

DESIRES TO MAKE IT A CIVIC BODY

PROPOSAL REGARDING TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Mayor Thinks It Should Be Guaranteed An Annual Appropriation—Review of Past Year's Work.

The annual meeting of the Tourist Association, which was held on Thursday in the council chamber of the city hall, was not largely attended. After the reading of the executive report, which was illustrated by appropriate lantern slides, a number of interesting addresses were delivered by prominent business men. Each of these was eulogistic of the enterprise and energy of the association and the splendid results achieved. Mayor Barnard, whose address concluded the meeting, made a most important announcement. He stated that it was his intention to endeavor to have the Tourist Association a civic institution. The matter would be laid before the city council for consideration at an early date. His plan was that the association should be financed entirely by the corporation or guaranteed an annual appropriation. This statement was received with enthusiastic applause.

The Mayor occupied the chair, and among those present were: Richard Hall, M. P., W. G. Cameron, M. P., P. Lieut.-Col. Prior, Beaumont Boggs, J. L. Beckwith, David Ker, B. G. Heisterman, S. Leiser, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe and Miss A. D. Cameron.

Secretary Cuthbert was called upon for the annual report of the executive. During the reading of this a number of splendid lantern views were thrown upon the canvas. These were so arranged that they illustrated the report. For instance while it told of the secretary's tour of California, views of the different cities visited were shown. The report, which exhaustively dealt with all the past year's work and its results, says in its opening paragraph:

"We have pleasure in submitting to you the third annual report of your executive. This year the members of the board, with one exception, were entirely new to the work of the association, but we desire to add our testimony to that of our predecessors to the value to the city of the organization. The name of the institution does not, in our opinion, indicate the nature of one-fifth of the business that comes before us or of the work done. It is advertising in the department of the city and as such we believe that we have spent your money in the most economical manner possible. In fact, far more so, than if the amount of our revenue had been expended for advertising in the ordinary way. And we realize, that besides securing the largest amount of advertising possible for the least money, such an organization can and does secure many material benefits for the city in other directions that are of great permanent value, and which could not be obtained in any other way."

Mentioning the work of the bureau of information and the supplying of literature to all bona fide tourists, the report wharf the report refers to the liberal supply of flowers received at the rooms from generous citizens. Drawing attention to the literature issued it is announced that twenty thousand copies of "An Outpost of Empire" had been distributed, while thirty-five thousand copies of "Picturesque Victoria" were sent away. Fifteen thousand more could have been used if the finances had permitted it. (Applause.)

Under the sub-head "Our Work Abroad," Secretary Cuthbert's tour through California, Western Oregon and Washington was outlined, and some of the results therefrom mentioned. Many concessions had been obtained from railway companies, and much free advertising from the newspapers.

"Two or three days were spent in Portland in the same kind of work," says the report, "and the opportunity was taken to interview the chief officials of the Western World's Fair to be held there this year; and in securing their good-will and co-operation, good work was accomplished for Victoria."

In this connection Secretary Cuthbert showed a view of what the Portland exhibition will be when in progress. He emphasized the importance of active steps being taken to induce those visiting the fair to come north to Victoria.

Continuing, the report says: "As already mentioned a large number of applications have been received from all parts of the world for our books, particularly from the United States by British subjects, who are residents of that country. The possibilities of securing people of independent means as permanent residents from the United States can scarcely be estimated, but it cannot be done in two or three years, but our favorable climate and wonderful surrounding scenery is bound to attract residents, who keep on persistently advertising our advantages."

This was followed by extracts from a number of the letters received.

Mention was made of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway as follows: "A very important matter dealt with by this association during this year and 1903 was the matter of the Grand Trunk Pacific, making its southwest terminus at the city of Victoria. A most important document was prepared and sent to Mr. Hays, which evidently impressed that gentleman with the possibilities of business from Victoria and Vancouver Island. A stronger argument for a terminus at Victoria, we believe has been made out. This was afterwards supplemented with a memorial from the board of trade. A deputation representing the city council, this association and the board of trade met Mr. Hays, and had a conference with him, which we believe will result in considerable good to Victoria."

