

IN A GREEN OLD AGE

Two Interesting Centenaries Whom Victoria Numbers Among Her Present Inhabitants.

How They Account for Their Longevity—Life Histories Covering Many Eventful Years.

If anyone would know whether he is likely to live long or the soon let him inquire whether old age "runs in the family" or not, for the good tissues of long life are apt to be hereditary. This is the conclusion that Francis Creagan, of this city, has come to after 101 years consideration of the subject, and surely an opinion formed after such mature deliberation should carry weight.

Creagan is at present an inmate of the Old Men's Home here and is one of this city's two interesting centenarians, the other being Mrs. Ann Campbell, who looks out upon the kaleidoscopic world from the windows of a cosy little cottage home at the corner of Douglas street and Princess avenue. Around each of these pioneers of a past century a wonderful story is woven; it could scarcely be otherwise with those who for so long a time have defied the scythe of the Reaper.

Creagan is unfortunately more robust than is his memory; he is willing enough to lift the curtain from the scenes of his long life but many of the pictures are so faded by time as to be all but obliterated. It was in Westmeath, Ireland, that Creagan's baby eyes opened to the 1795 sunshine, and the century of succeeding years has not robbed him of the "bit of the brogue." All recollections of the green fields, however, have long ago extinguished, and his memory treasures only the incidents of his busy life in this new world, whether he came when Governor Douglas and the Hudson's Bay Company ruled the land.

He was in fact a body servant of the great Governor, whose death he even yet laments, and has watched Victoria grow from the four rough-hewn walls of the original fort to the present pretensions and substantial city. The Victoria of modern times he does not like; to him it is unfamiliar and distasteful—he is not nor can he be a part of it.

As to the secret of his long life, and pure white hair, he has much to say. First, he ascribes his longevity to the fact that all his family have "been that way." Then again he has always been blessed with a good appetite and has lived the greater part of his life in the open air, preparing his simple food with his own hands and enjoying the consolation of "the weed," which he in common with many another veteran regards as nature's best provision for man's comfort. Of alcoholic liquors he does not know the taste, and though a constant smoker for eighty years, his eye is still undimmed and the grasp of his hand firm and steady. His hair is long, and pure white; and the white appearance of his hair is due to the fact that he has been so long a bachelor, and his face is so much wrinkled, in its dimensions. His face and frame are those of a man hardened by continual contact with the elements, and preserved by them, although he himself attributes his long lease of life to the fact that "it is in the family."

The first scene in Mrs. Campbell's life history—a volume devoted to acts of unostentatious charity and Christian benevolence—was enacted in a baggage car at Bradford, Yorkshire, where she was born while the British army was preparing for the impending foreign campaign which gave undying lustre to the name of Nelson. Her father, she relates with pride, was Sergeant Major Carmichael of the famous 42nd Highlanders, and her mother a worthy matron of Edinburgh town. Her husband's her baby life was spent at Gibraltar, and subsequently her family removed to Egypt, taking little Annie with them as a matter of course.

After her father's death, her mother returned to Edinburgh with her children, and there the daughter became Mrs. Campbell and lived many happy years. Her husband, a delicate man, was very fond of smoking though not addicted to draw his pipe well, and like good, true wife she would light it and start it for him. Thus it was that she herself contracted the habit of smoking which she kept up through forty years. Thirteen years after her husband's death in 1855, she and her son came to Canada, and after living many years in the neighborhood of the great lakes near to Victoria fourteen years ago. Mrs. Campbell, however, is a small, bright-looking woman retaining all her faculties unimpaired, and until very recent years disdaining the aid of glasses even while reading or sewing. She has always kept herself up with the times, and still spends the greater part of her leisure hours reading the papers. She is a perfect housekeeper, and her kitchen floors and tables would put to shame or envy many a younger woman. Her white caps bordered with tinuff are beautifully made and laundered by herself, while she still is able to prepare her own meals—bread and butter and tea being her chief diet. She seldom goes out now except for very short walks, but she has always lived a very active, industrious life, providing plenty of out-of-door exercise, hence probably her great age.

