

The Museum is fairly well arranged, and the labeling will put to shame many of the great museums of the East, although, as with all such institutions, constant improvements are being made.

The city of Vancouver, with a population of some twenty thousand, seems too young to show much interest in the museum as a natural adjunct to education, although the Art and Scientific Society is endeavoring to form a museum in its rooms.

New Westminster, with a population of eight thousand, has made a splendid beginning towards a museum properly connected with other educational affairs. The upper story of the City Library has been set aside for museum purposes.\* Cases have been built from plans furnished by the Smithsonian Institution, and space has been allotted for the various divisions of natural history. There has already been secured and installed a considerable collection of birds and small mammals. Many of these were donated by the Provincial Museum. Several cases have been filled with minerals and other geological specimens. A very few ethnological specimens have been secured; there is more material of an archaeological nature. Some of the stone and bone implements represent rare forms.

The spirit of museum administration exhibited at these institutions is one to be commended. There seems to be no thought in mind to conflict with the plan that the collections are intended for study. Every facility is given to visitors to examine, illustrate or publish papers on any of the

\* The Library and Natural History Museum of New Westminster were totally destroyed by the fire which consumed that city on September 11, 1898.