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THE BASTION



WE FEEL that the History of the Bastion, being the oldest landmark of Nanaimo and also the Emblem of our Association, should occupy the front page of our tourists guide. It is one of the antique sights that visitors cannot overlook, and many a tourist last year had a picture of it in their camera before leaving our City. It was built for the Hudson's Bay Co., in June, 1853 by Leon Labine and Jean Batiste Fortier. When the Bastion was built, Nanaimo then went by the name of Colville Town, and consisted of four dwelling houses 26 by 15 and three 30 by 20, the purpose of the Fort being to protect the whites from the dreaded violence of the Indians. Previous to 1852 the whole of the Nanaimo country had only its aboriginal inhabitants, many of whom were impudent plunderers, yet stealthy foes. Two 6-pound carronades were the armament of the Fort and the arsenal consisted of cases of grapeshot and cannister. It is now owned and occupied by Nanaimo Post 3, Native Sons of B. C., who have spared neither pains or money to keep it in its present state of preservation.

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