## The Times Nature Club

Some of the earliest and most beauti-1ul of the spring flowers are borne on Everyone must trees such as the willow, alder, and trees. They are there in plenty, large maple. Because they are high out of and small, and visitors often remark on reach and are not gaudily colored, the their peculiarity of shape and growth, flowers of the trees are often neglected, so twisted and gnarled and different to yet what blossom is there as graceful oaks in other places. as the catkins of the alder with their The red alder is about the next tre tinge of red color? How changeable in point of number in the park, and they are, varying both in color and there are some very fine large ones as

which the cones are formed do not ma-ture until the others have fallen, and one tree make that curious representa-

their seed until early the following claimly seen on the east side of the spring, almost at the same time that tree. the staminate catkins fall. A few re- Both the balm of gilead and aspe

its sap turns red on exposure to the air. | girtl Fermerly it was used by the Indians

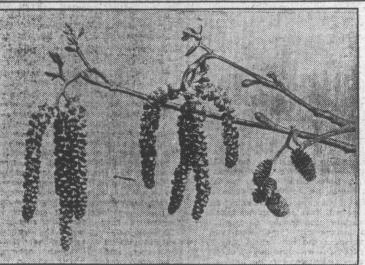
Everyone must have noticed the oak

shape as the pollen ripens and falls.

The staminate flowers follow the willow very closely in point of time. In fact, they bloom almost at the same time, only the catkins are not so conspicuous in the earlier stages of their growth. The pistillate flowers from which the conserve formed do not may be as th one often wonders how they become tion of a bear climbing the trunk. I fertilized. The little cones, which look almost ed for souvenir cards. It is surely like nuts until they open, do not shed quite remarkable enough and is very

main until the new cones form, so that poplars are found growing naturally in the tree is never without a cone. The common aider of British Columin evidence along Cook street, with bia is known as the red alder, because its big trunk rivalling the fir trees in

The park also has a number of wil-



CATKINS OF RED ALDER

The short ones are last year's cones, the long ones the staminate catkins.

height of one hundred feet and several feet in circumference at the base. The wood is easily worked and is useful for interior decorative purposes, but has not become popular perhaps because of its often being attacked by an insect er than cut down to make place for that destroys it very quickly. The insome commonplace lawn or grass plot. dians made great use of the alder wood for cooking utensils and furniture, be-cause it lent itself readily to being used

forth leaves. This necessitates the storing of sufficient material in the previous growing season to develop the flowers as well as to bring out the leaf buds. As all the material used by the huds. As all the material used by the gar maple, these become a golden yelwith the pines the yellow and dark When growing in the open it spreads out to a great distance, some speci-mens covering a diameter of eighty feet, a splendid tent for the sur

Everyone knows the willow catkin, or pussy willow, as it is often called. The poplars and birches also bear catkins that bloom before the arrival of the leaves. For the nature student here is a great field for study. There is much yet to be discovered respecting the reasons for Nature's economy along different lines. Why does one flower fertilize itself without deteriorating the race, while another needs and therefore seeks cross fertilization? Why . everything? Get out and talk with Nature. She will not answer all your questions, but she will set you wonder ing so much that nothing but first hand information will be considered satisfactory. The man or woman who does again; Sunday school, if you like; to name catkins, or little cats, for they they were allowed to remain there long, so the boy always watched to see that the woods and fields and streams where we may learn of Him and His ways. ARBOR VITAE.

The Park Trees.

Editor Nature Club: Sir,-While so much is being said about "the beautifying of Victoria," it is worth while to notice what stunts in this line Nature has already accomplished, and which we have not undone by neglect, abuse or wilful acts.

An English gentleman who arrived here lately told me that our fir trees have been so much thought of in England for ornamental trees that they have become practically a native tree there, and are seen everywhere. How curious this is when we consider that most of us here despise these trees, enly looking on the best specimens as so many dollars worth of cordwood for fuel, or how much it will coet to clear

Perhaps some of your readers want to study the native trees, and to learn how to distinguish them. The Beacon Hill park has a fine collection of native

for dyeing their baskets and other ar- low trees and crab apple and some wild ticles. Sometimes the tree attains the cherry trees. I think these are all the get the photograph the grass had to be native trees to be seen, but besides the pushed back.

with crude tools.

