

pupils and 65 teachers. The value of public school property in January, 1899, was \$318,300. Besides these there are several very good private schools and two efficient commercial Colleges.

The City is well supplied with churches, as follows: Church of England, 4; Presbyterian, 4; Methodist, 3; Baptist, 3; Roman Catholic, 1; Congregational, 1; Lutheran, 1. There is also a branch of the Salvation Army.

Provision has been made for the sick and afflicted by a well furnished and equipped City Hospital, directly under the control of the City Council, St. Paul's Hospital, under the management of the Roman Catholic Church, and St. Luke's Hospital, in connection with St. James' Episcopal Church. Under this head may also be mentioned the Alexandra Orphanage, a home for destitute and orphan children, which is doing a good work.

The City of Vancouver is abundantly supplied with water of the finest quality from the Capilano River, a rapid mountain stream which rises in the range north of Burrard Inlet, and flowing south for about 30 miles, empties into the Narrows or entrance of the Inlet. The fall in the river is about 60 feet to the mile, and the water, which is from melted snow, flowing over the clean gravel or boulders in the bed of the stream becomes thoroughly aerated and palatable.

The supply is taken 6 1-4 miles from the mouth at an elevation of 470 feet above high water mark and conducted in a 22-inch rivetted steel main about 2 1-2 miles to the Canyon, where a tunnel is made through a rocky ledge for about 500 feet. From this a 16-inch (and a 22-inch in process of construction) main of the same material conveys the water to the shore of Burrard Inlet at the First Narrows or entrance to the harbor.

The route of the pipe line is along the valley of the Capilano, and a good wagon road extends the whole distance, giving prompt access to the pipe line and incidentally to some delightful scenery.

Four twelve-inch cast iron mains with flexible joints convey the water across the Narrows, and the laying of these pipes is quite a difficult piece of engineering work, on account of the velocity of the tide and the depth of the water.

On the south side of the Narrows, through Stanley Park and along Pender and Georgia Streets as far as Westminster Avenue, 16 and 22-inch steel rivetted mains extend, connected with a reservoir constructed on the highest part of the park, 245 feet above high water mark, and containing 10,000,000 gallons imperial.

There are about 60 miles of distribution pipes of cast iron from four inches to twelve inches in diameter connected to these steel mains, besides a large quantity of temporary pipe of smaller sizes.

The present number of hydrants is 250, and the number of services to private consumers over 4,000, while the yearly revenue from these is about \$60,000 and the value of the water supplied for City purposes about \$16,000.

The works were originally built by a Company and were taken over by the City in 1892, at a cost of \$440,000, but they have been to a great extent rebuilt and extended, so that the present cost is nearly a million dollars, \$100,000 being

spent in 1899. Under the City's management, however, the rates have been greatly reduced, and the services increased from 1,400 in 1892, to 4,200 at the end of 1899.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF "TRUE KNIGHT."

To the Officers and Members of the City Lodges, Knights of Pythias, Vancouver, B. C.—

Dear Sirs and Bros.—Your Committee in charge of the publication of the "True Knight" begs leave to submit the following report:

Receipts.

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| From all sources for February..... | \$ 72 15 |
| From all sources for March..... | 26 50 |
| From all sources for April..... | 19 00 |
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| | \$117 65 |

Disbursements.

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| For February..... | \$ 73 65 |
| For March | 64 65 |
| For April..... | 67 40 |
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| | \$205 70 |

Liabilities.

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|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Advance by Granville Lodge, No. 3..... | \$ 21 00 |
| Advance by Rathbone Lodge, No. 7..... | 21 61 |
| Advance by Crusader Lodge, No. 19..... | 21 00 |
| Advance by Secretary..... | 120 78 |
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| | \$184 39 |

Assets.

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|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Accounts at April 30th..... | \$137 25 |
| Liabilities in Excess of Assets..... | 47 11 |
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| | \$184 39 |

Liabilities at April 30th.....\$ 47 11
Vancouver, B. C., April 30th, 1900.

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SUPREME LODGE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Bro. Thomas D. Mearns, Supreme Master of Exchequer, has submitted a full and exhaustive statement of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the quarter ended March 31st, 1900. So long is the report that pressure on our space forbids its publication here in full, but it may be noted that it is eminently satisfactory, as can be judged from the following resume: The total receipts were \$40,062.91, and the total disbursements, \$9,720.04, showing a balance on hand of \$30,342.87. The per capita tax collected for the year ending March 31st and included in receipts, as shown in report, is \$35.738.84, and there is about \$3,000 of the amount due in March, not yet paid. The M. or E. has on hand, in addition to the above, the sum of \$1,407.67, belonging to the Hines' Memorial Fund. Of this amount, \$45.87 is interest earned by deposit in Savings Bank.

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Only a limited number of the Souvenir Edition will be printed. Each subscriber will receive a copy of the paper. Members who are not subscribers or those wishing extra copies can have same by applying early to the Secretary. The price will be twenty-five cents.