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CALGARY, March 26, '84.

W. T. RAMSAY, Esq., Agent "Canada N.W. Land Co." Calgary.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following resolution, passed at a recent meeting of the managers of Knox church, Calgary: Resolved "That the thanks of the members and adherents of Knox church, Calgary are due and are hereby rendered to the 'Canada Northwest and Company' for their donation of two lots, which, with their accustomed liberality, they generously placed at the disposal of the congregation."

Yours sincerely,

ANDREW HENDERSON, Chairman.

POETRY.

THE TWO STREAMS.

Behold the rocky wall

That down its sloping sides

Pours the swift rain drops, blending as they fall

In rushing river dials!

Yon stream whose sources run

Turned by a pebble's edge,

The Bowling Bowling towards the Sun

Through the dark mountain-land

The slender rill had strayed,

By evening's close, with the tangled braid

Of foam-flecked Oregon.

So from the heights of yore

Life's parting stream descends,

And with the moment turns its slender fill

Each widening torrent bends.

From the same cradle's side

From the same mother's knee,

One belongs to darkness and the frozen tide

One to the Pacific Sea!

—Holmes.

Current Parallels.

Harper for May is on our table, brimful

Of the most entertaining mental pabulum.

It opens with a May-day idyl of the olden time.

"From the Fraser to the Columbia second

papers," by Earnest Ingersoll gives a most

interesting account of life in Washington

Territory. The article concludes as follows:

The anticipations of all the sound towns

depend upon the future of that mysterious

speculator playing with the wind.

"The temptations of the Northern Pacific Railroad,

New Tacoma has it now and purposes to keep

it, claiming that her distance from the sea

matters no more than in the case of Baltimore

or New Orleans."

Seattle agrees that distance is nothing,

since the waters are the centre of resources

and has greater wharf facilities. The lower

sound towns Port Townsend, Port Discovery

and Port Angeles urge their claims, but they

say they are only about thirty miles

further from Portland than Seattle, while

twice that distance of slow and expensive

towage is saved. It is understood that

measures have already been taken to construct

a railway from Port Townsend along the west

bank of Hood's canal to Skookumchuck

Point, on the Northern Pacific. This project

may not be in the rapidly of its progress

meet the expectations now entertained; but

before long I think a railway will be extended

along the coast and cut out well to the

harbour of Port Townsend will ultimately

become the actual focus of the nominal ter-

minus, which is now a matter of universal

thought."

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SOMETHING OF INTEREST

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(SELECTED)

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that it consists of rocks, earth or soil and

water; that it is covered with a large variety

of plants, and tenanted by myriads of animals.

These three familiar facts lie at the basis of

three primary branches of knowledge.

The animal world, whatever kind from the

inanimate to man, give origin to that branch

of science which is called zoology; the vari-

ous plants to the science of botany; and the

rocks and minerals to mineralogy. The first

two of these departments embrace all natural

objects that have life, and most of their

kinds, their varieties of structure, their habits

and relations.

The third branch of knowledge, mineralogy,

relates to inanimate nature. It describes the

kinds of mineral material forming the surface

of our planet, points out the various methods

of distinguishing minerals, makes known

their uses and explains their modes of occur-

rence in the earth. To the unpractised eye,

the costly gem, as it is found in the rocks,

often seems but a rough bit of stone; and

the most valuable ores may appear worthless,

for the metals are generally so disguised that

nothing of their real nature is seen. There is

an ore of lead which has nearly the color of

Glauber salt; an ore of iron that looks like

spary limestone, an ore of silver that might

be taken for lead ore, and another that looks

like wax. These are common cases, and

consequently much careful attention is re-

quired of the student to make progress in the

science. Moreover a great proportion of the

mineralogy is of no special value; and

they occur under so many forms and colors

that close study is absolutely necessary in

order to be able to distinguish the useful and

avoid being deceived by them; for such de-

ceptions are common and often lead to

disastrous consequences in mining.

The science of mineralogy is therefore

entirely practical. Moreover the very exist-

ence of many of the arts of civilized life de-

pends upon the materials which the rocks

afford. Besides the metals and metallic ores,

we have the ingredients for many com-

mon pigments, and for various preparations

used in medicine; and the coloring material

so valuable for buildings and numbers

other purposes; moreover from the rocks

come the salt upon which we are dependent

for food. At the same time the student of

mineralogy who is interested in observing the

impress of infinite wisdom in nature ground

him, finds abundant pleasure in examining

the forms and varieties of structure which

minerals assume, and in tracing out the

principles or laws which creative power has

established even throughout lifeless matter,

giving it an organization, though simple to

less perfect than that characterizing animate

beings.

It has been remarked that mineralogy,

the third branch of Natural History, embraces

everything in nature that has no life. Is it

then, every different thing not resulting from

life a mineral? Are earth, clay and all stones

minerals? Is water a mineral? All the