Her speech is tinged with a charming Scottish accent, and her tales of her younger days are extremely interesting, especially as she has now lived in four reigns and has seen three of the sovereigns—George IV, William IV, and Britain's present ruler, Victoria.

THANKFUL FOR SPEEDY ASSISTANCE.

The Testimony of Thousands who Have Used South American Kidney Cure.

A friend in need is a friend indeed. It has been said that a Britisher is to be tried by his friends. So many medicines are tried, but found wanting. This is never the case with South American Kidney Cure. If it is kidney trouble that is the ailment. It does not cure anything else. There is not a case of kidney trouble, however, be it ever so distressing, where quick relief will not be given, and by a little patience altogether removed. The proof of this is in the eating of it, and what is here said is what thousands say who have used this medicine. Sold by druggists. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks, and Hall & Co.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Change of Schedule for the Australian Liners—Fears for the Safety of the "Cadzow Forest."

A San Francisco dispatch of yesterday says: "The shipping and insurance men fear from a mishap has befallen the British ship Cadzow Forest. She arrived off the Columbia river on January 4 and took Pilot Grassman aboard, but, before she could get in, was driven to sea. Since then she has not been heard of. In that time there has been some terrible weather off the coast, and it is believed that she met with some accident. She was on her way to Portland to load wheat."

An important change in connection with the sailing arrangements of the Australian mail steamers is announced by the operating company to take effect on once. In future the steamers of the line will sail from Victoria on the 25th of each month, arriving in Victoria about the 17th, and sailing hence on the return voyage on the 23rd day of each month on Saturday.

All the survivors of the lost ship Janet Cowan in Victoria were yesterday paid off by Mr. A. L. Russell in the shipping agent's office. The amounts paid out, though varying according to the length of time each man had served aboard the vessel, averaged in the neighborhood of \$50.

Two more of the sealing fleet cleared yesterday and will hunt on this coast. They are the Pelagos, Capt. D. Macatlay, with a crew of six whites and 22 Indians, and the Beatrice, Capt. William Hester, with a crew of five whites and 20 Indians.

Among the passengers for Victoria who sailed from San Francisco by the City of Puebla, Monday, and due here this morning, are the following: Rev. P. Brennan, W. Petrie, G. Lang, C. E. Dally, W. Beeble, E. Patrizi, Mrs. L. Quinn, and E. A. Farrell.

For the past few days the O. R. & N. steamer Rhosina has been detained on the Columbia owing to the unfavorable conditions for passing the bar. In consequence she will not be here on her way outward as early as expected.

A general cut in freight rates is announced for the up trip of the Walla Walla, upon which she leaves San Francisco on Saturday.

Yesterday the Seattle steamer Rapid Transit arrived from the Sound with 203 tons of wheat for the Victoria Flour Mills.

The R.M.S. Empress of India arrived at Yokohama from this port yesterday. The sealing schooner Florence M. Smith towed to sea yesterday.

THE CITY.

Victoria's exhibit for the poultry show being held at Sylvester's feed and poultry store, in the city market building, on Friday at noon.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society on Friday evening will hold a Burns anniversary concert and dance in their hall, and have made special arrangements to provide a splendid musical programme.

Mrs. WILLIAM MUNSBIE, of 226 Johnson street, has invited the members and friends of the Victoria U.C.U. to meet at her house on Thursday afternoon for a parlour social. An excellent programme has been arranged.

ALL members of the Young Women's Christian Association are requested to send in their fees for 1896 to the general secretary, at the Y.W.C.A. rooms on Johnson street, by Thursday, to enable the treasurer to make up her yearly accounts.

Dr. Mary McNeill addressed a large number of young ladies in the Y.W.C.A. rooms, Johnson street, last evening. The subject of her lecture was "The Brain," whose composition and functions she dwelt upon in a very interesting manner.

