

CONCERNING A BRITISH COLUMBIA CHURCH HISTORIAN

Along with Rev. George Murray and William Clyde, Rev. Alexander Dunn came to British Columbia in 1875. His first "parish" was on the Lower Fraser Valley from Yale to Ladner and Eburne, in which work he spent eleven years.

Mr. Dunn and his colleagues came to Canada under the auspices of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland.

In 1886 he joined the Canadian Presbyterian Church at the General Assembly at Hamilton, and returned to British Columbia the same year. He was engaged for two and a half years in Alberni, Vancouver Island. In 1889, when the old Langley field was divided, he returned to the Fraser Valley, and residing at Whonnock, ministered for eighteen years to that district and the surrounding settlements. He retired from active service in 1905.

In March, 1911, the Presbytery of Westminster, and other friends presented Mr. Dunn with an address, together with a costly cabinet, containing a specially designed silver service. The address mentioned among other things that the recipient had been for 35 years a prominent figure in the life of the Fraser River Valley, and that there was not a community which had grown up during these years between Yale and Ladner, in which his name was not a household word.

