

Progress of Public Schools

Facts and Figures Culled from the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report.

Over 21,000 Scholars Enrolled Large Increase Over the Previous Year.

The twenty-ninth annual report of the public schools of British Columbia was presented to the legislature yesterday by Hon. J. D. Prentice, Minister of Education, and Provincial Secretary.

From a glance through the volume the following interesting facts are gleaned: For the school year ending June 30, 1900, the whole number of pupils enrolled during the year was 21,331, an increase for the year of 2,269.

During the year there were 238 schools in operation, an increase of 13. These schools were constituted as follows: High schools, 4; number of teachers, 13. Graded schools, 4; number of teachers, 233.

The total number of teachers and monitors employed was 494, an increase of 33. Of this number 17 were employed in Nanaimo, 22 in New Westminster, 68 in Vancouver, and 52 in Victoria.

Teachers' salaries \$196,077. Incidental expenses 17,288. Per capita grant to city districts 61,757. Education office 11,163.

Grand total expenditure by government \$307,470. The grand total cost of education for the preceding year was \$316,950, a decrease of \$7,480 from 1900.

The following table shows the amount paid for education in the several electoral districts for the past year:

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In connection with the above it is interesting to note, as showing the rapid development of the mining districts of the province, that five years ago there were employed in the Kootenay country 13 teachers at a total cost of \$9,750, while for the year just ended there were employed in the same district 78 teachers, at a cost of \$50,821.18.

The cost of each pupil on enrollment in 1890-1891 was \$13.29 compared with \$14.16 in 1898-99. Cost of each pupil on daily average attendance in 1898-1900 was 21.29, as compared with \$21.83 in the preceding year.

Average monthly salary in city districts for principals and teachers, \$93.52. Average monthly salary in rural districts for teachers and monitors, \$31.53.

Number of pupils enrolled during the year 21,331. Increase for year 2,269. Number of boys enrolled 11,078. Number of girls enrolled 10,415.

Number of pupils enrolled in high schools 553. Increase for year 63. Average daily attendance in high schools 34,919. Average daily attendance in graded schools 9,013.10. Average daily attendance in common schools 4,086.31.

"Great Hastie is Not Always Good Speed."

Many people trust to luck to pull them through, and are often disappointed. Do not dilly-dally in matters of health. With it you can accomplish miracles. Without it you are "no good."

Keep the liver, kidneys, bowels and blood healthy by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the faultless blood purifier.

Rheumatism—"I had acute rheumatism in my limb and foot. I commenced treatment with Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and in a short time was cured." WILLIAM BARRETT, Brantford, Ont.

Scrofula—"I was troubled with scrofula for many years. Hood's Sarsaparilla was recommended and after I had taken three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, 1224 Treasley Street Toronto, Ont.



Hood's Pills cure liver, bile, non-gratifying and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Have Faith in Atlin

American Mining Man Says that Capitalists Will Readily Invest There.

His Company's Extensive Hydraulic Plants—An Ingenious Prospecting Machine.

J. M. Ruffner, of Atlin and Cincinnati, is at the Dominion hotel, and will appear before the mining committee of the provincial legislature today.

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Mr. Ruffner is taking north with him to the Atlin district a machine new to that part of the country, although it has been in use for some time in California.

Mr. Ruffner is one of those who went in to Atlin from the Stikine, having gone over that trail and via Lake Teslin in 1898.

SEVERE SENTENCES. Millett and Atkinson Sentenced to Long Terms in the Provincial Jail.

The two boys, George Millett and George Atkinson, arrested on Monday on the charge of stealing the yacht Siren and a sealing boat and other articles, were yesterday adjudged guilty by Magistrate Hall, and sentenced to long terms in the provincial jail.

What Dyes are always guaranteed, and in our country take the lead? The Diamond Dyes!

What Dyes are strong, and bright, and fast, and always dye to live and last? The Diamond Dyes!

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Clan Mackenzie Has Arrived

First Vessel of the B. C. Salmon Fleet Has Reached Liverpool.

The Overdue Khorsan Was Chartered to Load at Vancouver.

The first vessel of the British Columbia salmon fleet of 1900 has arrived at Liverpool on Saturday, according to advices which reached this city yesterday.