As with the alder and many other trees, the maple flowers before giving with them, but he was quite an unimput the was quite an unimput to the was quite and the was for was to the was quite and the was for was to the was quite and the was for was to the was quite and the was for was to the was quite and the was quite and

They took the Douglas street car to trees is manufactured in the leaves, the the city limits and walked out as far here all winter. Just now its song may process of manufacture cannot begin process of manufacture cannot begin as Swan page.

The common maple of the far west is tall willows were yellow with pretty catkins and a few bushes were seen catkins and a few bushes were seen only just commencing to as Swan lake. Along on the Saanich be heard from early in the morning un road near the Sidney railway track the til late at night, a clear full note with the broad-leafed variety. Leaves of this tree have been found measuring that were only just commencing that over twenty inches across. Instead of turning red in the autumn like the suat their prettiest. It must have been



NEST IN TOMATO CAN.

A little further along the road were they did not get out, seen some willow trees covered with One day, just after

very small catkins. These were rather been put in the chicken run, a neighlater than the other and much smaller. bor boy came over for a visit. They Farther still around Swan lake were played with the bunnies for a few minbig willow bushes of still another va-riety. These had no sign of either about them. For some time they basked flowers or leaves.

going down through the field to the lake taking with them their faithful servnat called Daddy, one noticed a little bird in a bush. It was not a bit like any other they had ever seen, for out of the hole and Molley went in and seratched until nothing could be set the field. Then Riley began J. H. Mahoney was re-elected vice-president, while A. S. Johnston succeeded K. C. Brown as secretary. The executive will consist of C. E. Bartley, H. J. Warwick, A. McDonald, W. J. Burr and S. Malcolmson. its head and neck were purplish red. Scratched until nothing could be seen of her but the tip of her little wolley mice for a minute or two in order to try to get a closer look, but the purple ch (that was the name of the bird and away they scampered on the outer the Daddy said) was very shy and soon side. few away into a thick balsam fir tree.

fir tree? Well, you see their Daddy took a bough of the balsam fir and a bough of the Douglas fir and showed them the in behind a barrel. They could not get difference. The needles of the balsam were all arranged along the sides of outside ready to each them. Their life were all arranged along the sides of outside ready to catch them. Their litters old, young, middle-aged, large, there old, young, middle-aged, large, as well as on the sides of the series of the sides The Douglas and Balsam firs are there old, young, middle-aged, large, small and medium sized, and showing the effects of the different positions, good and indifferent soils, moisture, exposure to wind, the ravages and illusage of man and other pests.

There are some yew trees, but they are they pulled up a little tree of each sort and took them home and planted them in the garden.

by the mottled green leaves and several PULP MILL RUN f them had the flowers almost in loom. They picked just one to take Then they found several kinds f pretty moss and they took a little ich of it with them.

They were hunting for ladies' slip pers under the fir trees, but they did not find any. While they were doing this they saw a number of little birds in a fir tree. They stopped for a min birds were very small and had pretty



WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW'S NEST.

brown backs and black heads. They seemed to be searching for around the fir cones. The odd thing often turned upside down hanging on to the branches from below. Most like-great deal of attention, and some conto the branches from below. Most likely the little birds were chickadees. here were a lot of other little birds

too far away to tell much about. the islands are also coming in for Just before leaving the woods the their share of attention, and the outlittle boy spied a wild currant just look is that the islands will be the coming in to bloom. They picked the scene of great activity during the comlower and took it home. The boy also ing summe arried away with him a very pretty siece of dead wood covered with grey oss and lichens. When they arrived ome they were very tired and hungry, but they enjoyed the ramble very much. If it is fine they expect to go out again next Sunday to see what new birds have arrived and what flowers have one into bloom. RAMBLER.

White-Crowned Sparrow,

The white crowned sparrow has not yet arrived from the South. This bird is one of the commonest of all the ummer visitors to this region. It is just an ordinary sparrow with three white streaks down its head, one in the centre and one on either side. Its mong long grass very near the interest of velopment taken in the city. One is the ordinary partly covered with grass. In order to h

The nest in the old tomato can was

pleasing variations. Simply Worms.

Yesterday on the drive leading to the west end of the city, where he had parliament buildings hundreds of taken refuge in the shack formerly ocworms were to be seen that had been cupied by the late "Dutch Bill" (Wileither driven from their holes by the liam Vianna). The Indian was very rain or attached by their love for mois- drunk when discovered. ture, and had been unable to return owing to the surface being covered ATHLETIC CLUB with rough gravel. Were they driven out or attracted out?

