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## VICE REGAL MOVEMENTS.

Governor-General Promises Medals to Be Competed for by the Boys' Brigade.

Visit to Sidney—Organ Recital at St. Andrew's—Reception at Government House To-day.

An interesting ceremony last night at the Y.M.C.A. rooms was the inspection and address to the Victoria companies of the Boys' Brigade by the Governor-General. There were four companies, No. 1, Y.M.C.A.; No. 2, Central Presbyterian church; No. 3, Christ Church cathedral; and No. 4, St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There were nearly 100 boys in all, the companies being drawn up in column. The Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen arrived about 9 o'clock, accompanied by Mr. Arbuckle, A.D.C. They were met at the entrance by Rev. Canon Baillanda, provincial vice-president of the Boys' Brigade, and as they entered the gymnasium the brigade, at the command of Mr. Herbert Roper, saluted in capital style.

His Excellency gave a bright little address to the lads. The Boys' Brigade, he said, was a great movement, not alone in its having spread so far and wide in its organization, but because of its capabilities and its possibilities for good. It depended upon the officers and boys of each company to make these possibilities realities. It was possible for all to be of use by helpful kindness and consideration to those in difficulties. The bare fact of a Boys' Brigade being formed was only the beginning; then followed the turning of possibilities into realities. It was practice in the objects for which the Boys' Brigade was formed that alone could make the movement a success. Regularity was one great thing. The boys had to stick to their work to make a success. Wherever the Boys' Brigade had been started it had done good, and the reason for that was that the movement was founded upon religion as a basis, following the teachings of the Prince of Peace. His Excellency then announced that he would offer for competition in each of the Victoria companies a silver medal, to be presented to the boy who was first in the drill, regularity, punctuality and efficiency in drill. These medals would be presented at the end of the winter work. In concluding, he advised the boys to "Trust in God and keep your powder dry." They must trust in God, looking to Him for strength, health, and patience, and they must be up and doing and not sit down waiting for some galvanizing process to move them.

Canon Baillanda then called for three cheers for the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen, which were given with hearty good-will and the ceremony was over. The Countess of Aberdeen visited Mrs. Day's kindergarten, of which she is patroness, yesterday forenoon. She took great interest in the children's occupations and training and expressed herself as highly pleased with the excellent work done under Miss Mathews, the kindergarten.

At noon yesterday the Governor-General and Countess, accompanied by the Bishop of Columbia, Miss Parlin, Mr. Arbuckle, A.D.C., and Dr. Gibson, visited the special train being placed at their disposal by the courtesy of the Victoria & Sidney railway. At Sidney the party drove about for an hour, and then to the farm of Mr. Breed. The Governor-General expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with the appearance of the district, both as regards its evident fertility and also its attractiveness. On the return journey a stop was made at Bryan's crossing, and Mrs. Breed's place was visited, his family being well known to the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen. Mr. Stewart has now been out from Scotland for four years, and his place presents a most creditable appearance. A visit to another Scottish settler from Aberdeen was made. The party returned to Government House at half-past seven.

