## CLOSING SCENES.

### Vacation Days at Hand for the Pupils of Victoria Schools.

### Exercises of the Senior Classes at the Central—James Bay Scholars.

At the Central School, yesterday afternoon, pupils and teachers bade each other good-byes, and for the next six weeks the school will remain closed, while the children and their instructors will enjoy their well-earned vacation. The examinations were brought to a close yesterday, and were of the most interesting character, because participated in by the scholars of the two more advanced classes.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the pupils of the eighth and seventh divisions, together with their parents and friends, filled the large assembly rooms of the building. The little ones gave a creditable exhibition of their accomplishments, and the interesting exercises were a source of pleasure both to spectators and participants.

During the afternoon exhibition given by the boys and girls of the first and second divisions the rooms were thronged with visitors, who occupied every inch of space not used by the pupils of the classes. As on the day before, the rooms were profusely decorated with fresh cut flowers and evergreens, arranged and grouped about in pleasing form, while the desks and rostrums were sweet-scented banks of brilliant floral beauties. Principal Netherby, of the Boys' school, Miss Armstrong, principal of the Girls' school, and their assistants, Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Munroe, Miss Russell, Miss Fawcett, Miss Kermode, and Mr. J. F. Smith, conducted the examinations, and were assisted in the distribution of prizes and honors by Trustee Mallandaine, Dr. Pope, superintendent of education, Inspector of Schools Wilson, and Lieutenant-Colonel Wolfenden. The averages of all the children in these two divisions were very high and there was but a slight difference in the marking between the prize winners and most of the non-winners. The teachers seemed well pleased at the progress made during the year by their charges, and announced with pleasure to the spectators the fact that the work of all the pupils was of the most satisfactory character, even though it was impossible for all to gain the prizes.

In the contest for the bronze medal, the gift of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, Miss Edna Almira Rugg was the winner. The medal is offered annually by His Excellency to the pupil of the schools of Victoria earning the best record during the scholastic year. The medal this year went to the girls, although the boys came very near to securing it, the head scholar of their division being but two points behind Miss Rugg on his general average. When the superintendent of instruction, Dr. Pope, in a neat speech announced the winner of this handsome prize, the school-mates of the young lady extended her a spontaneous outburst of hearty applause.

Scholars and teachers were congratulated on the close of such a pleasant and successful year by Rev. Coverdale Watson, Mr. J. Jessop, Rev. Dr. Smith, of Guelph, Ont., and Rev. M. L. Rugg in brief felicitous addresses. The gentlemen congratulated the pupils and advised them not to feel disappointed at not all having been able to be first, or to receive prizes, reminding them that what they might lack in some talents given to them, they might in others excel, and in the general pursuit of knowledge and education derive equally as much benefit and advantage as if they had also secured prizes.

PROMOTIONS, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

First Division, to High School—Edna Almira Rugg, Ethel Maud Johnston, Katherine Bertha Schwengers, Janet Sinclair, Eva Isabell Miller, Mary May Creech, Eleanor Alice Kettle, Ethelyn Viola Humphreys, Christina Grace Hall, Alice M. V. Askew & Jessie Maud Mallett, Susan Elizabeth Spring, Minnie Eleanor Nicholas, Eva Eleanor Harrap.—Miss Armstrong, teacher.

Second to First Division—Harriet Eliz. Ross, Nellie E. Marchant, Claire McGregor, Mabel Bunting, Emma Sehl, Edith Beirul, Ethel Steele, Jennie McCulloch, Eliza McGraw, Ethel McKittrick, Martha Redfern, Bessie Fraser, M. Barnswell, Florence Steirs, Bessie Williams, Gertrude Loat, Florence Catterall, Lillie Durham, Maud Pattison, Mary Cathcart, Emily Cox, Grace Craigee.—Mrs. Caldwell, teacher.

Seventh to Sixth Division—Mary McCrimmon, Lizzie Henderson, Maud Anderson, Bertha Paterson, Gertrude Tobin, Louisa Mead, Mary Thompson, Mildred Beam, Laura Simpson, Mabel Brown, Eliza Woodill, Laura Simms, Celia Tugwell, Charlotte Hawkins, Leila Carter, Frances Thompson, Gertrude Carbell.—Miss Munro, Teacher.

Eighth to Seven Division—Beatrice Loat, Myrtle Jones, Violet Gerrie, Beatrice Berryman, Gertrude Hickey, Grace Stevenson, Margaret Moore, Ethel Bean, Agnes Dier, Emily Hebier, Mabel Yates, Emma McKenelley, Constance Fawcett, Bessie Grant, Ray Sylvester, Alberta Walker.—Miss Russell, Teacher.

PROMOTIONS—BOYS' SCHOOL.

First Division to High School.—Robert Cameron, Walter E. Adams, Joseph Kirchberg, Walter F. Askew, Douglas C. Tuck, Ronald K. Finlayson, William Butler, Charles H. Waller, Hugh A. Holmes, Frederick George, Cecil Trimen, Walter H. Wolfenden, Kenneth A. Finlayson, James Byrn, Christopher Becker, Geo. W. Andrews, John Cartmel.

