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In 1864 the amount of prizes competed for was \$193.50, numerous certificates of honorable mention falling to the lot of those who did not secure monetary consideration. At the show of September 14, 1865, the value of the prizes was \$317, and in 1868, to which there seems to have been a skip, \$305.50. During a portion of this time Mr. J. C. Bales very efficiently and energetically fulfilled the duties of Secretary, and during his time a ball was given subsequent to the show, by which \$300 was raised for a poor widow. Entertainments were given after almost all the shows, some of which were held in Buckley's Hall, on Yates Street. A grand dinner followed the exhibition of 1869, which it was thought would give an impetus to the Association, which, however, shortly afterward broke up.

It did not take those who were really interested in agriculture long to appreciate the benefits which the old Association had conferred, and on December 9th, 1871, a numerously attended meeting was held at the old Mechanics' Hall, corner Fort and Government Streets, to consider what it was best to do. Among those present were Messrs. W. Gibbs, H. Mitchell, J. Irvine, George Nicholson, P. Imrie, George Lindsay, Thomas Nicholson, H. Cogan, A. Peatt, P. J. Lester, W. F. Tolmie, R. Baker, George Deans, J. W. Williams, G. J. Stuart, R. Wallace, L. Lawrence, Thomas Mitchell, Joseph Nicholson, W. Turgoose, W. Dalby, H. Simpson, W. Thompson, W. Lidgate, R. Brown, R. Porter, W. Elford, A. Bunster, T. J. Partridge, H. Henley, A. Anderson and E. H. Jackson. Dr. Tolmie was called to the chair, Mr. E. H. Jackson acting as secretary. After a friendly talk over some of the agricultural conditions and requirements of the colony, a Farmers' Club was formed for the purpose of advancing the interests of agriculture by holding weekly or monthly meetings at which to discuss farming subjects, and by having annual or semi-annual exhibitions. The membership subscription was fixed at \$5. The following were the first officers: W. F. Tolmie, president; E. H. Jackson, secretary and treasurer; W. Thompson, 1st vice-president; J. Lawrence, 2nd vice-president. The following directors were also named: R.

special incidents until 1882, when the park was formally inaugurated by General, the Marquis of Lorne, and were received by the President, Mr. C. Pearce, M. P., and other prominent honors. In 1883 the exhibition was held at the place in Victoria, Mr. J. D. Bryant,

In 1885 a successful show was held and in the next year an exhibition was held at Beacon Hill Park. Mr. N. Shaughnessy, President. An endeavor to make the organization was not successful, and the basis of the Provincial grant—of Chilliwack, having been elected show in 1887 was Chilliwack. The show of produce, and the liberality and was worthy of all praise. Hon. D. C. E. Renouf succeeding Mr. Russell, a very great interest in the Society, was man having left the city on the eve of the show, so much energy was thrown into it was a wonderful success. There was a fine lot of horned cattle, Messrs. Dalby, Law, fine specimens of Shorthorns. The annual meeting of 1888 was the largest and most animated ever held, there being the Association bodily over to the M.

The exhibition of 1889 showed great interest, New Westminster, under the management of Mr. N. Shaughnessy and Mr. Ladner, putting up fine buildings and making other admirable arrangements. It was a most imposing trades and large number of visitors. Although the Island of Vancouver was not visited, all the leading prizes.