The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen attended the organ recital at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last night. There was not so large an audience as the vocalists and Mr. J. G. Burnett, the organist, deserved, but musically the recital was a success, and the musical circles of Victoria were well represented. The opening number was Gullman's "Grand chorale in D," a majestic composition which was well played. "Harvest Home" was the best played piece of the evening in registration, tempo and execution; the registration was particularly appropriate. "I Will Extol Thee" (Eli) Sir M. Costa, sung by Mrs. McCandless, who is always favorite, was exceedingly well executed, as she fully entered into the spirit of the piece. "It is enough" (Elijah), a difficult solo, was magnificently rendered by Mr. W. Ralph Higginson. The organist showed signs of nervousness through the Storm Fantasia (Lemmens), but on the whole it was played very creditably. The fine pedal department of the organ was well shown. Just before the thunder, just before the thunder, the vice-regal party entered, the audience rising and singing "God Save the Queen." The "Pastorale in G" (Wely) was tastefully played, the registration of course in imitation of shepherd's pipes. The "Holy City" (S. Adams) was rendered with gusto by Miss Jameson. The last number, "William Tell overture" was the most pre-tentious work of the evening. Being originally an orchestral composition it requires constant change of registration to imitate as much as possible the orchestra. This was done creditably, though with some untidiness of tempo. This is the first recital given by Mr. Barnett, and he may be congratulated, as it was on the whole a success. The vocalists also appeared in very good form, and deserve special praise. At 11:30 o'clock this morning His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen will perform the pleasing ceremony of presenting to the successful scholars the medals offered by them for competition in the public schools of this city during the past two years. The Hon. James Baker, Minister of Education, the Board of School Trustees, and the principals and members of the teaching staff, will receive the distinguished visitors, and the presentation will take place in the council chamber of the city hall instead of, as at first arranged, at the Central school. This change was decided upon yesterday in consequence of an examination of the assembly rooms at the school by Building Inspector Northcott, who found them not sufficiently strong to accommodate safely a packed audience. The centre partition which carries the joists is built of wood, and the covering of each of the rooms—assuming everything to be in good order—is but 60,000 pounds, whereas a packed room of the size should have, estimating on a basis of 75 pounds to

the square foot, a capacity of at least 81,000 pounds. The means of egress were also found to be inadequate, and the building inspector therefore advised that some other hall be utilized for the occasion.

At a quarter to three o'clock this afternoon the Countess of Aberdeen will address the King's Daughters at the city hall. The Countess of Aberdeen will be "At Home" at 6 o'clock, when the Governor-General and Countess will be pleased to receive any gentlemen and ladies who desire to call. The reception will be informal.

On Monday morning at half-past ten the vice-regal party take their departure from Victoria by the government steamer Quadra, which leaves from the customs house wharf.

## STILL THEY COME.

The following are the additions made by the certificates published in the B. C. Gazette of yesterday, to the limited liability companies to do business in this province: Gabriel Coal Company—By Arthur E. Rand and Albert J. Hill, New Westminster. Capital \$100,000. Principal place of business, Nanaimo.

The Wolf Hill Mines Company—For the purchase of the mineral claims on Wolf creek, in Sooke district, known as the War Horse and Empress, for \$25,000 in paid up shares of this company. First trustees, James Dunsen, William Ralph, Theodore Lobbe, and Chas. E. Peasey, all of Victoria. Capital \$100,000, in \$10 shares.

The Delta Mining and Development Company—For general mining purposes and particularly to take over the mineral claims on Lulu Island recorded as Setting Sun, Benish, Empty Shell, Gladys, Diablo, and Valseyrie. First trustees, John Clark, C. McArthur, and J. W. Jackson, all of Vancouver. Capital \$100,000 in ten cent shares. Poorman Gold Mining Company—Registered as a foreign company; head office Spokane, Wash. Capital \$500,000 in \$1 shares.

Western Electric, Light, Heat and Power Company—By Chester D. Grandall, Chicago; John E. W. Macfarlane, Geo. H. Cowan, and Wm. T. Stewart of Vancouver—the proposed principal place of business, Capital stock, \$150,000, in \$100 shares.

The Islander Gold & Silver Mining and Milling Company—To purchase the Islander mineral claim, on Granite creek, Alberni, for 60,000 paid-up shares in this company; and for general mining purposes. First trustees, John Irving, William Munroe and William G. Macdonald, all of Victoria, the principal place of business. Capital stock, \$100,000 in \$1 shares.

Caledonia Consolidated Mining Company—Registered as a foreign company; head office, Spokane. Capital stock, \$500,000 in \$1 shares.

