

# Grand Jury Presentment

### Some Matters of Grave Importance Dealt With in Detail

### The Reformatory Needing Reform—Unnecessary Warrants Condemned

The proceedings in the assize court this morning were of the briefest and most formal nature, the only business being the receipt of the grand jury's presentment, which was read by Registrar Draka. Only eight members of the grand jury were present.

The presentment reads as follows: Victoria, April 15th, 1899. To the Honourable Archer Martin, Presiding Justice:

Your Lordship,—The grand jury desire to congratulate your lordship on this, the first occasion of your presiding as an assize in the city of Victoria. They express satisfaction at the light calendar presented for their consideration.

Presentments upon public matters usually addressed to the presiding justice often produce but little good, consequently it is with great diffidence that this grand jury submits its views for your consideration and subsequent action by those in power.

Our reason for making this presentment is that we conceive it to be strictly in the line of our duty, and in the hope that greater attention may be given to this by those in authority than has been accorded to the excellent presentment of the last grand jury.

**Fire Protection.**

There have lately been so many fires in large cities, with disastrous loss of life and property, that it would seem to be a matter of public advantage that all institutions—such as hospitals, asylums, schools, hotels and such other buildings as may be used by numbers of persons—should be regularly inspected, and that it would be an advantage if some qualified person, having authoritative power, should be instructed by the government to issue certificates specifying that all reasonable safeguards had been adopted.

In this connection we submit the following reports from sub-committees of this grand jury, which were approved and adopted.

The committee, with Chief Engineer Deasy, visited the North Ward schools, and were courteously received by Principal A. B. McNeill. We find that there is no fire escape on the outside of said buildings. This appears to be a serious violation of the law, which enacts that all buildings over two stories high shall be so provided.

The means of escape in case of fire from the first and second stories of the said building are reasonably good; but we consider the facilities for escape, in the event of fire, from the third story should be improved and demands immediate attention. We further consider that measures for protection against fire in the boiler room could be much improved.

We next visited the Central School and found the entrance to and from the boys' department, both on the first and second floors, satisfactory. Also, the girls' department on the first floor, but the means of exit from the second floor of the girls' department are unsatisfactory, and in case of panic among the children from fire or other cause might result in loss of life. We consider the wooden roofing of the boiler room a source of danger, and should be remedied by replacing with iron.

The sub-committee appointed to visit and inspect the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, reported as follows: "We this day visited the named institution, and after inspecting the various buildings in company with the resident medical officer, Dr. Hasell, found them to be in perfect order; but in view of the danger of fire to the staff, a large number of whom reside in the upper story of the administrative building, and to the inmates of the wards of the hospital, we would strongly recommend that all wooden shingle roofs be covered with metallic shingles; also, that two stationary iron ladders be supplied, to allow the inmates of the second story of the main building to more readily escape in case of fire. Also, the doors separating the various one-storied buildings be sheathed with iron, and in addition to the same that the transoms in the corridors be covered in a similar manner, thereby preventing fire from spreading rapidly from one section of the hospital to another, so affording more security to patients.

"Apart from these suggestions we found the fire protection very satisfactory." (Signed) "HENRY OROFT," "C. E. DICKINSON."

Our attention having been drawn to more than one case where a summons would have answered every purpose, we submit that more discretion should be exercised by magistrates and justices of the peace in issuing warrants for the arrest of reputable persons.

When the committee visited the provincial jail they were courteously received by Mr. John, the warden, and every facility afforded them for inspection. This institution was found to be scrupulously clean and in excellent order.

The same committee, accompanied by Mr. John, visited the reformatory, which forms part of the jail building; but found the caretaker absent and the front door locked. At the request of the committee—who assumed all responsibility for Mr. John's act—they were admitted to this part of the building. They found the cells locked and six little boyish faces peering out through iron bars, whose ages ranged from 12 to 15 years each in separate cells, like hardened criminals. Upon being questioned, they stated that they had been thus confined

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# Signs of Spring.

### The Trails Leading to the Klondike are Rapidly Softening.

### Water Running Over Yukon Ice—To Dawson on a Tandem.

According to news received by the steamer Anur, which reached port on Saturday evening, the beautiful ice being rapidly banished by the spring sun, and the ice locked rivers and lakes are being loosened from the frost king's grip, in other words the trail is—on the adjective—bad. On the Amur were a number of miners who have just arrived from the Klondike. There was a party of Peterborough men, R. H. and J. C. Strickland, brothers of Capt. Strickland, G. H. and W. Baps, and W. M. Phillips. They came up the river at the same time as a party in which were E. C. Little, A. H. Miller, James Jenkins, John De Land and Dr. J. T. Kelly. Of this party only Little came down on the Amur, the others taking the Laurada to Seattle. Dr. Kelly, who was formerly a prominent dentist in San Francisco, has been in the interior for eighteen months, during which time he has been very successful in the Dawson and American districts. In an interview he said that he and those who came out with him are much concerned for the safety of the many hundreds of people who are now on the trail on route to Dawson, many of whom are not further along than Caribou and Tagish. At March lake 10 days ago there were 10 inches of water on the ice, and the same conditions existed at Fifty-Mile river, where it was necessary to get out on the banks in order to get around the river. Between Big and Little Salmon rivers the water was also several inches deep on the ice. While the party was crossing Summit Lake Saturday, John De Land, who was guiding a sled, slipped through the ice, which gave way under him. He held to the sled, to which five dogs were attached, and was pulled out after having been in the water up to his waist. It was a narrow escape, as the water at that point was quite deep. Owing to the present condition of the trail, both Kelly and De Land said that it was now extremely hazardous to start for Dawson expecting to make the trip by the winter route. None of this party will return to the interior before the latter part of July or first of August.

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# To Pacify the Philippines

### General Lawton Estimating an Army of 100,000 Required.

### Americans are Now Begging to Realize the Difficulties Encountered.

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# WOODSTOCK CASE

### Mr. Mass Willis Tells of His Escape From Kidney Disease.

### Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him—He Used Other Medicines, but Got Little Good From Them—Cured by Four Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Woodstock, Ont., April 14.—There has been a great deal of discussion in this city during the past two weeks, regarding the truly remarkable case of A. N. Williams, of Duntroon, who was cured of Inflammatory Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills, after his doctor had failed to cure him, and his recovery was unexpected.

During it all not one voice has been raised to say that the "story of the Williams Case was not strictly true. Dodd's Kidney Pills have effected the many cures in Woodstock for that matter. But the talk about Mr. Williams' case has brought forward another grateful citizen, who boasts of having been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

This gentleman, Mr. Mass Willis, of 245 Dundas street, and he tells his story thus: "For several years I suffered severely from Kidney Disease, pains in my back, and I used various medicines, but got little benefit from any of them. My son had used Dodd's Kidney Pills with excellent effect, and he advised me to try them. I acted on his advice and am happy to say I am thoroughly cured."

"I used only four boxes of this great medicine, but I needed no more. Now I here Dodd's Kidney Pills are a first-class family medicine."

Dodd's Kidney Pills, the only cure for Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Urinary Troubles, and all cases, are sold by all druggists at fifty cents a box, six boxes \$2.50, with receipt of price by The Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

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