HARRIS & O'BRIEN v. the Ottawa Hydraulic Milling and Mining Co., which was set for trial yesterday, was settled out of court by payment of \$1,150 and costs by defendant. Mr. A. L. Belyea for plaintiff; Messrs. Davie, Pooley & Laxton for defendant.

INVITATIONS to the members of the B.C.R.G.A. and to members of the navy have been extended by the N.C.O. and will be present at a conference being held at a smoking concert to be given by the latter in the barracks at Work Point on Tuesday evening. The programme for the event is in course of preparation.

The second lecture of the course on mining, which is being given under the auspices of the government, will be delivered to-morrow (Thursday) evening by Mr. Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer. He speaks on the subject of chemistry, and by illustrating it with experiments will give additional interest to his remarks. The lecture will take place at the Board of Trade rooms at 8 o'clock.

The settlement of the long continued dispute as to the ownership of Craigflower road, Victoria West, is aimed at in a resolution of which Ald. Macmillan gave notice yesterday, and which reads as follows: "That the Mayor be authorized to call a conference between the municipal council, the petitioners and the property owners interested in the Craigflower road, Victoria West, with a view to arriving at an amicable settlement of the matter in dispute."

In the Divisional court yesterday the appeal in Cunningham v. Campbell-Johnson was heard before Justices McCraith and Watson. The defendant's plea was that the plaintiff was employed by defendant to come out from Scotland to Vancouver and act as nursery governess to defendant's children for three years. Plaintiff claimed that she was dismissed and dismissed in consequence brought suit for \$1,000 damages. The defence was that plaintiff was on account of negligence on her part relieved from teaching for a week, but was then told that she

might continue her duties, and that she was not discharged. The case was tried before Judge Bole and a jury, the verdict awarding plaintiff \$136 damages and the price of her ticket back to Scotland. From the judgment appealed. The appeal was dismissed, but the damages were reduced \$50. Mr. E. P. Davie, Q.C., for appellant; Mr. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., for respondent.

On Friday evening last the third annual ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Masonic Temple Association of Victoria was held, when the following directors were appointed for the ensuing year: A. L. Belyea, chairman and managing director; R. H. Swinerton, secretary and treasurer; E. Crow Baker, A. B. Enright, C. E. Renwood, Benjamin Williams, R. E. Brett, Geo. McFarland, Dr. Richardson and A. McCandless. The annual statement, a most satisfactory document, was also presented and received.

HENRY JENSEN is again under arrest, charged this time with breaking into and stealing from a cabin on the Rhosina. Hanson's pre-emption claim at Alberni. A wire was received from Constable Cox of Alberni, stating that Hansen's cabin had been robbed of clothing, provisions, some men's skins and other contents, and that suspicion pointed strongly to Jensen. Jensen on Monday arrived in town by train from Nanaimo and yesterday was located and arrested by Constables Macdonald and Mout and handed over to the provincial police. He will be sent back to Alberni for preliminary hearing. So far none of the stolen property has been discovered.

Last night Rev. Canon Beaulieu delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Old China" in Christ Church Cathedral school room. The subject is one of such interest nowadays, when the fascination of collecting choice pieces of china has spread so widely, that it is to be regretted that a larger audience was not present to take advantage of the lecturer's gift. He illustrated his subject with specimens of the ceramic art and explained the characteristics of the various famous makes, and how they were made and how they were used. The audience was appreciative and gave the lecturer a most attentive hearing.

HENRY M. STANLEY, in an article on the "Development of Africa," which is to appear in the February Century, recalls the fact that, besides the Boers in Southern Africa first introduced David Livingstone to travel to the north, and so led the way to the opening of Equatorial Africa. Livingstone, who was a missionary at Kolobeng, accused his Boer neighbors of cruelty to the natives. They resented his interference, and threatened to drive him from the country. He published their misdeeds in the Cape newspapers, and his house was burned down. This led to his leaving Southern Africa and going to a region where he could follow in peace his vocation as a missionary, unmolested by the Boer farmers.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

An Upward Tendency in Flour and Grain—Hams and Bacon Lower—Riverside Orange Cheaper.