The Truant Bunnies Molley and Riley were two rabbit vho lived in a back yard in the city. One was black and white and the other ellow and white. They were supposed o belong to a boy but they were usualy fed by the boy's father for the boy was but a little fellow.

In the summer there was plenty of dandelion, groundsel, grass, and other herbs that they liked, but in winter very little green food could be got for them except cabbage leaves. There was green grass in some of the empty

Now and then the bunnies were al-

One day, just after the rabbits had lowers or leaves.

Just as the two young people were in the sun or chased each other around until they were tired. Then Riley began J. H. Mahoney was re-elected vicehad a hole right underneath the fence

Uncle Rex was a setter dog that lived ew away into a thick balsam fir tree. How did they know it was a balsam he made a big bound expecting to get rabbit for supper that night. Just in time they saw him coming and dodged out of the way, and bolted for a hole

BY WATER POWER

Large Amount of Work Accomplished at Swanson Bay

Vancouver, March 12.-The big saw nill of the Canadian Pacific Sulphite Pulp & Paper Company at Swanson Bay is now running by water power E. J. Covle, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., who returned esterday from a northern trip, stated hat the water power was turned on at the mill while the steamer Amur was ving at Swanson Bay, on her way "This company is proceeding steadily

with the construction of its plant at

vanson Bay," said Mr. Coyle, "and t would be guite a revelation to many Vancouver people to see the enorm amount of work already accomplished and it will be the fall of this year before pulpmaking is in progress, according to the expectations of J. M. Mackinnon, manager of the company." During his trip Mr. Cayle visited the Queen Charlotte Islands, and he found onsiderable activity in mining there. siderable development work is being carried out on a number of claims. seen in the tree tops but they were The valuable timber and coal lands of

RECLAIMING LANDS

IN FRASER VALLEY

London Syndicate Will Carry Out \$700,000 Development Scheme.

Vancouver, March 13.-Managing Director Buntzen announced this afternoon that friends of the B. C. Elecsual nesting site is in very low bushes, tric Railway in London had formed a sometimes right on the ground or syndicate to take over the controlling interest of the Sumas Dyking and Development company and that the scheme of dyking and reclaming style of nest except that it is usually lands in the South Fraser valley would e immediately prosecuted. This work opens up a way for the

route for a tram line from New West-minster to Chilliwack, extending trees there is a splendid collection of native shrubs and plants not yet "improved" out of existence. To my mind these make a beautiful natural shrubbery which ought to be preserved rather than cut down to make place for than cut down to make place for this bird are greyish green covered by Sumas lake. The total cost will be about \$700,000. Work will be carried on in connection with the some commonplace lawn or grass plot.

A Ramble.

Two little people, a boy and a girl; were out for a walk last Sunday after
The white-crowned sparrow, known scientifically as Nuttall's sparrow, is a sort of connecting link between the afternoon to look over the island opconstruction of the Chilliwack tram line. Mr. Buntzen left for Victoria this erations.

PATSY'S DASH FOR LIBERTY.

New Westminster, March 13,-Patsy northern B. C. Indian serving a six ear sentence for horse stealing, escaped from the penitentiary yesterday af-ternoon shortly before 5 o'clock, and enjoyed a brief period of liberty, being recaptured by Deputy Warden Carroll and Trades Instructors Dynes and Mc-Kenzie at half past ten o'clock in the

FOR ROYAL CITY

Proposed Organization Will Be Undenominational in Character.

New Westminster, March 13.-A propaffiliated with any existing club or college. The matter was finally turned out at once, will cost about \$500. ver to the executive for further con sideration.

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous election of J. H. Vidal to the presidential chair, he succeeding Charles E. Bartley, who had served in The finances of the club were report-

ed to be in a most healthy condition, a number of outstanding debts having been wiped out in the past few months. DIED IN VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, March 14.-The death oc arred in the city on Thursday evening at 1283 Homer street, of Samuel Pen-Dunston, Northamptonshire, England. and came to Vancouver ten months ago from Alberta. A wife and family residing in the Old Country are left to

TOBACCO AT VERNON.