S. B. Netherby, M.A., Teacher.

Second to First Division.—Edwin Stephens, Fred. A. Futcher, W. R. J. Smythe, Walter W. McDonald, E. W. E. Redfern, Albert E. Jewell, A. J. Mortimer, George Clarke, George Brown, W. E. Kinsman, D. C. Kurts, W. A. McKeon, Elias Lowe, Thomas Moody, P. McF. McLeod, Alfred Huxtable, Fred. Tuck, Stewart Robertson, Robert Jesse.

J. F. Smith, Teacher.

Seventh to Sixth Division—T. S. Mills, C. L. Walls, W. J. O'Brian, Alexander Vaughan, Roy B. Dier, Carl Kroeger, William Appleby, J. M. Coates, William Brunnel, A. E. Shanks, Charles Leach, H. M. Lukes, William Moody, E. L. Clay, W. H. Halfpenny, R. W. Walker, E. B. Watkins, James Moes—Miss Kermode, Teacher.

Eighth to Seventh Division—Charles Watkins, S. L. Smith, J. D. Carmody, C. H. Soule, C. W. King, William Dupen, W. F. Hoskings, J. H. Stevens, W. F. Harrison, E. A. Hiscock, Leopold Drozdowitz, Charles Thomas, S. J. Herd, Ernest Wallace, W. R. G. Lemm—Miss Fawsett, Teacher.

PRIZE LIST—GIRLS' FIRST DIVISION.

Rolls of Honor—Regularity and punctuality, Eleanor Kettle; deportment, Edna A. Rugg; general proficiency, Ethel Johnston. Prizes—Bronze medal, presented by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Edna Rugg; grammar, presented by Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mary M. Creech; composition, by Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, Jessie Maud Mallett; neatest set of books, by Hibben & Co., Nellie Harrap; physiology, by Waitt & Co., Ethelyn Humphreys; geography, by Mrs. Humphreys, Ethel M. Johnston; mental and written arithmetic, by an unknown donor, Edna A. Rugg; reading, by Mrs. Shotbolt, Eleanor Kettle; Canadian history, by Hon. Jno. Robson, Edna A. Rugg; prize for the spelling contest, Janet Sinclair.

PRIZE LIST, GIRLS' SECOND DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—Deportment, Ethel Louise McKittrick; proficiency, Harriet Elizabeth Ross; punctuality and regularity, Ethel Lillian Steele. Prizes—neatest set of books, by Hibben & Co., May L. Van Hout; spelling and definition, by Trustee Mellandaine, Maude Eckersly; reading and composition, by Mrs. Shaw, Claire R. McGregor; general proficiency, by W. C. Loat, Jennie McCulloch; mental arithmetic, by Mrs. C. E. Redfern, Evelyn Marchant (perfect).

PRIZE LIST, BOYS, FIRST DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—General proficiency!—; deportment, Ben. C. Nicholas; punctuality and regularity, Wm. J. Reid. Prizes—neatly kept books, Charles Waller; grammar, Douglas Tuck; composition, Cecil Tremen; writing, Henry G. Dalby; Canadian history, Ransome Lane; spelling, B. C. Nicholas; dictation and spelling, Geo. Andrews; good conduct, John A. McTavish; neatness in work, John Cartmell; general proficiency!—.

PRIZE LIST, BOYS SECOND DIVISION.

Roll of Honor.—Punctuality and regularity, George E. Brown; proficiency, Edwin Stephen; deportment, Thomas D. Fawcett. Prizes—Writing, F. Futcher; neatest kept books, Pat. McF. McLeod.

PRIZE LIST, BOYS SEVENTH DIVISION.

Roll of Honor.—General proficiency, Frederick Whittet; regularity and punctuality, Leopold Drozdowitz; deportment, William Hoskings. Prizes—Neatest set of books, by T. N. Hibben & Co., Norman Soule; first rank general proficiency, (sen. div.), Frederick Whittet; deportment, Edwin Hiscock; first rank general proficiency, (jun. div.), Sylvanus Moss.

THE SONG PROGRAMME.

The musical portion of the programme was very fine and very much enjoyed. The children sang well together in perfect time and harmony, and gave evidence of the careful training they had received. Their musical instructor, Mr. Howard Russel the organist, trained the scholars in the musical portion of their closing exercises, and was highly complimented for his efficient services by the teachers of the school and the visitors present. Mr. Russell also presided during the afternoon at the organ.

JAMES BAY WARD SCHOOL.

The annual examination exercises of this school were given, yesterday morning. It is the largest of all of the ward schools, and many parents and friends of the pupils were present. The young children were most perfect in their replies, recitations and songs, and reflected in a most creditable manner the careful attention and training of their teachers, Miss Bradley and Miss Lorimer.

LIST OF PROMOTIONS.