The prices of flour and grain are rising, and it is the opinion of merchants that the upward tendency will prevail for a considerable time. On wheat alone, an advance of \$1 per ton has been made during the week, but this change has as yet only been in wholesale transactions. A general cut has been made within the last few days in the retail quotations for hams and bacon.

This reduction, however, is only of this time of the year, this being the season when these meats are the most plentiful. Fresh eggs are as cheap and abundant as packed, and the demand for the latter is increasing. In the fruit market the only noticeable change is in Riverside oranges, in which, owing to an improved supply, there has been a decrease of 5 cents per dozen.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Middlings, Bran, Corn, Potatoes, Cabbages, Hay, Straw, Green peppers, Onions, Lamb, Pork, Butter, Hams, Bacon, Eggs, Apples, Chilliwack apples, Oranges, Lemons, Cap Cod Cranberries, Fish, Smoked Salmon, Cod, Halibut, Finnan Haddies, Herring, Mackerel, etc.

Read Ayer's Almanac, which your druggist will gladly hand you, and note the wonderful cures of rheumatism, catarrh, scrofula, dyspepsia, chronic, debility, and other ailments. It is the best for coughs, colds and all troubles. Price 50c, and \$1 per bottle.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Seventh Parliament Will Be Formally Opened To-day.

More Than Usual Preparations Have Been Made to Mark the Occasion.

To-day the second session of the seventh provincial parliament of British Columbia will be formally opened. Although the old building in which the legislative assemblies have conducted their proceedings is not very well adapted to an imposing ceremonial and looks dwarfed and dingy beside the handsome buildings which will soon supersede it, the opening to-day will be more elaborate than usual. There has been a lively demand for seats on the floor of the house, and should the day be fine a considerable array of the fair sex will grace the ceremony with their presence. As many seats as possible have been placed for the accommodation of the spectators, every available space being taken up in the chamber.

The opening is timed for 3 o'clock precisely. His Honor Lieut. Governor Dewdney on arrival will be met by a guard of honor of the B.C.R.G.A. under command of Capt. Ross Monro and the captains of the warships in port. The band of the regiment will also be in attendance. Then the Lieut. Governor will proceed to the library, where will assemble the staff, consisting of Admiral Stephenson, the Hon. Mr. Monro and Jameson. The band of the regiment will also be in attendance.

The elevation of Hon. Mr. Davie to the chief justiceship has made one or two changes in the house. Hon. Mr. Turner for the first time meeting the assembly as Premier of the province; and Hon. D. M. Eberts as attorney-general. Mr. Huff, who succeeded to the vacant seat for Cowichan-Alberni takes his seat for the first time. The members have been in town for the past few days and when the house meets to-day there will probably be few absentees. Yesterday several members took a preliminary look over the scene of their approaching labors and were preparing to get back into harness again.

THE CITY.

ONLY ten members are required to form a quorum of the British Columbia Legislative Society, yet there were not even ten members present yesterday to consider the business to be brought before the annual meeting. In consequence, the faithful few who were on hand determined to adjourn until Monday afternoon next.

WILLIAM GEORGE CARTHEW, who made himself decidedly offensive to Lady Cartew on Governor's street yesterday evening, was yesterday morning before Magistrate Macrae of having used grossly insulting and indecent language. He was remanded for sentence, and in the meantime a medical examination will be made to determine the question of his sanity.

The British Pacific Gazette closed its weary eyes last evening, after three months of trial and tribulation. In its farewell it explains to those who have been without it, that it was among the papers of the Cape a series of gales, and paper can be conducted on the co-operative plan. The lesson of the experiment is that it can't.

The question of erecting a suitable memorial to the late Rev. George Hills, D.D., to commemorate his good work in this province while Bishop of the Diocese, is a great one, and the attention of the resident Episcopalians. A meeting of all interested in the project has been arranged for Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, to be held in St. Catharine's school room and presided over by the present Lord Bishop of Columbia.

