriculture and Immigration

This Board is indebted to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture for the following remarks in regard to agriculture and immigration:

In despite of certain drawbacks in the early months of 1909, it is estimated that agriculture and its allied industries produced $8,600,000, and of this Victoria district contributed its fair quota.

The fruit crop of 1909 disappointed expectations, being much lighter than that of the previous year. This partial failure was due to warm, rainy weather in the early spring, followed by a sharp frost which wrought havoc with the tender buds. This destructive cold dip was universal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the country west of the Mississippi and the Red River suffering the greatest ravage, but as spring and summer frosts are so rare in Southern British Columbia, and especially on Vancouver Island, the untoward event was the more keenly felt by our fruit growers. It is well to consider that even the peach and orange orchards of Florida are not immune from frosts, therefore, a visitation of this kind should not be regarded as in any way local or as a cause for discouragement.

While the crop was comparatively small, the quality of the fruit was excellent, as attested by Victoria district winning a silver medal at the annual exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society of London, England.

In general farming the results were a fair average, while the acreage under cultivation was considerably increased, and good progress was made in land clearing.

Dairying Industry

The dairying industry showed steady improvement, the output of the creameries being about 20 per cent. greater than that of the previous year, while good prices for butter were maintained. Dairymen improved their herds by the addition of pure bred stock, and getting rid of poorer grades, experience having convinced them that a "scrub" cow is as expensive to keep as a well bred animal, while the quantity of her milk is much smaller and of inferior quality.

It is gratifying to note a large increase in the agricultural population in Victoria district, and the other farming sections of the Island, the newcomers, as a rule, being men of experience and possessed of sufficient means to insure their success. A great many have pre-empted and purchased land in the West Coast and Rupert districts, for mixed farming and dairying, several bringing in herds of dairy cattle and large quantities of personal effects, farming implements, etc. The establishment of a number of new poultry farms and market gardens in the vicinity of the city is evidence of the awakening of interest in an industry, the importance of which had been too long overlooked.

There was a marked improvement in the condition of the orchards, methods of fruit packing, and the handling and shipping of fruit, dairy products and poultry due to the efforts of the officials of the Department of Agriculture, supplemented by co-operation and self help measures adopted by the producers.

Attracting Attention

The coming of the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific to Victoria and the extensions of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway are attracting world-wide attention to Vancouver Island and its possibilities, which is manifested in the numerous letters of enquiry received daily by the Bureau of Provincial Information, and the large number of callers anxious to secure land on the Island. The illustrated pamphlet recently prepared by the Vancouver Island Development League and published by the Government, will materially assist in conveying accurate descripitons of the various districts to home-seekers and capitalists desiring to establish new industries.

The land clearing operations of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company were gratifyingly successful, the cleared land at Qualicum and other points finding ready sale as actual settlers at good prices, so that the company is encouraged to carry on the work on an enlarged scale. The efforts of the Salvation Army also show every indication of success. This plan is to provide small holdings ready for cultivation with houses and other buildings, on favorable terms to Old Country families whose members have a knowledge of gardening, dairying and poultry raising. The work of the railway company and the Army is necessarily slow, as it entails the clearing of large areas of land, but it is sure to result in adding to the population a considerable number of industrious and desirable settlers whose success will attract others of their class until, eventually, thousands of acres now lying waste in our near vicinity will be the home of many thousands of well-to-do small farmers and market gardeners, each contributing his mite to the wealth and prosperity of the community.

The building of the Canadian Northern to Barkley Sound, giving access to a very large area of agricultural land, will, among other important results, greatly facilitate this class of settlement, which will also be materially aided by the E. & N. extensions in Cowichan and Comox districts.

Land Clearing

The inauguration of the policy of land clearing by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, together with the extension of their railway towards the north end of the Island, has resulted in more activity in clearing up land generally by old settlers, as well as by many new ones, than has existed for many years. Several of the farms cleared by the E. & N. Railway Company in the vicinity of Qualicum Beach have been sold, and the company have just completed clearing twelve farms for the Salvation Army, on the Alberni line, at French Creek. In preparing these farms for settlers, more has been done than merely clearing a part of the land, small dwelling houses having been erected, fences put up, and a small crop sown ready for the first settlers, who are due to arrive this month, and it will be interesting to watch the result of the experiment.

