Annual Show at Duncans

A Noteworthy Increase in the Number and Quality of Exhibits

A Successful Year for Agriculturalists Reflected in the Exhibition.

The Gymkahna Races, and a Unique Display of the National Game.

Although the Cowichan Agricultural, Horticultural and Poultry show is now in its twenty-sixth year, it is still enjoying "the growing time," as was evident on Saturday, the big day of the exhibition of 1899. Never in the history of the society has there been such a successful exhibition, and indications are not wanting that the affair will next year assume even larger proportions.

In the first place the number of entries was almost double that of any previous exhibition. This was not due to a large exhibit in any one class, but to an increase in each department. The receipts, too, far eclipsed those of other years, the gatekeeper reporting over $230 as the proceeds of the admittance wicket.

Fortunately, with the increased attendance came improved facilities for handling the crowd and increasing their enjoyment, for the directors have this year expended about $500 in beautifying and improving the grounds. Over $200 has been expended on a cinder path for bicycle races, although the materials had not set sufficiently on Saturday to make even fair racing. This will be overcome next year, when the track will have become set, and in fine shape for a cycling dash.

The remainder of the $500 mentioned has been expended on removing stumps and levelling portions of the enclosure, notably that part set aside for a horse ring. Much remains still to be done in the direction of providing shelter for the stock, for at present only the cattle have proper protection from the weather—a feature which in a show of more than one day's duration is a serious drawback. This is one matter which will probably engage the attention of the directorate next year.

To particularize in the different departments is a rather difficult matter. In horses the showing was not good on the whole, though several good animals were exhibited. It cattle Mr. G. T. Corfield and Mr. H. Bonsall showed some good Holsteins; Capt. Barkley was an exhibitor of Jerseys and Red Polls, C. T. Gibbons also being a leading exhibitor in Red Polls.

Among the sheep the Southdowns were represented most fully, the pens being filled from the flocks of A. Drummond, Mr. Edgson and others. R. E. Barkley and J. Richards showed some fine Shropshires, while Capt. Barkley was an exhibitor of mixed breeds.

The showing of swine was not very large and the only breeds represented were Berkshires and Suffolks, with a solitary Tanworth, his red hide showing in marked contrast to those of his white and black companions. Poultry was fairly well represented.

Inside the building there was a grand display of flowers, nature in the Cowichan district being especially favorable to floral development this year. Fruit was well up to the average, though the colony of the apples was not as good as formerly. In roots and vegetables a falling off was noticeable in tomatoes and squashes, owing to the lateness of the season. The latter feature was also marked in the corn exhibit. Other field roots were good.

Needle work was excellent, Mrs. Smith, the judge in that department, pronouncing it exceptionally fine. The display brought down from Kuper Island by the Father in charge of that mission was one of the big attractions of the exhibition.

Great interest was taken in the field sports, which though limited in number, created any amount of fun. The cracker-eating contest among the boys and the nail driving competition open only to ladies, were especially provocative of mirth. The prize list in these sports was as follows:

Best Decorated Bicycle—Miss Maitland-Dougall 1, Miss Jaynes 2, and Miss Carrie Green 3.

Egg and Spoon Race—Miss M. Pinder 1, Miss G. Pinder 2.

Arithmetic Race—Miss I. Holmes 1, Miss B. Holmes 2.

Dead Marines Contest, ladies—Miss M. Pinder and Miss G. Pinder tie.

Sash Race—Miss Prevost 1, Miss B. Holmes 2.

Dead Marines Contest, gentlemen—R. McLay and J. Mearns tie.

Boys' Open Race, quarter-mile—C. Foot 1, J. A. Raymur 2.

Girls' Open Race, quarter-mile—Miss G. Pinder 1, Miss M. Pinder 2.

Cracker-eating Contest—Master Smith 1, Jack Jaynes 2.

Nail-driving Contest, for ladies—Mrs. W. P. Jaynes 1, Miss I. Holmes 2.

The lacrosse match which was billed to take place between the James Bays and Victoria Wests failed to materialize, and after great exertion and the expending of much perspiration and profanity, "Toolip" managed to get two scratch teams together. The Times reporter was too busily engaged in other work at the time the trouble took place to witness the match, but was informed that it was a positively unique exhibition of the game, the interpretation of the national sport being marked by many original features.