The vessel, the Khorsan, a 600-ton schooner, was chartered to load at Vancouver, and is expected to arrive here on Monday.

THE DESERTING SAILORS. Tell of Fight Between Captain and Mate of the Senator.

The voyage of the ship Senator from Callao to Chemainus must have been an interesting one, according to the evidence being introduced in the case against the eight deserting sailors.

At Moodyville the Alexander Gibson loaded during the month a cargo of 1,005,595 feet for Capetown; and the Palatine, a big British steamer, is loading cargo.

At Chemainus the Dundee and Senator are loading.

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It was because they were not given proper food, and not given tobacco, although they had money coming to pay for it, the master telling them to smoke tea leaves. They said that they would willingly turn to it given proper food.

The master then said he would make it worse for them if they did not go to work—their own masters, their own families, and so forth, telling them at the same time his words were as good as the worst of the twenty-five dollars. They refused to go to work until they had been fed, and the captain refused to give them food, other than the hard tack, until they went to work.

They did not know him. Others met some provincial police officers, as all did eventually. They were all very angry at the refusal of the master to supply them with tobacco, which he sold at 4 and 5 shillings per pound from the ship's chest, the condition of the ship, leaking fore'sie; in fact, everything, including the general manner taken for both men was practically the same.

Today at 10:30 other sailors will be examined and other witnesses are to be called, including the constable at Chemainus.

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Talked About.



A medicine that is talked about—that is frequently the theme of general conversation—is a medicine that cures. That is why it is talked about. Commonplace medicines are not discussed; it is merit that compels attention.

No other medicine in the world has been so much talked about as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Neighbors discuss it at their friendly gatherings. The person who has been benefitted by the use of this medicine recommends it to ailing friends.

You may not have thought of it before, but, if you will recall the fact now, you have doubtless heard "Pink Pills" talked about on scores of occasions—and always in terms of the warmest praise. This is because Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure.

There is not a nook or corner in the whole civilized world where some sufferer has not been benefitted by the use of this medicine. There is scarcely a place of importance where Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have not effected remarkable cures. When doctors have said "we can do no more," frequently after the best hospital treatment has failed, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have restored sufferers to healthy, happy activity.

READ THE PROOF. Mr. John McDonald, a well known merchant at Cape North, N.S., was for many years a sufferer from spinal trouble, which eventually resulted in paralysis.

Mr. McDonald's story is given as follows in his own words:—"Almost thirteen years I caught a bad cold which lodged in my back, producing a terrible pain. Liniments were at first resorted to, but they had no effect, and the trouble became so bad that I could hardly walk. Medical treatment did me no good. I tried six different doctors, but the result was always the same. I spent \$50 for an electric belt, but it was simply money wasted. Years went on and I was continually getting worse, until in the spring of 1895 my lower limbs would scarcely support me. In June of that year I went to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, where I remained for two months under the treatment of the best specialists, but when I returned home I was actually worse than when I entered the hospital. This strongly discouraged me, and I gave up all hope of ever getting better. I continued to grow worse until about the first of January, 1896, when I had become so bad that I could not stand alone, as my legs were like sticks under me. My only means of locomotion was crutches, and my legs dragged after me like useless pieces of timber. I could not raise them one inch from the floor. About the first of the following April, Rev. Mr. McLeod strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had tried so many things without benefit that I did not think the pills could help me, but nevertheless I decided to give them a trial. After using six boxes I could see that there was a slight improvement, and I continued using the pills until I had taken thirty boxes, and by that time new life and vigor had returned to my legs, and I have since been able to attend to my business behind the counter without the aid of crutches or even a stick. Under God's blessing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have restored me to a new measure of health and energy. I never expected to again enjoy in this world. My restoration has caused a great wonderment in this section, and as a result I have sold many gross of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in my store, and many of those who have bought them from me tell me they have cured them of their troubles."

But remember you must get the genuine, with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around every box. If in doubt, send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be mailed, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

Dr. Chase's Ointment. To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain cure for all kinds of skin diseases, and every form of itching, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. So long as you use it, you can be sure that you will get what you think of. You can use it on all kinds of skin diseases, and it will cure you. Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain cure for all kinds of skin diseases, and every form of itching.

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