The report further states that "Many matters affecting Victoria from a tourist

standpoint have been discussed and dealt with during the year. The deepening of the Arm above the Gorge has been brought to the attention of the government at Ottawa. Estimates are now being prepared of the cost. The fact that the city council has purchased five acres of land for the purpose of a public park on the Gorge, and that the British Columbia Electric railway intends opening another park during this year on the Arm above the Gorge, and that almost any day construction will be commenced on the railway extension to the Gorge, emphasize the importance to the city of having this work done."

The success of the Gorge launch service and the tally-ho was recalled as an evidence of the benefit to be derived from the encouragement of tourist travel. Referring to the attractions of the Arm the report incidentally mentioned the possibility of its scenery being marred by the construction of sawmills and factories.

Reference was also made to the opening of the provincial museum on Sundays and holidays for the convenience of visitors and to the suburban service maintained by the E. & N. railway during the summer months.

In regard to the establishment of a "Palace of Amusements," a proposal which was outlined by the Times some time ago, the report said: "We would also recommend very strongly the scheme put forth by the secretary for the establishment of a central palace of amusements, such as are in all health and seaside resorts in England, and in many places in America. This scheme embraces a large concert hall or theatre to hold 1,500 people, a large pavilion with two hand concerts daily, an artificial ice skating rink for the winter, converted into a roller skating rink for the summer, well laid out gardens and grounds, with children's play grounds, Ferris wheel, goat tracks, and above all a first-class swimming and bathing pavilion on the lines of St. Jura's baths in San Francisco. Sketch plans have been prepared and estimates made which show the scheme to be a very feasible one, and we heartily recommend it to the serious consideration of the incoming board."

The efficiency of the Sound service was specially mentioned, and some time was devoted to a discussion of the C. P. E. hotel. Following this an idea was given of the extent of magazine and newspaper advertising done by the association during the past year.

Tracing the results of the work the report pointed out that the C. P. E. hotel did not decide to build a hotel here until the association's work showed them the possibilities of the tourist business; that the increased travel made it imperative for the same company to improve the means of transportation between Victoria and Seattle; that a large number of private homes have been receiving boarders all summer; that general business has surpassed that of other years, and that taxes have been paid better than in any previous year. Another direct result was the number of settlers secured through advertising, the total value of property sold in this way being estimated at \$90,000.

In this connection the report says: "For four months of summer the average number of passengers into the city per day is less than 120 more than in winter. Many of these stay from one week or two months, but if we take the number at one hundred only over all time, and average their stay at three days each, and their expenditure at \$5 per day, which is abundantly low, the total cash given to the city is over two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amount invested in real estate already mentioned. This does not include any revenue from all other visitors during the other eight months of the year. Take in addition to this the large sums that are being expended in erecting the C. P. E. hotel, the Oak Bay hotel, and other buildings, and the importance of fostering and developing the tourist business should be appreciated by every subscriber acquainted with the city of Victoria."

Regarding finances, the report said: "The question of financing such an organization is a serious one. It is very gratifying to know that in the third year of its history the institution has been generously supported by the citizens, and that the subscriptions from the business men for this year amounting to about \$4,000, or about the same as last year. In this connection attention is called to the list of subscribers, from which it will be seen that many citizens who benefit directly and that others who benefit more indirectly do not contribute at all to the support of the association. This is not as it should be, and it is hoped that such citizens when called upon next year will see the advisability of subscribing."

E. J. Smith, the treasurer, then submitted the following financial statement: Receipts and Expenditure from January 1st to December 31st, 1904.