Perhaps this was due to the fact that Manager Geo. L. Courtney, of the E. & N. railway, who acted as referee, is understood to hold radical ideas of his own as to how the game should be played, and these ideas he did his best to enforce in the brief intervals when he wasn't dodging the sphere. The crowd had hardly got through puzzling over the intricacies of the game when the referee declared the Blain team the winners by a score of 3—2.

The personnel of the respective teams, which were captained by Colin Blain and Eddie Burns, was as folows:

Blain	Goal	Jacobson
Milne	Point	Mellin
Crocker	Cover-point	Northcott
Fairall	First Defence	Burns
Andrews	Second Defence	Stevens
McMicking	Centre	McDonald
Porter	Second Home	McKay
F. White	First Home	Cessford
Fred White	Outside Home	Porter
Welsh	Inside	Crocker

Following is the prize list:

HORSES.

Draft Brood Mare with foal—G. T. Corfield 1.

Saddle Horse—R. E. Barkley 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

Pony (under 14.4)—T. M. Jackson 1, W. Kingston 2.

Pony, ridden by boy under 14—W. Kingston 1, P. Jaynes 2.

Pony, ridden by girl under 14—Miss Frida Prevost 1.

Two-year-old Colt or Filly—G. T. Corfield 1, J. Richards 2.

One-year-old Colt or Filly—G. T. Corfield 1, J. Richards 2.

Hurdle Jumper—G. W. Lilley 1.

Buggy Horse—G. F. Gosnell 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

General Purpose Horse—D. Evans 1 and 2, A. R. Wilson 3.

Single Turnout—R. E. Barkley 1.

Double Turnout—G. H. Hadwen 1.

Farmer's Team—D. Evans 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

Walking Horse—W. Kingston 1.

CATTLE.

Shorthorn Bull, over 1 year—W. C. Brown 1.

Holstein Bull—G. T. Corfield 1, H. Bonsall 2.

Red Polled Bull—R. E. Barkley 1, C. T. Gibbons 2.

Shorthorn Cow—W. C. Brown 1.

Jersey Cow—G. T. Corfield 1, Capt. Barkley 2.

Red Polled Cow—R. E. Barkley 1, C. T. Gibbons 2.

Holstein Cow—H. Bonsall 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

Grade Milch Cow—R. E. Barkley 1, A. R. Wilson 2.

Milch Cow, sweepstake—G. T. Corfield 1, R. E. Barkley 2, H. Bonsall 3, A. R. Wilson 4.

Two-year-old Heifer, grade—T. A. Wood and D. Alexander divide first.

Yearling Heifer, grade—Capt. Barkley 1, A. R. Wilson 2.

SHEEP.

Best Pedigree Ram in the show—A. Drummond 1, M. Edgson 2.

Pedigree Southdown Ram—A. Drummond 1, T. A. Wood 2.

Ewes, Southdown—J. H. Whittome 2.

Two Sheep—P. Flett 1, Capt. Barkley 2.

Three Ewe Lambs—R. E. Barkley 1, M. Edgson 2, A. Drummond 3.

Two Ewes, not pure bred (large)—R. E. Barkley 1, A. Drummond 2.

Two Ewes, not pure bred (small)—P. Flett 1, D. Evans 2.

Three Lambs, grade—M. Edgson 1, Capt. Barkley 2.

Ewe Lambs, Shropshire—J. Richards 1, A. Drummond 2.

Ram Lambs, Shropshire—R. E. Barkley 1.

Ewe Lambs, Southdown—T. A. Wood 1, D. Evans 2.

Ram Lambs, Southdown—G. W. Lilley 1, D. Evans 2.

PIGS.

Pure Bred Boar, any age—P. Flett 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

Pure Bred Sow—P. Flett 1.

Sow, grade—M. Edgson 1, W. C. Duncan 2.

POULTRY.

Turkeys—Capt. H. H. Addington 1.

Geese—G. T. Corfield 1, W. C. Brown 2.

Pekin Ducks—Capt. H. H. Addington 1, R. H. Whidden 2.

Black Spanish—A. Drummond 1, J. C. MacKenzie 2.

Cochin—R. H. Whidden 1 and 2.

Leghorn, brown—J. Richards 1.

Leghorn, white—J. Flett 1, D. W. Mainguy 2.

Plymouth Rock, barred—J. Flett 1 and 2.

Hamburg, silver—A. McKinnon 1 and 2.

Wyandotte, white—P. Flett 1.

Red Caps—R. H. Whidden 1 and 2.

