

LIBRARIAN LECTURES
ON THE ISLAND COLONY

Mr. Scholefield Interests Nat-
ural History Society—
Future Plans

The Natural History Society held its regular meeting at the Friends' Hall, Courtenay St., Monday evening. There were a number of members present.

E. A. Wallace exhibited a flower picked at Shawinigan Lake, which he thought was *dillia aggregata*. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Naton both spoke of having seen this in various parts of the mainland. The flower was given to one of the members for identification and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Crocker exhibited a large collection of butterflies, including a few from the north of Mexico. Mr. Crocker promised to give an informal talk on these at next meeting.

A. W. McCurdy suggested having field meetings during the summer months and perhaps some dredging trips. It was proposed to arrange for a field meeting at Esquimalt Bay on Friday to view Indian relics and on the following Saturday to investigate the glacial pot-holes and forest growths at Esquimalt.

Dr. A. S. Church presented the society a rare treat in his paper on "The Colony of Vancouver of Vancouver Island—1849 to 1866." The historical facts recounted by the speaker were most interesting and his account of the joint occupancy by the British and American governments, the local

tion of the international boundary line in the report of Sir James Douglas of Sooke Harbor, Pedder Bay, Esquimaux and Camosun as a point for the location of a fort held the attention of the audience.

Mr. Scholefield told of the political intrigue between the Hudson Bay Company and the British government as to the taking up of land "by settlers"; of the landing of Governor Blanche, who found himself a governor without any people to govern; of the appointment of Sir James Douglas as Governor Kennedy.

the absorption of the colony of Vancouver Island into that of British Columbia, and in closing dealt on the fact that the colony of Vancouver Island had been a free-trade colony while that of British Columbia had been highly protected.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved by O. C. Hastings, who gave an interesting reminiscence of his first visit to the Island in the sloop "Mar Taylor." This was seconded by C. Loewenburg and unanimously carried.

TOUR OF ANTIPODES

After attempting to mystify the people in the Antipodes by their magic tricks and giving exhibitions of their war dances and other ceremonies which created quite a sensation the Red Men of Canada who were taken on a tour of Australia by Lieut.

Col. Stacy, returned to their native land on Tuesday on the Canadian Australian liner Makura. The Canadians were well treated while in the south continent, and appeared to be in good form as they looked from the decks of the big liner viewing the scenery of Victoria.

Many exhibitions were given while in the Antipodes and many of the residents there were given their first

portunity to see the aborigines
Canada. When going through the

weird performances the Indians gave their audiences some thrilling sights which are said to have caused the death of some of the spectators. The show was concluded owing to the realistic manner in which they executed their war dances.

At the same time the Makurans were the totem poles, canoes and other paraphernalia which had been used to make the affair attractive to the spectators. The Makurans took their blankets and feathers and painted was used unsparingly so as to make the men appear as treacherous and dangerous as possible. Some of the dances enacted some excellent scenes and took the Australian boys to the days when the Indians roamed the plains of North America.

GETS FIVE YEARS.

Tokio, June 27.—J. E. Atkins, a seaman of the United States cruiser *Serpent*, was sentenced to five years imprisonment for killing John L. Saunders, a bluejacket of the New Orleans *Atkins* was tried before three Japanese judges on June 23. He was defended by Attorney Hatoyama, son of the president of the Diet. It was shown that the killing occurred during a row with Atkins was intoxicated. He declared the stand that he could not recall standing Saunders.

TWENTY INJURED.

Chicago, June 27.—Twenty persons were killed when a special train of three ex-

on the Chicago & Milwaukee Interurban loaded with members of the German singing society of Chicago, returning from the North American Saengerbund convention in Milwaukee, crashed into the rear of a train between North Chicago and Waukegan.