

Winding Up Their Affairs

General Celebration Committee Find That They Have Small Balance.

Now For the Visit of the Duke of Cornwall to the City.

The general celebration committee met at the city hall last evening in order to wind up the business in connection with the late celebration. Mayor Hayward took the chair. The secretary read the following report:

Mr. Elliott replied: "Mr. Reeve and I cannot but be glad to have adequately expressed my feelings, but I thank you from my heart for the honor you have done me. I shall value this watch, especially as coming from the whole of the ratepayers, all of whom are my neighbors and, I trust, my friends. I cannot consider that I have done anything to deserve this honor. I have only done my duty; scores of others would have been only too glad to rally round the old flag. I feel that I was lucky in being selected from among so many who were quite as deserving. Again I most sincerely thank you for this token of your regard."

Dr. Rolston gave some reminiscences of the Riel rebellion. He had been one of the volunteers to go to the front, and could well remember the hearty welcome extended to them on their return and the pride with which they received their medals—he could therefore appreciate Mr. Elliott's feelings on the present and past occasion.

The singing of "God Save the King" brought the proceedings to a close.

A GOLDEN PYRAMID. Latest Addition to the Provincial Museum of Mineralogy.

Illustrating the old adage, "Seeing is believing," the Hon. Richard McBride, minister of mines, has caused to be erected in the mineral museum a large pyramid representing British Columbia's mineral resources.

The monument is composed of hollow wooden cubes, gilded to simulate "the most marked and therefore the most collected" in the museum, and all the most marked and therefore the most collected in the museum, and all the most marked and therefore the most collected in the museum.

On the finance committee this was the most marked and therefore the most collected in the museum, and all the most marked and therefore the most collected in the museum.

Your attention is called to the fact that in which the children of the city took a very prominent part, and to the fact that the enthusiasm they displayed, that they will look forward to the celebration with increased interest.

Submitted herewith is your honorarium, and the report of the committee on the expenditure of the money.

In conclusion, let me as secretary, express my hearty thanks to the chairman and the members of the committee for their untiring courtesy and help during the past few weeks.

The report was received and adopted, and the treasurer then read his report.

Mr. Reeves suggested that the surplus money be used for the purpose of buying decorative articles for the Duke of Cornwall and York.

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B. C. DEVELOPMENT.

From your article in yesterday's issue, I am glad to see that you are endeavoring to attract public attention to the studied neglect of British Columbia by British investors.

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REDUCTIONS TO FARMERS

C. P. R. Makes Important Concessions on Fruit Rates and for Packages.

The C. P. R. has made some very substantial concessions in special rates for fruit and farm produce in British Columbia.

Mr. R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, was appointed by the government a special commissioner to look into the matter of rates, and no doubt the concessions are due at least in part to the railway company having the matter properly placed before them.

One concession is that wharfage charges at Kelowna on through freight between points north of Okanagan Landing have been done away with.

Another concession is that the minimum weight for the car of 20,000 lbs. and a minimum quantity of 10,000 lbs. of apples and other fruits in each car is now only 10,000 lbs. and 5,000 lbs. respectively.

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PROSPEROUS INSTITUTION.

Comment on the Report of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co.

The report of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, which appears in another column, is a story of success and prosperity, coupled with an equally successful management, says the Montreal Star.

"During the year 1900 the income expense was reduced by nearly half a million dollars, a very nice saving for one year's transactions. The assets now over two and a quarter million dollars, and the surplus was only about \$800,000. During the same time the income has increased \$280,000 to over \$800,000, while the expense rate has shown a marked decrease each year. For example, the income during the last two years has increased \$140,000, while the expense has practically stood still, only showing an increase of \$2,000.

The work of the company, generally, throughout the Dominion, is very commendable, as well as that carried on in foreign countries, including India, China, Japan, West Indies and South Sea Islands, will be carefully revised and plans for future work at home and abroad considered.

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BIG FATHER.

Has Carried Off a Number of Sheep From Cool Island.

Sidney, June 5.—Quite an excitement has been created in Sidney by the appearance of a large panther on Cool Island, about two miles from town. The animal has become very bold, appearing within a hundred yards of the house of the mayor, and carrying off a number of sheep, causing the residents of the island, not only a loss of property, but also a great deal of alarm.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. D. MacRae Leaves for Ottawa to Attend the Meeting.

The Rev. D. MacRae, of St. Paul's, Victoria, West, accompanied by Mrs. MacRae, left this morning for Ottawa to attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada, which meets there on the 12th instant. Mr. MacRae being a delegate from the presbytery of Victoria. Each presbytery is represented by one-third its members, an equal number of ministers and elders, aggregating about 500, and will be in session about ten days. Special interest will attach to the report of the committee that has had in charge the special effort during the past two years of raising a million dollar century fund for the payment of church debts, and the support of missionary and benevolent schemes.

It is confidently expected that the session originally aimed at will be exceeded by a considerable amount.

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CELEBRATIONS UP THE COAST

Bella Coola Loyalty Observed Victoria Day With Due Ceremony.

Bella Coola, May 27.—(Special)—The 24th of May was celebrated with great pomp, and Bella Coola can boast of the largest gathering for any public demonstration which has yet taken place in its history. The public grounds were packed with people, and the singing of "God Save the King" was a feature of the day.

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