Vernon, B. C. March 14.-The Kel-

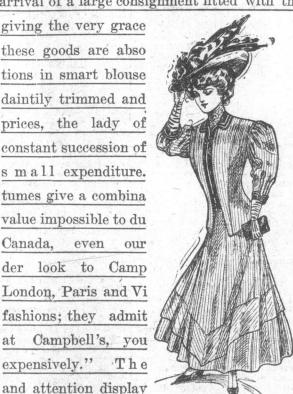
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FIRE ESCAPES FOR ROYAL CITY SCHOOLS

Indications are That Children Will Be Safeguarded in New Westminster.

New Westminster, March 14.-The school trustees will pay another visit to the central school building to make further observations with a view to increasing the facilities for fire protection. A model of a fire escape for the old wooden school building was laid dence for the C. P. R. train dispatcher before the school board meeting by who will be located at Grand Forks in Trustee Peebles, but it has not been the future. decided whether the escape will be installed. There are several objections to OYSTERS BIG AS t, the principal of which is that the escape would be no use without occasits use, and this would entail a certain amount of danger to the children. It is felt that proper drill in the use o the natural exits will afford reasonable

The board has already decided to install swing doors where necessary in both the buildings, so that the pu-pils can be rushed through in either direction with a minimum of risk of jamming. It is also the intention, osition to form a strictly athletic club jamming. It is also the intention, in this city, was discussed at length at when the contractors are carrying out the annual meeting of the Crescent Club the proposed improvements to the old yesterday evening, when a large numwooden building, to cut it in two and was green grass it was not long enough yesterday evening, when a large numyesterday evening when business of the past year and lay plans | der to provide a wider hall and more for the future. The suggestion favored spacious doorways. The building will owed to go out in the chicken run for by a majority was that the club take be raised considerably and provided thriving on the rocky beath of Moresfactory. The man or woman who does not know the ways of God in the trees and the flowers needs to go to school at this age that the flowers got the scratch little holes in the ground if undenominational in character and not in the shape of door-remodelling, hallwidening, etc., which will be carried

> FORTY-ONE MILES TO SAVE DYING MAN

Swede Employed at Giant Mine Terribly Injured by Explosion.

Golden, March 13.-H. Schuascjute, a sliced it. The only trouble appears to native of Sweden, was fearfully injured at the Giant mine by a premature explosion of dynamite, while he Government Agent Manson was at was arranging for the shot, Dr. Taylor and a nurse, from the hospital here, Mr. Arnold also reports the discovery and a nurse, from the hospital here, drove up to the mine, a distance of 41 miles, and returned with the injured man. He can hardly recover.

Mr. Arnold also reports the discovery was released to-day. A wire was received by Chief of Police Chamber-lain from Sheriff F. M. Jennings at applications have already by the same of the control The Giant mine has been recently the government by prospective purchassupplied with a concentrator, and the ers. But it is understood that the govowners, Messrs. Devlin and Armstrong, ernment does not intend to sell i coming summer.

SPINAL MENINGITIS.

Vernon, March 12.-There is an epi- year, according to Mr. Arnold, and the lice. Vernon, B. C. March 14.—The Keldemic of spinal meningitis in Vernon. prospects in that district never looked owna Tobacco Company has purchased. This disease is one of the most baffling brighter. The Ikeda mines have one 10,000 square yards of canvas for the that modern medical science has to deal hundred and twenty-five men employ-purpose of growing a finer and superior with. The doctors are near prostration ed and are turning out some six hunand took them home and planted them are account from \$15. They knew them in a moment of good specimens, still they are and superior dots good specimens, still they are in the garden.

New Westminster, March 14.—The overwork one of growing a nner and superior dots could find a moment of dogstooth violets just compute and would teach anyone who might desire to learn how to distinguish the yew.

New Westminster, March 14.—The overwork one of growing a nner and superior dodscored during this season and should teach anyone who has been unconscious for some gold. They are installing new maching out some six hunders of cred to good on the big dog.

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Beloch, the mining expert, says the big dog.

Beloch the big dog.

They knew them in a moment of produce sold who has been unconscious for some days, and whose recovery is feared to locate the big dog.

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REALTY IN GRAND FORKS.