## THE "STRATHNEVIS" LONG VOYAGE.

No word has yet been received of the arrival at Yokohama of the Northern Pacific steamship Strathnevis, which left Victoria for the Orient on October 12. She departed from here two weeks before the steamship Victoria, a vessel of the same line, which reached the Japanese port a few days ago. Notwithstanding this fact there is no particular uneasiness felt for the overdue ship. She is a new vessel and is lightly loaded; and only this ship, but Captain James Pattie, her skipper, on leaving here declared that the trip would be a 30-day one. The Strathnevis machinery was not, it is said, in very good running order, and a wrecker such as is to be looked for on the Pacific at this season, has no doubt retarded progress on the voyage. The Strathnevis carries a cargo of 2,000 tons of general freight consisting of the usual assortment of canned meats, condensed milk, machinery, iron pipe, etc., and including 1,800 kegs of nails. These nails were destined for Japan and were of a peculiar character being cheap and light and adapted for use in bamboo work. The ship carried besides 125 Chinese passengers, mostly Eastern merchants. While essentially a cargo steamer and short of all decorations or useless houses the Strathnevis is considered a good vessel. Her lines are good, and in appearance she realizes the ideal of the modern fast freighter. Six thousand four hundred and twenty tons of Oriental freight were brought by the vessel in July—the largest Asiatic freight ever landed on the coast. The Strathnevis is commanded by Capt. James Pattie. She belongs to the "Strath" line of Glasgow, and is one of the thirty-three steamships owned by that company. She has a net tonnage of 2,308, a gross tonnage of 3,574, and a dead weight carrying capacity of 5,700 tons.

## THE WOMAN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

TO THE EDITOR:—I fear that my former letter was, as the gentleman lady with the Greek pseudonym put it, rather a poser. Let us come down to earth.

Your editorial last Sunday upon "World Menders" was a timely and wise contribution to the expression of men's thoughts, and women's, too, upon current events. In reading it there occurred to me a thought which, perhaps, like the dwarf on the giant's shoulder, rose further still.

These world-menders—such as you have very quietly pointed out—are not always persons of any great originality. Oftentimes their remedies are no remedies at all—sometimes they are bungles—sometimes only obnoxious, and desiring to be known as such, times they are astute and a little unprincipled, though always amiable.

They see their neighbor swimming far out in deep water and—having no appetite or capability to work—run off with the clothes which he has left behind and get the credit of their neighbor's heroism. They parade up and down in the stolen garments and lead people to imagine that it is they who have won the gold medal of the Human Society.

The letter of Mr. Mason, of the B. C. Women's Society, strongly suggests the short-sightedness. And, while recognizing, as we must recognize the high merits displayed by the members of the Council of Women, we must know long ago the ladies do possess in no remarkable degree—let us hope—that they will carefully leave behind them such garments as they may find unsuitable in the little heap left upon the shore by adventurous bathers of the other sex.

W. F. L. PADDON.

The demand for Ayer's Hair Vigor in such widely separated regions as South America, Spain, Australia, and India, has kept pace with the home consumption, which goes to show that these people know a good thing when they try it.

OTTAWA, Nov. 13.—Within 24 hours it is thought there will be a small sized war in Lowe township, Ottawa county. It is 25 miles from here, and the farmers there, who are all Irish settlers, have not paid their taxes for years. This afternoon a squad of mounted police from Quebec reached here, and will leave for that district tonight. They are armed to the teeth and expect to meet a stubborn resistance in collecting the taxes, which amount to thousands of dollars.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDALS

Presented to Successful Pupils of the Public Schools at the City Hall.

The Children Will Be Given Another Whole Holiday by His Excellency's Request.

The interesting ceremony of presenting to the successful pupils of the public schools the Governor-General's medals took place yesterday forenoon in the city hall. On the platform besides the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen were Hon. Col. Baker, minister of education; Senator Macdonald, the Bishop of Columbia, Lady Marjorie and Hon. Archie Gordon. Capt. Wilbiforce, A.D.C., accompanied His Excellency. The room was filled principally with the High school pupils and the first divisions of the graded schools with their teachers, the Mayor and Mrs. Teague, Dr. Pope, superintendent of education; Inspector Wilson and a number of others interested in educational matters.

As the Vice-Regal party entered the pupils sang "God Save the Queen," and Hon. Col. Baker in a few happy words then congratulated the children on having present at the ceremony the Governor-General and the Countess.