Third Reader to the Central School—James Edward Jones, M. A. Bernice Pope, Francis William Stevenson, Fred. E. Emery, Jessie Stamford, Rudolph Schouter, Hector Martin Finlayson, Archie Donald Lowe, Nath. Andrew McDowell, John Henry Rudd, Charles Blair Kennedy.

Second to Third Reader—Susan Norman, Chas. Leighton, James Lorimer, George Finlayson, Olive Lambeth, Maggie Trainer, Wm. Stamford, Herbert Jesse, Thomas Brooker, Lillie Burt, Hy. Ware, Ida Hatch, George Rudd, Wm. Robinson, Elizabeth Ritchie.

Second Primer to Second Reader—Garnet Duncan, Mildred Hatch, Eva Cornish, Cornelius Roskamp, Harriet Sabiston, George Morse, Mary Laing.

First Primer to Second Primer—Alice Redfern, Victor Wolfenden, Jennie Malcolm, Elizabeth Rudd, George Macdonald, Edith Bamford, Annie Tait, Claude Foot, Maude Laury, Lulu Davis, Florence Jackson, Frances Fraser, John Lawrence, Nancy Robertson, John Jones, Alexander Ritchie, May James, Alexander Roberts.

Chart to First Primer—Leslie Jackson, Samuel Lorimer, George Wilson, Blanche Roper, John Woolcock, Robert Dunn, Dickson McConnell, William Woolcock, Kenneth Morrison, Sarah Ritchie, Ethel Butler, Charles Cornish, Charles Cruickshanks, Lizzie Jones, Walter Laing, Lizzie Logan, John Norman, James Hogg, Langdon James.

PRIZE LIST—SENIOR DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—Proficiency, James Edward Jones; deportment, Ina Mabel Redfern; punctuality and regularity, Jos. Vic. Nor. Spencer. Prizes—Arithmetic (perfect) Randolph Schouter; grammar, Jessie Stamford; writing, Bernice Pope (the writing judged and prize awarded by Mr. E. Mallandaine); geography, Nath McDowell; reading, Fred. Emery; general proficiency, Francis Stevenson, Hector Finlayson, Chas. Kennedy, John Rudd, and Archie Lowe; writing, Walter McMicking; quick arithmetic, Bernice Pope; neatest set of books (T. N. Hibben & Co.), John Percy Foot; writing, Annie Shears; winner of spelling match, Archie Lowe.

Second class—Proficiency, Susan Norman; arithmetic (100 per cent.), James Lorimer; proficiency and regularity, Vivian Medans and Chas. Leighton; deportment, Lizzie Scowcraft; writing, Maggie Trainer; general proficiency, Geo. Finlayson and Olive Lambeth.

PRIZE LIST—JUNIOR DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—Deportment, Mary Laing; Proficiency, Garnet Duncan; Punctuality and regularity, Achille Medans. Prizes—Proficiency, Garnet Duncan, presented by Mrs. Pope; Arithmetic, Cornelius Roskamp, by Mrs. Jones; Spelling, Eva Cornish, by Mrs. Urquhart; Writing, George Morse, by Lt.-Colonel Wolfenden; Mental arithmetic, Mildred Hatch, by Mrs. Redfern; Reading, Harriet Sabiston, Mrs. Urquhart; Deportment, Mary Laing, Wm. Lorimer, Esq.; Punctuality and regularity, Achille Medans, by Mrs. Laing; Arithmetic, Alice Redfern; Mental arithmetic, Victor Wolfenden, by Mr. Logan; Writing, Jennie Malcolm; Spelling, Jessie Rudd, by Mrs. Kennedy; Reading, George Macdonald, by Mr. Mallandaine; Proficiency, Leslie Jackson, by Mr. Logan; writing, George Wilson, Arithmetic, Samuel Lorimer, by Mr. Logan; Reading, Blanche Roper, by Mrs. Simpson.

WON THE SPECIAL PRIZE.

Miss Florence Jackson, one of the pupils of the third division of the Central School, in the examinations, on Wednesday, was awarded the only prize offered for composition. The name was accidentally omitted from the published list of yesterday. The young miss was very proficient and almost perfect in her composition, and Miss Williams, the teacher of the class, recommended the same in the highest terms.

## GAZETTE NOTICES.

This week's B. C. Gazette contains a number of certificates of incorporation under the Companies' Act of 1890, among them the following:

Of Joseph Edward Boss, of Spokane, P. C. Dunlevy, T. F. Sinclair, W. H. Ellis, T. S. Milligan, C. T. Dupont, John Grant, John Irving and Steve O'Brien, of Victoria, under the name of the Stadacona Silver-copper Mining Company, limited, who have acquired the Grizzly Bear mining claim, in the Kootenay District, with a capital stock of $100,000 in $1 shares, the trustees being P. C. Dunlevy, C. T. Dupont, John Grant, John Irving and Charles D. Rand.