Bantams—A. Drummond 1 and 2.

Rabbits—Haze Moto 1.

Cockerel—J. Aitken 1.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES.

Swedish Turnips—M. T. Johnson 1, Maj. J. M. Mutter 2.

Turnips, any other kind—E. Musgrave 1, G. H. Hadwen 2.

Mangolds, globe—A. R. Wilson 1, D. Alexander 2.

Carrots, white—R. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, M. Edgson 2.

Carrots, long white—A. R. Wilson 1, F. H. Maitland-Dougall 2.

Carrots, long red—Capt. H. H. Addington 1, C. T. Gibbons 2.

Early Rose Potatoes—P. Flett 1, Major J. M. Mutter 2, A. Bell highly commended.

Any other kind, early Potatoes—J. Flett 1, A. Bell 2.

Clarke's No. 1 Potatoes—D. Alexander 1, A. Bell 2.

Late Rose Potatoes—P. Flett 1, J. Weismiler 2.

Dakota Red Potatoes—Major J. M. Mutter 1, J. Flett 2.

Burbank Seedling Potatoes—P. Flett 1, W. Forest 2.

Any other kind, late Potatoes—H. O. Wellburn 1, J. Richards 2, W. Forest highly commended.

Kohl Rabbi—A. Bell 1, G. H. Hadwen 2.

Onions, red—Rev. J. Roberts 1, H. Bonsall 2.

Onions, yellow—A. McKinnon 1, M. Edgson 2.

Onions, white—A. R. Wilson 2.

Quart Eschalots—D. Evans 1, Mrs. Skinner 2.

Red Cabbage—A. McKinnon 1, W. Forest 2.

Drumhead Cabbage—W. Forest 1, W. C. Duncan 2.

Cabbage, any other kind—T. A. Wood 1.

Cauliflowers—A. Pimbury 1, A. McKinnon 2.

Sugar Beets—A. McKinnon 1.

Table Carrots—A. Dirome 1, J. Norcross 2.

Parsnips—A. Pimbury 1, F. H. Maitland-Dougall 2.

Table Beets, long—A. Wilson 1, J. Moss 2.

Table Beets, turnip—A. McKinnon 1, G. W. Lilley 2.

Salsify—A. Pimbury 1.

Celery—W. Wilson 1, A. Bell 2.

Sweet Corn—A. Pimbury 1, D. Alexander 2.

Leeks—A. Pimbury 1, A. Bell 2.

Cucumbers—D. W. Mainguy 1, A. Pimbury 2.

Vegetable Marrow—A. Pimbury 1, H. Donald 2.

Squash—G. W. Lilley 1, Capt. Barkley 2.

Hubbard Squash—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, A. Bell 2.

Tomatoes—H. O. Wellburn 1, D. W. Mainguy 2.

Collection of Garden Vegetables—D. Alexander 1, W. Wilson 2.

Collection of Tomatoes—D. W. Mainguy 1.

GRAIN.

Spring Wheat—D. Evans 1, J. Macpherson 2.

Barley—D. Evans 2.

Oats—D. Evans 1, W. C. Duncan 2.

Field Peas—W. C. Duncan 1, D. Evans 2.

Winter Rye—W. A. Woods 2.

Flax—D. Evans 2.

Field Corn or Maize—W. C. Duncan 1, A. R. Wilson 2.

Ensilage Corn—W. H. Elkington 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

FRUITS.

Collection of Fruit—D. Alexander 1.

Winter Apples—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, G. H. Hadwen 2.

Autumn Apples—G. H. Hadwen 1, W. C. Duncan 2.

Commercial Apples—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, W. Ford 2.

Packed box of Apples—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, D. Alexander 2.

Packed box of Apples (two varieties), packing as well as fruit to be considered—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, G. H. Hadwen 2.

Alexander—W. C. Grant 1, G. H. Hadwen 2.

Wealthy—W. Ford 1, W. C. Grant 2.

Twenty-oz. Pippin—J. Norcross 1, H. Bonsall 2.

Gloria Mundi—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, Rev. J. Roberts 2.

Gravenstein—H. Donald 1, J. Richards 2.

Blenheim Orange—H. Bonsall 1, R. H. Whidden 2.

Ribston Pippin—G. H. Hadwen 1, W. C. Grant 2, Col. Peters 3.

Any other variety, Autumn Apples—W. C. Grant 1, Col. Peters 2, F. H. Maitland-Dougall special.