Receipts.	
Jan. 1st—Balance from year 1903.	\$ 207 02
Dec. 31st—Grant Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C., 1904.	3,263 00
Sundry subscription, 1904.	3,663 55
Montreal Board of Trades for photos.	8 40
	\$8,960 57
Expenditures.	
Jan. 1st.	
Dec. 31st—Literature, books, folders, guides, maps, envelopes and sundries.	\$2,288 75
Office rent, insurance, telephone and light.	579 20
Stationery, office supplies and petty expenses.	380 13
Advertising at home and abroad, distributing literature, etc.	829 63
Express charges, duty on books, telegrams, etc.	301 20
Salaries of secretary and attorney.	1,987 50
Post and office boy.	397 50
Sundries.	182 95
Balance on hand.	19 54
	\$8,960 57

(Sgd.) EDWIN C. SMITH, Hon. Treasurer.

Victoria, B. C., January 14th, 1905.

Examined and found correct.

(Sgd.) JAS. L. HAYMUR, Auditor.

January 10th, 1905.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities December 31st, 1904.

Assets.

The report further states that "Many matters affecting Victoria from a tourist

Cash on hand	\$ 10 54
Subscriptions uncollected	38 56
Accrued due for photographs	6 40
Office furniture in rooms, cost	695 50
Less depreciation valued at	275 50
Half-tone blocks and zinc etchings, valued one-third their cost	255 00
Zinc etchings, letter press, cost	15 00
Photo outfit, camera, slides, etc.	75 00
Mineral specimens in office	61 00
Cabinets, fifty framed pictures and book cabinets	60 00
Ten new suits on delivery	55 00
Forty sign boards, at cost	55 00
Literature on hand, including books, guides and envelopes for same	196 00
	\$1,079 44

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities to Dec. 31st, 1904	Nil
Richard Hall, M. P., moving the adoption of the report, spoke of the splendid results attained through the efforts of the Tourist Association. What had been done for California resorts, which few years ago were comparatively unknown, and which attracted from all parts of the world, was being done for Victoria. This city was becoming better known, and it was important that the work of the association should receive the support deserved. Some had expressed the opinion that because the C. P. R. had become interested here more advertising was unnecessary, and that railroad would undertake it. This was not a good argument. The fact that the C. P. R. had been induced to display a substantial interest in the city demonstrated what might be expected if the Tourist Association work were continued. It was not the time to let such an important undertaking go under. He hoped all citizens would assist in every way to make the work even more successful than had been the case during the three years since its organization.	

Seconding the report's adoption, Lieut.-Col. Prior emphasized the importance of the past year's work of the Tourist Association and the energy shown by Secretary Cuthbert, who was, he remarked, "the right man in the right place." Victoria was now at the parting of the ways, he considered, and the citizens should show progressive action in the matter, they could do by extending to the Tourist Association financial support.

After referring to the importance of the fact that the C. P. R. was building an immediate hotel here, the speaker mentioned the advantages to be derived by securing railway facilities. He suggested that Victoria business men meet for the purpose of endeavoring to induce the C. & N. Trunk to make Victoria, if not its terminus, one of its termini. (Applause.) He was not in a position to say what proposition could be agreed upon. As a large property holder, he would be willing to give half of his possessions for the attainment of such a result. (Cheers.) He deplored the comparatively small attendance, and thought that Victoria citizens should show more interest in matters that so closely affected their welfare.

Lieut.-Col. Prior also expressed the opinion, in discussing the Tourist Association's finances, that the burden should fall upon the citizens in general. Generally it was a few Government contractors who had to support the institution. Everyone interested in Victoria should contribute something, even if it was only a few cents or half a dollar. Victoria's prosperity meant to her residents, and, therefore, everyone should co-operate in supporting an association whose efforts had done, and would do, so much good for the city. (Applause.)

The report was adopted unanimously. Beaumont Boggs made a brief address. He mentioned that, as one interested in real estate, he was in a position to state that the Tourist Association had achieved wonderful results. W. G. Cameron, M. P., in moving a vote of thanks to the Tourist Association's executive, declared that it was possible to overlook the benefits derived from the society's efforts. It was most gratifying that such splendid results had been achieved in 1904 without over-expenditure. Something like \$6,000 had been judiciously expended in advertising matter. It was a satisfaction to know that the engraving and printing used in preparing pamphlets and booklets were turned out by local firms in as efficient a manner as could be desired. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Cameron concluded with a brief reference to the exhaustive character of the report.