A joint meeting of the district school boards in the vicinity of Victoria, is to be held at the city hall to-morrow evening, the conference having been arranged by the Cedar Hill trustees, whose secretary, Mr. Monro, kindly has prevailed to the members of the sister boards explain the object sought in general terms. "The Cedar Hill school board," says the letter quoted, "having resolved that the united action of the district trustees will result beneficially to our school system, have arranged for a meeting to be held in the city hall, Victoria, on Friday evening, the 24th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, to discuss the project of the meeting will be to discuss school matters generally, and if possible to cement the various school boards into a unit in the cause of education."

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY.

A nautical cantata "The Wreck of the Argo" and a Scotch concert was given by the choir of the First Presbyterian church last night to celebrate Burns' anniversary. There was a large audience in the lecture room of the church, and early in the evening it was difficult to find a vacant seat. The cantata was very fairly given, but it is a rather commonplace composition with an occasional pretty air to liven it up. The personations were Lillie Marston (daughter of the Inkeeper), Mrs. Gregson (Harry Stanion), a British Tar), Mr. H. Firth; Ralph Harmon (Firth), Mr. G. Brown; Alice Harmon (Ralph's sister), Miss Baker; Will Sharp (Coast guard), Mr. W. D. Kinnaird. The chorus sang five voices sang well together. "A sail, a sail" being perhaps their

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best effort. Mr. Brown's duet with Mr. Firth, "Deep in a Dungeon," was well received, and Miss Baker appeared to best advantage in the air "Holy Father, hear my prayer." "The steamer of England," a tenor solo, was nicely taken by K. Kinnaird, and Mrs. Gregson very pleasantly rendered "The Lark when rising from the ground." Mr. Brown's conducting was all that could be desired, and Mrs. L. Hall's accompaniment helped the piece along. By far the best of the evening's entertainment was the second part, "Wille Wastle" was given by the choir in splendid style. This was followed by "The Scottish emigrant's farewell" by Mr. Brown, space sang with feeling and expression "The air the win' can blow," Mr. Watson was well sung, and Miss Duffie after singing "Jack o' Hazeldene," had to respond to an encore and gave "Comin' Thro' the Rye." Mr. Collins' lively violin solo on Scotch airs set many a foot in the audience beating time. "Bonnie Jeanie Deans," by Mr. Brown; "Bonnie Scotland," sung by Mr. A. C. Martin, and "Scottland," by the choir, ended up the concert, and "Auld Lang Syne," sung by choir and audience, closed the evening.

THE "RHOSINA" ARRIVES.

The trans-Pacific liner Rhosina, Capt. Herriman, which replaces the steamship Chittagong, the pioneer ship of the O. R. & N. Co. in the Oriental trade, owing to the latter being too small for the business, arrived in port for the first time last evening. It had been expected that she would go to Comox before coming here and this plan would have been carried out were it not for the fact that the ship had five Chinese passengers and 250 tons of freight to land here. She was delayed three days on the Columbia river by rough weather, which made it dangerous to cross the bar. She arrived at Victoria on Friday, the 21st inst., and was loaded with a big outward cargo of flour, lumber, canned meats, hay and oats, and was compelled through the demands on her to leave 1,158 tons of freight behind. This was the second time on the voyage she had to do so, having been obliged to leave 500 tons, which she loaded at the Kongkong, at Kobe and Yokohama. The ship and cargo shipments going out on her are being supplied by a Portland firm to a Japanese company located in Hongkong, who re-ship them into the interior of their country. The ship had a remarkably rough passage after her departure from Yokohama. She was caught in the same typhoon which had havoc with the U.S. warship Baltimore, now in Honolulu. The latter, as will be remembered, had three of her men swept overboard and seven others injured and a carpenter killed, and a terrible experience aboard. When the Rhosina reached Honolulu Purser Bishop was presented with a felicitously worded address by the Japanese passengers' board for the kindness shown them. The address Mr. Bishop thinks much of and he has had it framed to hang in his room. An interesting event occurred aboard the ship at Portland on the 14th inst., when a stylish Chinese lady passenger was married to a wealthy Portland merchant. The wedding took place in the presence of Collector Black and Judge Bullock of Portland, Purser Bishop in a fatherly style giving away the bride. The Rhosina belongs to Burren & Co., Glasgow, owners of the Northern Pacific steamship Strathnevis.

