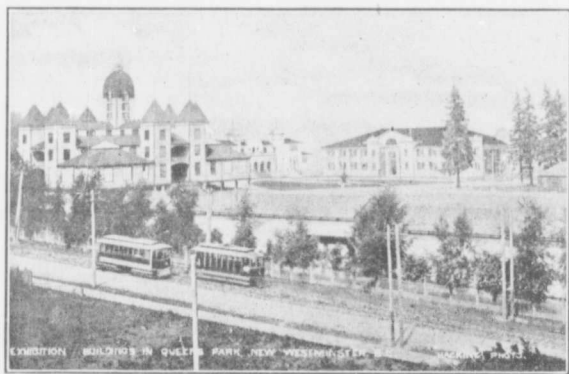


## The Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia

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**G**REAT undertakings often spring from small beginnings and the relevancy of this in respect to the R. A. & I. Society, lies in its applicability. In a building small enough to be completely lost in any one of the half dozen great structures at Queen's Park today, the Society which has done so much to foster agricultural and horticultural production in British Columbia, made its bow to the good people of New Westminster nearly half a century ago, on the present Library Square.

The aggregate in exhibits was not greater than one of the average district exhibits of today, and the exhibitors—pioneers of British Columbia in the finest sense of the word—attended under difficulties which would daunt the modern producer. But they came; that was the primal factor and from that modest adven-



ture, grew the great exhibitions of 1913-19, exhibitions which brought honest admiration from government officials and from breeders and stockmen on both sides of the international line, whose business it is to "follow the fairs" and to judge with impartiality.

It was the dauntless spirit of the pioneer of fifty years ago that made the R. A. & I. Society possible. That same fearless desire to achieve and to succeed and grow larger, is the very life blood of the society today.

It is community effort that builds all great public institutions.

The R. A. & I. has always stood for the greatest good to the greatest number.

It is no selfish organization kept alive to benefit the few at the expense of the many.

New Westminster and district residents ought to pause occasionally and in-