Notwithstanding the operations of the railway company, which it is understood has been adopted as an object lesson of what can be done in the way of systematic land clearing, there is a strong feeling that some Government measure of assistance in the way of furnishing suitable machinery is necessary before the desired results will be obtained in what is considered a most important direction as affecting the permanent prosperity of the Island, and the city of Victoria.

Trade Outlook

The condition of business in Victoria during the period under review may be judged from the following figures:

	1910	1909
Imports to 30th June	$5,416,777	$4,546,834
Exports to 30th June	1,514,275	1,539,509
Customs collections to June 30	2,048,064	1,831,238
Inland revenue to June 30	230,554	210,236
Post Office to June 30, approx.	90,000	86,500
Tramway passengers numbered	5,286,059	4,614,347
Bank clearings, per cent. over 1909,	25½	

Excepting exports, these returns for the past twelve months establish highest records.

The value of buildings erected and under construction in Victoria, is well ahead of any previous year and the confidence shown in the future of the city is very marked in the business centre, where the stone and reinforced concrete buildings under construction exceed anything previously erected. That it should have been necessary to add 75 additional rooms, all ready well advanced to completion, to the accommodation provided at the Empress Hotel within about two years of its being opened for business is another indication of progress. Street paving, road making, replacing wooden sidewalks with walks of cement with boulevards wherever the width of the street admits, is proceeding as fast as labor conditions will permit.

The water situation has been much improved since enlargement of pipe connection with the source of supply and completion of the new distribution system. Nevertheless, the early selection of another and earlier source of supply, to meet the fast growing population, is imperative.

The future of Vancouver Island and Victoria may be partly judged from the remarks under Railways and Shipping, but the recent and larger investments in timber areas in this vicinity, and the transfer of the Dunsmuir coal properties to a company closely allied to the Canadian Northern Railway Company is worthy of comment as it warrants the belief that the wonderful natural resources of Vancouver Island are about to be developed on a larger scale.

The Board may be congratulated upon its increased membership and the interest taken by members in the various subjects which have been under consideration. Your committees have given much time to the business of the Board and much valuable reports are appended hereto, together with the usual statistical information.

SIMON LEISER,
President.

L. A. GENGE,
Vice-President.

F. ELWORTHY,
Secretary.

July 8th, 1910.

New Members

The following new members were elected to the Board: Messrs. D. E. Christie, W. Piggot, W. O. Wallace, F. Shute, A. E. Haynes, R. T. Elliot, W. S. Fraser, A. W. Currie, E. E. Greenshaw and H. C. Briggs.

A special vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H. G. Wilson and seconded by W. H. Trewartha James, paid a high compliment to Secretary Elworthy for the efficient and capable manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during the past year.

Votes of thanks to the retiring president and to Mrs. Hasell, who had contributed a number of vases of sweet peas, tastefully arranged, to decorate the Board Room during the meeting, were passed before the meeting came to a conclusion.

The following were present: Messrs. W. J. Ambery, G. H. Barnard, M.P., C. S. Baxter, E. E. Billinghurst, W. Blakemore, Beaumont Boggs, A. W. Bridgman, H. F. Bullen, J. O. Cameron, George Carter, F. L. Crawford, R. S. Day, J. T. Deaville, R. L. Drury, James Forman, A. B. Fraser, sr., W. H. Gardiner, L. A. Genge, J. H. Gillespie, Lawrence Goodacre, Richard Hall, Dilbert Hankin, John Hart, Charles Hayward, M. B. Jackson, W. H. Trewartha James, W. A. Jameson, E. M. Johnson, Max Leiser, Simon Leiser, C. H. Lugrin, H. Machlin, J. A. Mara, J. Herrick McGregor, Angus McKeown, J. McLorie, R. B. McMicking, B. C. Mess, G. W. Mitchell, H. A. Munn, F. A. Pauline, Edward Pearson, W. J. Pendray, Luke Pither, S. J. Pitts, E. F. Radiger, C. W. Rhodes, J. B. H. Rickaby, Arthur Robertson, H. J. Scott, J. J. Shallcross, R. H. Swinerton, Ernest Temple, C. F. Todd, John A. Turner, F. W. Vincent, E. R. Wallace, H. G. Wilson and Andrew Wright.

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JAMES A. CAMPBELL.
MELVIN R. HARTFIELD,
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Dated 28th of June, 1910.