D. R. Ker seconded the motion in a brief address. He commented on the energy of members of the executive and the results of the work.

After the resolution had been carried the Worshipful Mayor Barnard responded appropriately. He referred to the association's finances. In this connection he announced that it was proposed to bring the question of the advisability of making the association a civic institution before the city council at an early date. His suggestion was that the corporation either take over its financing entirely, or guarantee an annual appropriation. (Applause.) On this account he advised that the election of a new president should be postponed. Concluding, he complimented Secretary Cuthbert on his energy, remarking that it would be impossible to secure a more efficient enterprising man for that position. (Applause.) The meeting then adjourned.

YENTAL MINES.

Japanese Are Preparing to Re-Open Them For Production of Coal.

Japan is about to open up the coal mines at Yental, says Capt. O. C. Cullen. The product of these mines is superior in quality to the coal found on the Japanese Islands, and with the resuming of work there Japan will have an auxiliary supply. At the same time Capt. Cullen thinks that a good trade could be done between Japan and Vancouver Island in this commodity.

The Yental mines in Manchuria were flooded by the Russians at the time they vacated that part of the country. Japan will pump the mines out and begin operations anew. Before Capt. Cullen left Tokyo he said he met a group of mining engineers who were going to Manchuria to take charge of the work. One of them was a Scotchman, and it is expected that within a very short time the shipping of coal will be resumed.

SALT RHEUM, TETTER, ECZEMA.—These distressing skin diseases relieved by one application. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for eruptions of the skin. Jas. Gaston, Wilkesbarre, says: "For nine years I was afflicted with Tetter on my hands. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cured it." 25 cents.—Dr.

THE AMERICANS ARE RESPONSIBLE

FISH COMMISSIONER DESCRIBES SITUATION

J. P. Babcock Sounds Note of Warning—Marked Decrease in Output of the Hatcheries.

In view of the vital importance of the fishery question the following which appeared in the seventh annual fish and fruit review of the San Francisco Trade Journal, contributed by J. P. Babcock, provincial fishery commissioner, will make interesting reading:

In my opinion the salmon fishery of the Fraser River district, in what is termed the off years, is peculiarly near extermination. Unless the sockeye salmon (O. nerka) is given greater protection on the fishing grounds in the poor years than they now receive, such protection as will insure a fair proportion of them to reach the spawning grounds each year, the annual run will continue to decrease, and the catch and pack in the district will no longer figure importantly in the total pack of the coast. It is so generally known that heretofore the sockeye ran in the Fraser in vast numbers every fourth year, and that in the three following years they ran less abundantly, that the former year was locally termed "the big year," and the latter "the off years," or "the poor years." I mention this fact to define my use of the terms "big years," and "off years."

In speaking of the Fraser River district it will be understood that I include all the waters in which the sockeye seek the Fraser river proper are captured. In other words, the term includes the fishery district on both sides of the international line. Puget Sound in the state of Washington and British Columbia, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Gulf of Georgia, and the Fraser river in British Columbia. The sockeye taken in these waters come from the Pacific seeking the spawning grounds of the Fraser river watershed. Only a small proportion of the sockeye which enter the Strait of Juan de Fuca ascend the Skagit river in Washington, and none enter any other river in that state which is tributary to the Pacific coast. Even the few which enter the Skagit river enter it independently and come earlier than the schools which enter the Fraser. It would be more accurate to say that a great proportion of the sockeye which seek to enter the Fraser from the sea are captured before they reach the fresh waters of the river. My personal observations for the last three years justify the statement.