Having been requested by Colonel Baker to address the children, His Excellency said:

"Colonel Baker, Mr. Mayor and all young friends: "My first word must be one of reassurance. I hasten, therefore, to tell you now that I am not going to take the place of the Countess of Aberdeen. Her Excellency and not I will have the pleasure of presenting to these medals, and I have no doubt the boys also will listen to what Lady Aberdeen may say. Let me say I fully enter into the feelings expressed, and very considerably and judiciously expressed, by Hon. Col. Baker with reference to what I understand has been a little disappointment with regard to the place of holding this gathering. It seems that the intention was that we should assemble in the Central school, which in view of the circumstances could have been a very natural arrangement. But I turn out, as they say so, in the children's minds, and I have no doubt whose duty it is to exercise precautions, supervision in these matters thought it would be safer to meet here. This must not be supposed to imply any reflection on the soundness of the structural work on the school, but I have no doubt that the feeling, my impressions about such matters as for instance effective flooring, etc., in this city have been of a very favorable kind owing partly to my experience of the admirable floor which was laid in the Drill hall on the school, and partly to the fact that I believe have known firm of contractors, who I believe have been in connection with that imposing pile the new Government buildings. No, we need not suppose that there have been any shortcomings in the building of the school, but rather perhaps that the children of Victoria are so healthy and well grown that the average weight per head of each child amounts to a greater number of pounds than could reasonably have been anticipated by builders in making their calculations. (Laughter.) The town hall on the other hand, has been erected for the use of adults is naturally constructed on a scale of even greater solidity.

"At any rate here we are, and though we are sorry to miss seeing the floral decorations with which I understand the children of the school have been so graciously provided, I know that the children of Victoria are so healthy and well grown that the average weight per head of each child amounts to a greater number of pounds than could reasonably have been anticipated by builders in making their calculations. (Laughter.) The town hall on the other hand, has been erected for the use of adults is naturally constructed on a scale of even greater solidity.

"Now, as to the presentation, I think there is something appropriate in medals being the token and badge of success in school work. You will see that these medals are of different metals, and are of different shapes, but that all are alike in this, that they bear the same impression—the same inscription. For one thing they are all stamped with the likeness of the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen. It appears to me on looking at the medal that the likeness of the Governor-General is rather too flattering. (Laughter.) But I hope that of Lady Aberdeen is sufficiently good to enable you to at least recognize the resemblance.

"There can be no harm in mentioning that the medals are engraved by one done by an engraver who is regarded as the best of his profession. The work was done in London, and it is, of course, very natural that London being the metropolis of the British Empire, and in many respects as we think the metropolis of the world, many of the very best professors of various arts, etc., resort there.

"So we may say that though the metal is different the engraving in each case is the same and good. Some children are brighter than others and have more natural gifts. They may perhaps represent the silver medal, but bronze, too, is a good, solid, sonorous metal and for some purposes is even more useful than silver. The great point in connection with the medal is the impression that it bears. Now you children are, so to speak, in the hands of the engraver; but there is in this difference a lesson to be learned. You can promote and assist the work of the engraver. I hope you will make the very best use of your opportunities, so that you may more and more receive and bear the impress not merely of attainment, but also of character—that true form of capital which does not fall. As to the engravers—those who occupy the exceedingly important position of teachers; one would like to think of them as the agents, the servants, the eyes of the Great Master Architect of the universe carrying out His work—who mould and fashion the hearts of His people.

"Now I am not forgetting what I said about Lady Aberdeen, and therefore I shall add one more except to what you have already heard. I hope you will never let a word settle that a little later, but I merely mention it now so that it may be kept in view. The four medals were then presented by the Countess of Aberdeen, a noteworthy fact being that the recipients were all young ladies.