Of Julius Brethour, Thomas Norquay, Robert Irving, John White, William C. Haywood, and Arthur L. Belyea, under the name of the Sidney Land and Improvement Company, with principal place of business in Victoria. Their capital stock is $100,000 in shares of $250 each.

Of the Le Roi Mining and Smelting company (foreign), with a capital of $2,500,000, in shares of $5 each.

Of George Grant McKay, Edward Ethelbert Rand, David Oppenheimer, and Henry Ogle Bell-Irving, under the name of the Vancouver Club Company; capital $50,000, in shares of $1,000 each.

Of John Taylor, William McCarter, and James Morrison, under the name of the Taylor Mill Company Limited, with a capital of $50,000, in $100 shares. Their objects are for the purchase, building, leasing or otherwise acquiring and selling saw-mills and factories, and the operation of the same for the manufacture of lumber and timber, and the manufacturing of doors, sashes, mouldings, furniture and whatever can be manufactured in a wood-working establishment, etc.

Of the Lindsay Mercantile Company (foreign), with a capital stock of $50,000, in $100 shares, to deal in all kinds of merchandise and securities; to buy and sell groceries, provisions, liquors, cigars, tobacco, and to do a general retail and wholesale jobbing business in groceries and agricultural products in all their branches and details, etc.

The Indians of the Mexican State of Vera Cruz have revolted, and the government has sent troops to subdue them.

## ST. ANN'S CONVENT.

### Interesting Exercises at the Close of the Scholastic Term—An Excellent Programme.

### The List of Prize Winners—Congratulatory Remarks by the Bishop.

The holidays and the pleasant exercises by which they are ushered in are always looked forward to with very great pleasure by scholars and teachers alike, whether connected with public or private institutions. The school term always means plenty of hard work, and the holidays mean that rest and recreation which are always so thoroughly appreciated, even by the most studious, for it is possible to work a willing horse to death, so is it not unfrequent that ambitious pupils sacrifice everything, even to health and personal comfort, so as to stand at the head of the list. Yesterday afternoon occurred the "exhibition" of the pupils of the St. Anne's Convent, on the occasion of which the academic hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with fond and appreciative parents, and friends and relatives to whom the intellectual advancement of all they know is a source of extreme pleasure. The room was very beautifully decorated, and the pupils in their holiday attire, as they waited to hear their names called in connection with their class standing or to take their part in the programme, looked their very best. His Lordship Bishop Lemmens presided, and the clergy were numerously represented. The following is the programme of the afternoon proceedings:

Entry March—
Greeting—Sole and Chorus.
Music—Three pianos, "Bohm," Pianists—Misses E. Sehl, G. Loat, Mary Carey, Annie Carey, M. Beckingham, L. Marbouef.
Distribution of Medals—
Ribbons of Honor—
Essay—"Two Views of a Subject," Miss A. Welsh.
Duet—Two pianos, "Schumann," Misses T. Romanoff, L. Styles.
Recitation—Voices of Flowers, Primary pupils.
Ecce Homo—Vocal C Solo, Miss A. Welsh.
Recitation—Historical Gleanings, Seniors.
March—Pianos—Misses F. Hayward, K. White; Harp—Miss E. Styles; Violins—T. Romanoff, A. Welsh; Guitars—Misses L. Thayer, C. Cameron, M. Jackman, E. Sehl, L. Marbouef, R. McTavish; Auto-harp—Miss R. McMahon.
Concert Recitation—Juniors.
Harp Solo—Carnival of Venice, Oberthur—L. Styles.
Essay—Victory due to Effort, Miss S. McNiffe.
Quartette—Mendelssohn—Misses T. Romanoff, L. Styles, B. Courter, A. Welsh.
Motion Song—Juvenile Chorus.
Music—three pianos, Auber—Misses F. Hayward, A. Welsh, L. Styles, F. Romanoff, E. Martin, M. Dougherty.
Distribution of Premiums—
Home, Sweet Home—Accompanied on stringed instruments.

His Lordship, the Bishop, in a few brief remarks, expressed his gratification with the proceedings of the afternoon, and of the progress which had been made by the pupils, and announced that the holidays would last until the 16th of August, when it was expected the pupils would be on hand by nine o'clock in the morning, all determined to learn and to turn their advantages to the best account.

The following is the

LIST OF PREMIUMS.

SIXTH GRADE.

Anna Welsh, 1st excellence rhetoric, composition, bookkeeping, arithmetic, commercial writing; 2nd botany and algebra. This book was donated by Hibben & Co.

Bell Courter, 1st written and mental arithmetic, algebra, Grecian history and astronomy; 2nd bookkeeping and English history.

Sophie McNiffe, 1st grammar, bookkeeping, Roman history, order and neatness; 2nd algebra, rhetoric and arithmetic.

Fatiana Romanoff, 1st instrumental music, English history and orthography; 2nd grammar; 3rd French.

Maggie Dougherty, absent.

Lizzie Styles, 1st fancy work, sewing and mending; 2nd order and neatness.