During each of the past three years I have carefully studied the fishing seasons, and the methods in vogue for catching salmon in the Fraser River district. The results of my study of the four years last past I have carefully inspected all sections of the Fraser river and its tributaries during the spawning season. My study of both the fishing and the spawning seasons has been thorough and extensive.

In the American waters of the Fraser River district there are no restrictions placed on the capture of sockeye. The fishing is done by the "Beaverfoot Societies Act." One is the Vancouver lodge, No. 3, K. of P., Vancouver, and the other the Yukon Club.

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WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Victoria Will Shortly Be in Communication With Seattle, Also With the South.

A. L. New, general manager of the Pacific Wireless Telegraphy Company, was in the city Thursday. The company has just established a service between Seattle and Port Townsend, and Mr. New is here to look after the completion of the Victoria connection. As is well known a room in the Dryden hotel has been secured for a city office, but in addition it has been considerable advisable to erect the main in a different part of the city. A site on the Douglas estate has been selected for the purpose, and in the course of a month, says Mr. New, if the weather is at all favorable, the station here should be complete and working.

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ly near extermination; many of the largest canner companies of the province and of Washington would not have been placed in the hands of receivers, or the sales by court during the year 1904 been recorded; the catch for the years 1903 and 1904 would not have been the smallest in the history of the industry; the spawning beds of the Fraser would not have been barren of breeding sockeye; and it would not have to be told that the present condition of the salmon fishery of the Fraser river foreshadows extermination.

If the present fishing seasons and the excessive fishing in the Fraser River district shall continue the runs will be so diminished in the near future as to drive the fishermen from the river; render the canneries valueless; and the Fraser, formerly one of the greatest—if not the greatest—sockeye salmon river in the world, a thing of the past.

INCORPORATION OF A CANNING COMPANY

Notice Appeared in Last Week's Gazette—Several Appointments and Other Announcements.

Last week's B. C. Gazette contained the announcement of the incorporation of the Capital City Canning & Packing Company, with a capital of \$150,000, divided into 6,000 preference shares of \$10 each and 9,000 ordinary shares of \$10 each. The following are the objects for which the company has been incorporated: (a) To purchase, acquire and take over and to own, hold, control, manage and operate and to sell or lease the fishing locations and fishery leases following, that is to say:

1. The fishing location at eastern end of Tumbo Island, British Columbia, known as the Thomas Walker fishing location.
2. Foreshore lease of that piece or tract of land, situate, lying, and being in Outer district, British Columbia, and being and comprising and being more particularly known and described as that part of the foreshore and tidal land fronting on part of section eight, Outer district, aforesaid, Strait of Juan de Fuca, marked at each end by a post numbered 89.
3. Foreshore lease of that piece or tract of land situate, lying, and being in Inner district, British Columbia, and being and comprising and being more particularly known and described as that part of the foreshore and tidal land fronting on section seven and eight, aforesaid, aforesaid, Strait of Juan de Fuca, marked at each end by a post numbered 90.

The Gazette also contained the following appointments:

Gilbert R. Northey, of Camborne, and Michael J. Donovan, of Arsoehed, to be Justices of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

Clive Phillips-Wooley, of Pier Island, to be a Justice of the peace within and for the province of British Columbia.

David William Howlands, of Ashcroft, to be a notary public within and for the province of British Columbia.

Theodore J. Wadman, of Revelstoke, to be a commissioner for filing affidavits in the Supreme court, for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections Act in the Revelstoke electoral district.

The Gazette contained formal notification of the re-appointing of the appointment of Hon. P. J. Fillion as acting attorney-general.

The Skylark Development Co., Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital of \$250,000.

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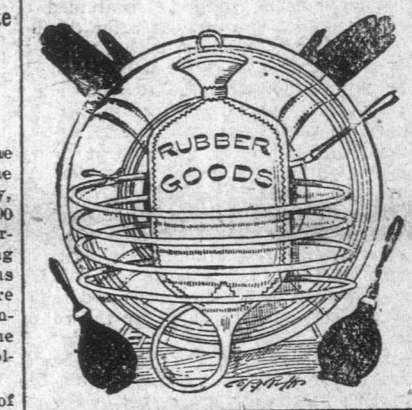
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HOSPITAL DIRECTORS

Met in Regular Monthly Session Thursday Evening—Business Transacted.