The silver medal, High school, for 1894, was won by Miss Edith Mary S. Shrapnell, who has since gained a first B teacher's certificate; the silver medal for 1895 was won by Miss Frances Browne; the bronze medal for 1894, competed for by the boys' school and girls' school, was won by Mrs. Dorothy Allison; and the bronze medal for 1895, competed for by all the graded schools of the city, was won by Miss Flora Beatrice Rolfe, of the Girls' Central.

These acknowledgments were read by Principal Northcott of the High school, and

Miss Williams, principal of the girls' school, and as the young ladies received the medals from the Countess of Aberdeen, the assemblage applauded them very heartily.

Then little Ruby Sylvester came forward with a lovely basket of flowers almost as big as herself, and presented it to the Countess. The Governor-General picked the little girl up and stood by the desk, and with him, and the Countess kissed her to the floor. Her Ladyship then addressed those present as follows:

"Your Excellency, Colonel Baker, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I am sitting under authority to-day, children, as the deputy of His Excellency, who supports Colonel Baker in abusing his authority. (Laughter.) Colonel Baker found out last year that I was amenable to his authority, and so this year he has exceeded again, and having appealed to His Excellency, His Excellency has appointed me as his deputy in giving these medals to the four young ladies who have so distinguished themselves this year and last, and to whom now I would like again to offer my most hearty congratulations for what they have achieved, and I have also to congratulate all the girls in Victoria, and may I say also all the scholars in Victoria (applause), because I am sure that the boys will accept the girls as their representatives on this occasion. Well, young ladies, why do we congratulate you so heartily to-day? I think there are several reasons why I should especially like to congratulate you.

"First of all, because of the very great pleasure that you have thus been able to give to your parents and friends. When children are able thus to carry away honors which have been rightly gained they secure to themselves a wonderful amount of pleasure they give to their parents and friends, for the record of a childhood given to solid good work is a great possession for a family, and I give you the promise for the future. I congratulate you there and the first place on the great honor you give to your families, and the pleasure you give to whom you wish to give this delight.

"Secondly, I should like to congratulate you because I think these medals are the proof that you have acquired to that which is after all the great object of your education, and that is the power of working—the knowledge of how to work. I think that whatever knowledge would agree in saying that after all it does not matter what matter what knowledge you have attained as to know how to work and how to learn. We may believe that these medals represent not weeks or months but years of work—of bright, steady work, steady work, hard work and looking back on what you can, I suppose, remember times when you were tempted not to give your whole minds to work, and you can also remember how you put away that temptation. And now you are able to realize that it is by long continued exercise in this direction that you have gained the distinction which is yours to-day, and are as examples to others that if success is to be attained it must be by continued, persistent effort in the greatest things which we want boys and girls to learn—how to work, how to concentrate their attention; how to give themselves to everything which they take up. It is thus that they will become able to succeed in every walk of life, in whatever way they may choose, and certain to be able to realize their dreams, their families, and upon all with whom they have to do. (Applause.)

"Thirdly, I should like to congratulate you upon the opportunity this affords you of an insight and honor to the schools where you have been trained. (Applause.) I know you are proud of your country and your province, and of Victoria, and of the schools where you are receiving your education. But nowadays the parents are prepared to do even more than this. I know that many of the mothers who have won the Governor-General's medals in Victoria have distinguished themselves in various stations of life, and their record is held up to you four young ladies to take care of the record—to take care that they shall be an unblemished record—that not only you show that you have profited and gained knowledge, but that you shall show that you can use that knowledge and training in the best possible way. Sometimes people are very ready to get all they can, and they were to get all they can, and do not remember that they too should give something. It is well to know on the best authority that the public schools of British Columbia are doing good and satisfactory work; but if they are to continue doing better and better work, they must bear in mind that it does not lie altogether with those who manage these schools. The Minister of Education may continue to do all that is best; the school trustees may try to do all that they can for the welfare of the children; and the teachers may do their best, and do not forget that the best teaching within their capabilities—but if the scholars do not do their part it will be impossible to keep the schools up to the highest level, and up to the mark in every way. Every child must remember that that child has something to do with keeping up the efficiency and high tone of the school to which it belongs. (Applause.)