Florence Hayward, 2nd instrumental music, 8th grade.

Rosina Bantley, 1st drawing; 2nd painting.

Gertie Loat, 2nd music, 6th grade.

Clara Cameron, 2nd drawing.

FOURTH GRADE.

Alice Mellon, 1st excellence, orthography, Bible history; excellence, assiduity; 2nd English history and arithmetic, 4th French.

Maggie McNiffe, 1st arithmetic and geography; 2nd Bible history and reading; 3rd English history.

Mary Sullivan, 1st arithmetic; 2nd geography Bible history and drawing; 3rd grammar.

Annie Keast, 1st fancy work; 2nd drawing and reading; 3rd grammar.

Lizzie Grimm, 1st penmanship, 2nd div.; 2nd orthography and arithmetic; 3rd Bible history.

Barbara Keast, 2nd grammar, reading and geography; 3rd English history.

SECOND DIVISION.

May Duncan, 1st orthography, grammar, Bible history, arithmetic, reading, geography, English history and French, 2nd Div.

Agnes Dougherty, 1st composition, geography and Bible history; 2nd orthography; 3rd English history.

Mary Carey, 1st reading, English history and instrumental music, 6th grade; 2nd Bible history and grammar; 3rd orthography and French.

Emma Sehl, 1st instrumental music, 6th grade; 1st drawing; 2nd painting, arithmetic and orthography; 3rd reading.

Mary Jane Haslem, 1st spelling; 2nd grammar and arithmetic; 3rd geography.

Lizzie Sullivan, 2nd geography and Bible history; 3rd English history and arithmetic.

Annie Carey, 2nd reading, grammar and Bible history; 3rd arithmetic.

Nettie Gabriel, 3rd P. English history, grammar and spelling.

Annie McBride, 2nd arithmetic and orthography.

Dora Van Volkenburgh, absent.

THIRD GRADE.

Annie Sullivan, 1st excellence, Bible history, composition, grammar, geography, and orthography; 2nd arithmetic and penmanship.

Estelle Aikman, 1st assiduity, 1st music, 4th grade; 1st arithmetic, Bible history and English history; 2nd composition; 3rd drawing.

Katie White, 1st reading, 1st penmanship, 1st letter writing, orthography; 2nd, Bible history; 2nd, English history:—

Louisa Marbœuf, 1st orthography, 1st grammar, 1st Bible history, 2nd composition, 2nd English history.

Rita McTavish, 1st arithmetic, 1st French, 1st grade, 2nd orthography, 2nd fancy work, 2nd geography, 2nd artificial flowers.

Florence Mills, 1st arithmetic, 2nd music, 3rd grade, 2nd Bible history, 2nd French, 3rd geography.

Frances McDonald, 1st geography, 2nd reading, 2nd grammar and arithmetic.

Maggie Grahame, 1st order and neatness, 1st orthography.

Fannie Keefe, 1st reading, 2nd Bible history, 2nd arithmetic.

SECOND DIVISION.

Jennie Laing, 1st excellence, 1st geography, 1st orthography, 2nd grammar.

Mary Stevens, 1st grammar, 1st Bible history, 2nd composition.

Rosie McMahon, 1st penmanship, 1st arithmetic, 2nd geography.

Maggie Frye, 1st geography, orthography, 2nd arithmetic.

Rosemary Reid, 1st composition, 1st geography, 2nd Bible history.

Mary Keefe, 1st Bible history, 2nd orthography.

Daisy Thompson, 2nd arithmetic, 2nd grammar.

Dolly Sehl, 2nd reading.

Mary Camsuss, honorable mention.

Absent members—Miss Mary Beckingham, L. Morrison, Katie McGill, Louisa Sehl, Mary Carron.

SECOND GRADE.

Cassie Morrison, excellence, 1st assiduity, orthography and geography.

Annie Gray, 1st orthography, geography, penmanship and history.

Elsie Cartmel, 1st reading, orthography, geography and arithmetic.

Lizzie Duncan, 1st reading, assiduity and orthography.

Josephine Marbœuf, 1st music, 2nd grade, 3rd history, geography, orthography and fancy work.

Maudie Langridge, 3rd writing, orthography, and arithmetic.

Isabel Cartmel, 3rd reading, orthography and arithmetic.

Annie Carron, 3rd reading, orthography and geography.

Bertha Flick, 3rd orthography and geography.

Mattie Taylor, do. do.

Mamie Gibson, 3rd writing and sacred history.

Maggie Murray, 3rd orthography and history.

Ethel Mills, 4th reading and arithmetic.

Edith Lombard, 4th orthography and writing.

Katie Powell, 4th reading.

Ellen O'Rourke, 4th orthography and history.

Agnes Mellon, 5th reading.

Mary Ann Dougherty, 6th reading.

Dora Devoe, 6th orthography.

Ella Bowman, 6th orthography.

Mamie Steward, reading.

Alice Farley, honorable mention.