THE LAST OF THE "PRINCES." The Norwegian ship Prince Albert, Capt. Johnson, the last of the Prince line of sailing vessels en route to British Columbia, arrived in the Royal Roads yesterday after a passage of 102 days round Rio de Janeiro. She had an uneventful trip, having sighted but three vessels during the entire voyage, two off the Horn and the other off Valparaiso. The Prince Albert experienced pleasant weather until about ten days ago when a heavy sea of gales was encountered. She sailed up the Straits alone and was inside Race rocks when the tug Sea Lion, which was on her way here for the bark Silverhow, came along side and took her to an anchorage. At the time the vessel was under way it was being carried out of her course by adverse currents.

MARINE NOTES.

The salmon laden bark Silverhow, which has been detained at the outer wharf for several days past awaiting a berth, left for sea last evening, the tug Sea Lion, of Port Townsend, having arrived from the Sound during the afternoon for the purpose of taking her out. The Chilian bark Hindostan, Capt. Welsh, has completed loading her cargo of lumber at the Hastings mill. She has on board 1,173,603 feet of rough lumber, valued at \$9,948.88.

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SCHOOL BOARD FUNDS.

How They Were Contributed Last Year and Details of the Expenditure.

District Trustees Ask for a Public Meeting—Officers Re-elected—The New Committees.

The school board met last evening, for the first time since the election, there being present Messrs. Charles Hayward, H. Saunders, J. B. Lovell, A. L. Belyea, J. S. Yates, R. B. McMicking and Mrs. Helen Grant. Mr. Hayward was unanimously re-elected chairman, and the secretary, Mr. B. Williams, was reappointed. The board then proceeded to discuss the rules of order, which it was decided stand without re-adoption until otherwise ordered by the board. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Ellen B. Leigh, residing in the Vernon Block, shortly outside the South Park school district, was granted permission to again send her little girl there. An invitation from the secretary of the Mount Tolmie school board for the Victoria trustees to attend at a meeting to be held in the city hall on Friday evening, to discuss school matters, was accepted. An application from Mr. Dallas, first assistant at the Rock Bay school, for an increase of salary, and an endorsement by Principal McNeill, were referred to be considered when the matter of salaries is taken up.

Table showing receipts: Provincial govt. per capita grant, \$18,091.54; Provincial rev. tax, net, \$11,789.60; Special rate of one mill, \$18,302.12; Educational loan by-law, \$48,192.66; From gen. city revenue, \$4,241.02; Total, \$133,645.79.

Table showing expenditures: Teachers' salaries, \$87,773.10; Janitors' salaries, 2,798.50; Fuel, 816.00; Board expenses, 917.85; Printing and advertising, 3,325.00; Furniture, 1,808.52; Supplies, 208.60; Repairs and alterations, 2,474.83; Fire insurance, 246.50; Equiptment Water Co., 12.00; V. and E. Telephone Co., 479.80; Scavenger, 213.00; School attendance officer, 20.00; Rent, mission school, 70.00; Sundries N.O.S., 68.53; Less sale buckets, \$10,238.83; Improvements on loan account, \$48,000.00; Interest Ed. loan, 1,234.11; Sinking fund Ed. loan, 577.00; Total expenditure, \$133,645.79.

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WILLIAM ANDREWS, Commissioner in B.R. Baltimore, Md.

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President Cleveland's the Monroe Doctrine. Senator Wolcott See the President and Abe

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