(Special to The Times.) Grand Forks, March 14. - Quite Forks have been closed during the past few days, among which was the sale of the residence of A. D. McPhee in the west end of the city, to W. Dixon, for \$1,000 cash, while the McDougall Bros. have bought the sung residence of W. Bolton in the North Addition for a sum reported to be \$1,200. In addition to property inside the city limits were also

As a preliminary step towards the es ablishing of the divisional point at Grand Forks, a large crew of C. P. F carpenters have just arrived here for

SIRLOIN STEAKS

**Enormous Crustaceans Found** at Jedway, According to Vancouverite.

Vancouver. March 13.-A prize fish story from the mining camp of Jedway, Moresby Island, reached Vancouver or the arrival of C. S. Arnold of the legal firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. This fish story is of the oyster family and a whale of an oyster family is

"Those who say we cannot raise oysters on our coast should take a trip to Jedway, where at low tide they will find them so large that one will be sufficient for papa, mamma of the guests had to jump from sec and the baby. Last week three of us ond-story windows to save their lives. found one that was sufficient for all of The origin of the fire is unknown, but us and there was oyster left. I knew overheating of a stove in a hall on the my friends wouldn't believe it, so I first floor. brought down the shells. There they The hotel had been unoccupied for are." And Mr. Arnold produced the several years until last summer, when former residence of the oyster. It it was furnished by Mr. Gagnon, and neasured eight inches across.

age sirloin steak. It was nearly three a capitalist of Vancouver. nches thick," he continued, "so we

applications have already been sent to San Diego, stating that extradition expect to make large shipments during is a mineral water not unlike the Har- he would fight extradition, and this

Some fifty settlers have already taken up land on Moresby Island this prospects in that district never looked

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HOTEL WIPED OUT AT HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

Guests Had Narrow Escape When Fire Demolished de Gagnon Structure.

New Westminster, March 16.-The Hotel de Gagnon at Harrison Hot Springs was totally destroyed by fire

has been run by him since that t "That oyster was as big as an aver- The building was owned by E. Lewis,

NO EXTRADITION.

Vancouver, March 14.-Dr. W. L. Warner, under arrest here on a charge of grand larceny at San Diego, Cal., It | ner, informed the police yesterday that rison hot spring and so hot it would fact was communicated to the authoriburn your hands. ties at San Diego. The exact reason for dropping extradition proceedings is not yet known by the Vancouver po

New Westminster, March 14,-The

from the of his

By

CHAPTER Bruce Ingersoil Begin I am asked to write strange events which

to me during the last and to write it with request is made with not very well be refuse of my friend Jehan C those who have judge my task. May its rec approval of many who desired its accomplished.

Let it be said that but little before. The necessary to unravel this amazing mystery, side by side upon mine. I hardly know the public interest in the begin or where it sho ended. For my own par ber nothing which the story at all pri bridge, in the month And the garden party the tissue of pretty, ing from a pretty w My cousin Una and good, were up for o week. I had taken in Jesus Lane; other

ing forgotten, the ter been jolly enough. I my last term at Cam which the mists of ing. I knew nothing little hope for it si death. Even Una fo we were such old con "You will never get she complained. I told her that the

iked gravity. "And marriage is no er—as he will discover added, with that whi This was at the v den party of which I I though I am a Jesus dons managed an invi fair, and we went th lunch in his rooms. I little gone on Una, a had a chance but for l and intolerable habit of what?" in the middle stories. When we arrive

ity Gardens, we contri near the door of a tent teur lady palmist gave benefit of a local chari My aunt insisted, how merely to hold the Fe and I told Una that she to take the hint.
"Go in and have since you can't pitch self," I suggested to see your future husba

in the grass. Don't to name, or she may try Of course, it's all true. weren't true, life wou living. Go in and cap rajah—he'd be cheap Una." She laughed at me tle Una, who is so very clever, as I have often

ever went spades with

hand. A man came

while we argued about a Dean-but not my diately exhorted her 'I do not remem amused so much," said actually told me of ar when at school, and sh I was married. There thing unusual in the sh which betrays our secr read the standard wo ect-and a remarkabl oo," he added, as he v smiling away. The a her purse, and was in fore you could count came out again. I aflame with her heigh

raged turquoises. Her was all awry, too; and ly very angry. "Well?" I asked her "A perfect little bear rejoined, all in a me I was going to die "Did you forget to pence, Una?" "No; I didn't. But

er pretty blue eyes

again when I came but a swindle!" "Oh. come" cried always go by contra you expect for three bands are booming to hey're almost as dear She was not to be aunt Mary coming u they both insisted t my luck before this green baize table, ar lo as well as the ex had preceded me. It best, and as such we to be hanged will neve