The hospital board held its regular monthly meeting Thursday night at the Board of Trade rooms. Among the communications was one from L. Blackler, secretary to Commodore Goodrich, asking at what terms were the directors prepared to receive naval patients. The secretary was authorized to inform the Commodore that naval officers would be admitted on the same terms as army officers, and that men would be received at \$7 in wards. The cost of removing patients from Esquimalt will be ascertained.

Geo. Coldwell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, communicated that body's satisfaction at the manner in which the directors reported the error regarding the room furnished for the committee.

The minutes reported the receipt of the following donations for the month: Mrs. B. W. Pearce, evergreens; Mrs. Dunsmuir, evergreens; Miss Gleason, 2 bottles wine; Miss E. Davies, cut flowers and magazines; Miss Wollaston, cut flowers; King's Daughters, vases, glasses and feeding cups.

The resident medical officer reported the total number of cases treated during the month as 138; total number of patients admitted, 89; total number of free patients, 78; days' stay, 1,989; daily average, 62.17.

The steward reported the following donations: Times and Colonist, advertisements for Xmas donations; Weller Bros., loan of crockery; A. Bell, 4 dozen naval oranges; 1 box Japanese oranges; W. A. Burt, 1 box apples, 5 lbs. jam; the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co., 2 dozen lager beer; Mrs. R. P. Finlayson, 25 lbs. roast beef; Ladies' Auxiliary, 1 box naval oranges, 1 box raisins, 3 lbs. raisins, 2 lbs. figs, 1 lb. candied, 1 large fruit cake, 75 lbs. turkey; Mr. Chaugreans, 12 lbs. goose; L. Goodacre, 15 lbs. turkey; Mrs. Rocks Robertson, 4 dozen naval oranges; J. D. McNeil, M. P., 10 lbs. turkey; Mrs. E. M. Rogers, 10 lbs. turkey, 2 boxes Japanese oranges; Brown & Cooper, 15 lbs. turkey; H. D. Helmcken, 8 lbs. goose; Mrs. J. W. Troup, 1 box Japanese oranges; Bell & Co., 5 lbs. table raisins, 10 lbs. figs; E. Ives, 1 box pears, 1 box apples; Mr. Tolmie, 1 box apples; Hall & Co., 1 sack gran. sugar, 23 lbs. turkey; A. Friend, 2 bottles port wine; W. J. Savory, jar of elder; R. S. Day, 12 lbs. goose; D. W. Hanbury, 1 fruit cake; Mr. Russell, 200 tulip bulbs; Fallow & Johnson, 2 bulls.

The finance committee reported the approval for payment of accounts for December amounting to \$2,144.48, as well as salaries for the month totalling \$907.

The resident medical officer reported that the hospital had been presented with two ambulatory wheel chairs from the Daughters of Pitty, which had proved of great service to convalescent patients. The society was heartily thanked for this gift.

There were present at the meeting: R. S. Day, president; H. D. Helmcken, R. E. Brett, Thos. Shoobert, E. A. Lewis, Henry Rivers, F. T. James and Wm. Humphreys.

A BOON TO CHILDREN.

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THE MOUNTED POLICE.

Pay Is to Be Increased and the Force Augmented.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution to increase the pay of the Mounted Police has been adopted. The cost of the police is now one million dollars. It was the intention to increase the force gradually, if necessary, until it numbered one thousand.

By-Elections.

The Speaker stated in the House to-day that warrants had been issued for the elections in Carleton and Wright.

Reductions.

There are eight mining recorders in the Yukon. It is intended to reduce them to four. There are ten mining inspectors and it is intended to reduce them to two, but some inspectors may