Absent members—May Robbins, Mary Marston, Annie Gallant, Maud Potter.

FIRST GRADE.

Minnie Fox, 1st reading, orthography, geography and arithmetic.

May Thompson, 2nd reading, spelling and geography.

May Dodd, 2nd reading.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Ivy Beck, Mary Fox, Hattie Fox, Lizzie Mellon, Lorrie Foss, M. Ann O'Rourke, Millie Grimm, Maggie Fox, Winnie Gabriel, Mary Albany, Anna McQuade.

ACADEMIC HONORS, MEDALS AND RIBBONS.

Gold medal for good conduct, donated by a friend, Annie Welsh.

Gold medal for harp and piano, Lizzie Styles.

Gold pen for calligraphy, donated by a friend, Tatiana Romanoff.

Medal of merit for religious instructions and politeness, Annie Carey.

RIBBONS OF MERIT.

For assiduity, Belle Courter; order and neatness, Katie White; application in 6th grade, S. McNiffe; excellence and assiduity in 4th grade, 1st division, Alice Mellon; general application in 4th grade, 2nd division, Agnes Dougherty; excellence, 3rd grade, Annie Sullivan; excellence, 3rd grade, 2nd division, Jennie Laing; excellence, 2nd grade, Cassie Morrison.

Medal of honor for religious instruction and good conduct, Mary Fox.

Ribbon of deportment and politeness, Ivy Beck.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL.

The St. Ann's infant school, on View street, was closed for the holidays on Wednesday. It has had an average attendance of 35 little scholars.

## MOUNTAINS OF SILVER.

### The Great Kootenay Promises to be the Richest of Mineral Lands.

### Vast Capital Attracted to the District—Progress of its Development.

"I regard the Kootenay country as the coming great mining district."

Mr. James Hutcheson, who has just returned from a three weeks' tour in that section of British Columbia, made this announcement to a COLONIST reporter, last evening.

"It is now attracting more attention from wealthy capitalists than any other mining district in the West, and it will undoubtedly prove the richest that has ever been discovered when it is fully opened up. I am not an expert on mining questions, and our trip to that country was in connection with extensive mill and timber interests. Messrs. McTavish, Joshua Davies, J. Fred. Dell and Douglas Dick and Mr. Purvis accompanied me. Mr. McTavish returned with me, and the other gentlemen will be home either Saturday or Sunday evening.

"We have an excellent mill at Pilot Bay, and have lumber yards at Nelson, Ainsworth and Balfour, and are cutting excellent timber. At Spokane we purchased some more machinery and shipped it in, and will increase the capacity of the mill to a great extent. Our party went out over the Canadian Pacific to Revelstoke, and thence into the Kootenay, coming out via Spokane. The completion of the railroad to Nelson is a great advantage to the country, as it will enable shipments of machinery to be made in.

"The absence of machinery has been a great drawback, but with the completion of the railroad and some excellent wagon roads that difficulty will be overcome, and the rapid development of this rich section will ensue. Two very fine wagon roads are being built and are nearly completed. One is from Ainsworth up to the Sky Line and the No. 1, and the other from Nelson up to the Silver King mine, better known as the Hall property. Both roads are being constructed in the best manner, and will prove a great aid in the successful development of a deal of mining property.

"There are many prospectors at work in the district, and a great deal of prospecting is being carried on, especially in the Hot Springs district. All of the prospects are of a most promising character, and there are, no doubt, many fine mines there.

"The Silver King, or Hall, mine is, no doubt, one of the riches pieces of mineral property, for a new discovery, in the world. One-half interest in it has been held at $1,500,000, and a party of American capitalists is now at Nelson engaged in negotiations for its purchase. This wonderfully rich mine is located on Toad mountain, which is a veritable mountain of silver. The ore is of the richest character, and all who have visited and inspected the mine pronounce it to be of fabulous wealth. I did not visit the mine, as it was closed to visitors. The reason stated for prohibiting its visitation was that specimens of ore taken by visitors averaged in value fully $500 per month.

"We visited and looked through the No. 1, which is also very rich. There has been a large amount of development work done on this property, which has three tunnels run into it, and has on the dump many hundreds of sacks of ore that assays probably not less than $200 a ton. The Blue Bell, another very fine mine, was also visited. Reports of rich strikes are frequent. What is greatly needed are smelters, there being none up there now. The mining industry now suffers great inconvenience in consequence, and arrangements have been completed for the erection of two. They will very likely be completed and in operation before the close of the season.

"Nelson is a flourishing business place, and is growing rapidly. So are Balfour and Ainsworth. At Spokane nothing is talked of, scarcely, but the mines of the Kootenay, and I have no doubt but what a vast amount of American capital will be invested there and the rich claims gobbled up by the capitalists of that country. The development of the Kootenay, however, will be of great benefit to British Columbia, and I think we shall always secure the bulk of the trade of that section."

Notice has been given that the arbitrators' award of damages arising from the Eton-Pueblo collision will be appealed to England.