"You know, children, well enough each of you how every scholar has an influence on those around. If a boy or girl is idle or inattentive you know how those around are disturbed. Or if a scholar is given to vulgar talk how that affects those with whom such an one is brought into contact is also known to you. You know, too, how if a boy or girl is thoroughly determined to do the best kind of work that such an example is the best kind of an incentive to his or her companions. (Applause.) And if a scholar is thoroughly loyal to the teacher and to the school and system this, too, helps and gives a high tone and leaves an impression not only on their own companions for the time but also on the school long after they have left. (Loud applause.)

"And so children if you want, as I am sure you do, to make the schools of Victoria celebrated for training out boys and girls who will serve their country and so act as the credit of the province, you must remember that they have had the training and good discipline and learned the lesson of self-control, and have gained a high ideal of what education and culture mean—then, children, each one of you must try to keep up the public faith that you have won by your word to do this, by doing your duty, by doing what you possibly can; then the schools of Victoria will not only be a glory to this city and province, but to the whole country."

"Ladies, again I beg to congratulate you for having won these honors, and I trust

that your future may be a bright continuation of to-day." (Great applause.)

The Bishop of Columbia, at the request of Hon. Col. Baker, also spoke briefly to the children. He preferred, he said, to address his remarks to those who had not succeeded in winning the medals and to the boys in particular. The real ideal he held up to the boys was to be gentle to others, and that something they could all aspire to and succeed in. To become true followers of Christ was better than the mere scoring of marks.

Hon. Col. Baker was sure that the one thought of all the children was to thank the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen for being present, and concentrating that wish into one heart and voice he expressed those thanks for them.

The Governor-General in acknowledging this expression of good will asked for a holiday from the schools. He would not be put off with the information that the present was a holiday, and in deference to His Excellency's wishes, Hon. Col. Baker announced that the day after Thanksgiving day, (Friday next) should also be a holiday. Youngsters greeted with vociferous cheers and the singing of the national anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Before leaving the hall the teachers were presented to the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen, and were specially invited to attend the reception at Government House in the afternoon.

The reception at Government House was an informal one, and was very largely attended. The Countess of Aberdeen received the guests as they arrived and she and the Governor-General went about the rooms chatting with the ladies and gentlemen present, and took an evident pleasure in seeing that the guests were enjoying themselves.

At 3 o'clock the Countess of Aberdeen addressed the King's Daughters at the city hall. Mrs. M. D. Douglass, of Cowichan, was the hostess for the occasion, and the secretary for the provision and other ladies greeting her on her arrival. A pretty feature of the afternoon was the presentation to the Countess of a beautiful basket of flowers by little Miss Dorothy MacTavish, a six year old girl, who had been made a King's Daughter that afternoon.

To-day the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen visit a number of the manufacturing and industrial establishments in the city, and this evening a state dinner will be given at Government House.

## MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A recent issue of the Canadian Gazette (London) contains the following: "Our columns bear testimony again this week to the important developments in progress in the British Columbia mining industry, and it will be noted how many of the new ventures—some of them as yet, of course, only paper ventures—have their origin in the United States. Mr. Vernon, the agent-general for British Columbia, who has the question of mining under his close attention, says there is no doubt of the importance of this influx of United States capital and enterprise. And, as he points out, it is natural enough. The United States go a long start in British Columbia. The watercourses all run north and south, so do the roads and trails, and until the C.P.R. pierced the previously impassable mountain ranges which out the rest of Canada off from the Pacific slope, the natural, easiest, and indeed, only outlet for British Columbia was to the South. Especially in Kootenay is United States enterprise dominant, but in Cariboo and Alberni, Coquille and British capital is largely concerned, and when good returns are shown from these districts as Mr. Vernon expects they will be before this time next year, it is natural to expect that the money will be poured in. The detailed report of Prof. Sutton, of the Michigan school of mines, is suggestive of the hidden wealth in Alberni and the whole of Vancouver Island—a district almost at the door of the commercial centre of the province."

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