## EXAMINATIONS ENDED.

### All Schools Closed and Pupils Dismissed for the Summer Vacation.

### Yesterday at the High School, St. Louis College and other Institutions.

Yesterday brought the school examinations to a close, and now books and studies for the next six weeks will be laid aside and pupils and teachers enjoy their well-earned vacation.

The public examination and exhibition of the three classes at the High school, occurred yesterday afternoon, and a great many visitors were present. It was an interesting exhibition, that showed the scholars to the best advantage, and reflected credit upon the ability of the teachers and the system of study pursued in the various divisions. It was evident that the pupils had made great progress, and the testimony of Principal McLeod and his assistants in regard to the individual standing of each of the pupils, was complimentary in the highest degree to the boys and girls in attendance at the High School the past year.

The programme which was an interesting one, was well rendered and at its close the rolls of honor and prizes were distributed, by School Inspector Wilson, who complimented each boy or girl upon the high average attained and upon their studious application to their tasks during the year just closed.

PROMOTIONS.

Third to Second Division—Edith Scrope Shrapnel, Edith Madeline Dalby, Thomas Robert Futcher, Frances Ann Brown, Arthur Douglas Hardie, Catherine Jane Munro, George James Brethour, Harrie Gerald Ross, Henry Saunders Heisterman, Josephine Colquhoun, Mary Lucy Porter, Alexander McDonald, Annie McDowell, James Phillip Berry, Henry Robert Jorand, Alexander Cook, Ethel Julia Crockford, W. Percyval Marchant, Louisa Annie Nicholson, Edward Richard Vigor, Albert Edward Wall, Cecil Knox Courtney, Frederick Chipman Tingley, Isabella Inglis Milne, John Benbow Adams, Olive Askew, Walter Frank Penny, Henry George Wincott, Jno. Alexander Gill, Mabel Agnes Gauden.—Miss Agnes Cameron, Teacher.

Second to First Division—Laura Livingstone Nickerson, Louisa May Powell, Caroline Maud Edwards, Maurice Christopher Berkeley, Hector James Galbraith, Sylvia Louise Heisterman, Lily Olive Elford, Lilias Edwards, William James Turpel, Nellie Grant McCulloch, Andrew Wallace Smith, Frank Delsey Bowness, William Pollard Grant.—Mr. Wm. Offerhaus, Teacher.

FIRST DIVISION.

Out of 33 pupils in this class the following were the 10 who made the highest average in the class, although all of the averages ranged close to each other: Francis John Nicholson, Ernest Cheesney Hayward, John Kermode, Ida Mary Carmichael, Eliza King, Donald McLeod, Pauline Frank, Eugene Piercy Miller, Elizabeth Murray, Caroline C. Christie—Mr. J. P. McLeod, Principal.

RANK OF SCHOLARS, FIRST DIVISION.

The following are the best averages obtained in the various studies pursued by the pupils of the senior class:—

Reading, Hilda McLaughlin; writing, Pauline Frank; dictation and spelling, Ruth Pope, Caroline Christie, Isabella Gill (equal); Geography William Somers, Ida Carmichael; English grammar, Ida Carmichael; composition, Caroline Christie; rhetoric, Earnest C. Hayward, John Kermode; English history, Frank Nicholson, Ernest C. Hayward; Canadian history, Frank Nicholson, Pauline Frank; mental arithmetic, Ernest C. Hayward, Ruth Pope, John Kermode, Frank Nicholson (equal); written arithmetic, Ernest C. Hayward, John Kermode; mensuration, Ernest C. Hayward, Mariam Frank, John Kermode, D. McLeod, Frank Nicholson (equal); algebra, Ernest C. Hayward, Ruth Pope; geometry, Ernest C. Hayward, Frank Nicholson; trigonometry, Ernest C. Hayward, Frank Nicholson; natural philosophy, Ernest C. Hayward, Frank Nicholson; book-keeping, Ernest C. Hayward, x. y. Miller; history of Rome, Frank Nicholson, W. Englehardt; history of Greece, Frank Nicholson, Ernest C. Hayward; Latin, Ernest C. Hayward, Frank Nicholson; French, Frank Nicholson, Edith King; Greek, Frank Nicholson, D. McLeod; Physiology—Ernest C. Hayward, Eliza King; Botany—Ernest C. Hayward, John Kermode; Geology—Elizabeth Murray, Frank Nicholson; English literature—Frank Nicholson, Ida Carmichael.

PRIZE LIST—FIRST DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—Proficiency, Frank J. Nicholson; punctuality and regularity, Edith Maud Jesse; deportment, Eugene Percy Miller. Prizes—Frank J. Nicholson, head of the school, and first in Roman history, English history, Roman history, Grecian history, English literature, French and Greek; Ernest Cheesney Hayward, first in bookkeeping, rhetoric, botany, physiology, Latin, natural philosophy, trigonometry, geometry, algebra, written arithmetic, mental arithmetic and mensuration; John Kermode, general proficiency; Ida Mary Carmichael, first in English grammar and English literature; Eliza King, physiology; Donald McLeod, general proficiency; Pauline Frank, writing and Canadian history.

Thanks are extended by the teachers and scholars to the donors of prizes, Messrs. Hyams, Mallandaine, T. N. Hibben & Co., and Mr. Fairbank.

Dr. Milne, M.P.P., again gave three prizes for anatomy and physiology for competition in the three divisions, but they came too late for presentation. They will be presented at the commencement of the term.

PRIZE LIST—THIRD DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—Proficiency, Laura Nickerson; Punctuality, Hector James Galbraith; Deportment, William Pollard Grant. Prizes—Regularity, Laura Nickerson and Jennie Grant Fraser; General proficiency, Maurice Christopher Berkeley; Algebra, Sylvia Louise Heisterman (Hibben & Co); English history, William James Turpel (S. Hyams); French, Lottie May Powell (K. Mallandaine); Natural philosophy, Caroline Maud Edwards.

PRIZE LIST—THIRD DIVISION.

Roll of Honor—Proficiency, Edith Scrope Shrapnel; Regularity, Edith Madeline Dalby; Deportment, John Alexander Gill. Prizes—Edith Scrope Shrapnel, Head of the class; Edith Madeline Dalby, Second General proficiency; Thomas Robert Futcher, Third General proficiency; Frances Ann Brown, Writing, Grammar, Geometry, Deportment; James Philip Berry, Spelling and Latin; Arthur Douglas Hardie, Grammar, Geometry, Book-keeping; Catherine Jane Munro, Composition and Dictation; James George Brethour, Second Anatomy; Harrie Gerald Ross, Geography and Algebra; Henry Saunders Heisterman, Algebra; Josephine Colquhoun, Second Book-keeping and Latin; Alexander Macdonald, Mental Arithmetic (full marks); Mary Lucy Porter, Second Written Arithmetic; Annie McDowell, General Proficiency; Alexander Cook, General Proficiency; Ethel Julia Crockford, Reading, Canadian History, Deportment; W. Percyval Marchant, Written Arithmetic, English History; Albert Edward Wale, Regularity; Cecil Knox Courtney, Good, steady work; Frederick Chapman Tingley, Proficiency and conscientious work.

The donors of the prizes were—Messrs. Hibben, Waitt, Mallandaine, Hyams, Partridge and W. G. Cameron.

After the award of prizes, short addresses were made to the pupils by Trustees Mallandaine and Erskine, Mr. Jessop, Henry Lawson, editor of the COLONIST, Rev. Dr. Reid and Thomas McConnan. Each of the gentlemen complimented the young folks on their progress and the excellent showing that had been made, and advised them not to conclude that learning was all that they required.

When they went out into the world to battle with it, practicability was what was required of them, and they should always bear in mind that their education, to be available, must be applied in a practical way if good results were to be obtained.

The exhibition closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Teachers and scholars will enjoy themselves to-day by picnicking at Cordova Bay. The busses will leave the High School at 10 o'clock this morning.

HILLSIDE WARD SCHOOL.

The small but brilliant little pupils of this primary institution, all decked out in their holiday clothes, underwent their annual examination yesterday, and gave a public exhibition of their scholastic accomplishments to the pleasure and delight of parents and friends, who thronged the school room. The children acquitted themselves excellently, and the occasion was a particularly pleasing one for Miss Arrowsmith, their teacher, who took a pardonable pride in the achievements of her small charges.

PROMOTIONS.

Third Reader to Central School—Mabel Witmer, William Kelley, Rose Maynard, Percy Winnett, Frank Bone, Daisy Purdey, John Bland, Annie Duncan, Frances Edith Rooklidge.

From Second to Third Reader—Emily Wilkerson, Lizzie Miller, Miriam Tranter, Mabel Davey, Frank Catterall, Lilly Cousins, Amelia Scott, Louise Ray, Helen McGregor, Maud Chambers, Jeannie McDonald, Herbert Cox, Willie Baker, Hannah Gonnason, Mary Owen.

Second Primer to Second Reader—Maggie Stooke, Margaret Campbell, Ethel John, Segrid Gonnanson, Samuel McGregor, John Gibson, John Robertson, William Blake, David Baker, William Jordan, George Kelly, Kenneth Hughes, Ellen Sellick, Leonard Leigh, Hetta Batchelor, George Reesan, Roland Davis.

First to Second Primer—Ruth McDonald, James Dakers, Albert Maynard, Fred Batchelor, Annie Barnlett, Edward Sellick, Fred Winnett, Madge Erskine, Grace Hackett, Orwell Witmer, Queenie Rossan.

Chart to First Primer—Thomas Wilson, Fred Bartlett, Edward Kelly, Clarence McConnell, Gertrude de Ridder, Edward Jeeves, Wilfred Gibson, Kate Erskine, James