Baldwins—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, J. J. H. Whittome 2.

Northern Spy—J. H. Whittome 1, W. C. Duncan 2.

Golden Russet—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, G. T. Corfield 2.

R. I. Greening—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, W. C. Grant 2.

IT'S NO USE TRYING TO HIDE HER—SHE'S TOO BIG

Ben Davis—G. H. Hadwen 1, J. H. Whittome 2.

Canada Reinette—H. Bonsall 1, Col. Peters 2.

King of Tompkins Co.—F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, T. A. Wood 2.

Any other variety, winter—H. Bonsall 1, F. H. Maitland-Dougall, W. Ford, Colonel Peters (3) and A. Pimbury divide first.

Crab Apples—H. Bonsall 1, G. H. Hadwen 2.

Pears—W. Bassett 1, D. Alexander 2.

Bartlett Pears—E. Lomas 1, W. Wilson 2.

Pears, any other variety—J. H. Whittome 1, J. Richards 2.

Plums, Pond's seedling—J. H. Whittome 1, R. E. Barkley 2.

Plums, yellow egg—G. W. Lilley 1, W. A. Woods 2, D. Evans highly commended.

Plums, Coe's Golden Drop—W. C. Grant 1.

Prunes—E. Lomas 1, H. Burchell 2.

Peaches—G. H. Hadwen 1, A. Keating 2. H. Bonsall and E. Musgrave highly commended.

Quinces—Rev. J. Roberts 1, C. Livingston 2.

Watermelons—A. Bell 1 and 2.

Muskmelons—W. Wilson 1, A. Bell 2.

Citron Melons—A. Bell 1 and 2.

Grapes—Rev. Fr. Donckele 1, C. Livingston 2.

Blackberries—A. Pimbury 1, R. E. Barkley 2.

DAIRY.

Printed Butter—Mrs. J. Richards 1, Mrs. J. Bell 2.

Fresh Butter, put up for table use—Miss M. Wilson 1, Mrs. Bonsall 2.

Exhibit of Honey—H. Smith 1.

LADIES' PRIZES.

Collection of Needlework—Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1.

Piece of Fancy Work—Mrs. Dickie 1, Mrs. G. T. Corfield 2, Mrs. D. Evans (2 special).

Child's Frock—Mrs. W. H. Elkington 1.

Cotton or Flax Embroidery—Miss M. Wilson 1.

Man's Flannel Shirt—Miss Hargreaves 1, Mrs. Whittome 2.

Plain Needlework—Miss Livingston 1, Miss Wilson 2.

Knitted Stockings, fancy—Mrs. Leather 1.

Knitted Stockings, plain—Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1.

Under 20—Miss Maitland-Dougall 1.

Knitted Socks—Miss Mayo 1.

Crochet Work, wool—Miss Kingston 1.

Crochet Work, cotton lace—Mrs. Moss, 1.

Knitted Lace—Miss Bessie Evans 1.

Drawn Work—Mrs. Edwards 1, Miss Kingston 2, Mrs. Pelkey 3.

Loaf of Bread, home made—Miss Woods 1, Mrs. Drummond 2, Mrs. Edgson 3, Mrs. W. A. Woods 4.

Home-made Wine—Mrs. D. Evans 1, Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall 2.

Jelly—Mrs. H. Smith 1.

Currant Jam—Mrs. W. Wood 1, Mrs. J. Richards 2.

Plum Jam—Miss Lomas 1, Mrs. Richards 2.

Strawberry Jam—Mrs. H. de M. Mellin 1, Mrs. Blythe 2.

Gooseberry Jam—Miss Kingston 1, Mrs. Edgson 2.

Any other kind of Jam—Mrs. Holmes 1, Mrs. Edgson 2.

Cherries—Mrs. D. W. Mainguy 1, Miss Prevost 2.

Pears—Mrs. Hall 1, Miss Lomas 2.

Plums—Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall 1, Miss Lomas 2.

Any other fruit—Mrs. Blythe 1 and 2.

Raspberries—Mrs. Blythe 1, Mrs. D. W. Mainguy 2.

Water Color Landscape, painted in 1899—Mrs. Leather 1.

Amateur Photographs—E. Price 1, Miss Stiwell 2.

Water Color Portraits—Mrs. Leather.

FLOWERS.

Bouquet for table—Mrs. G. T. Corfield 1.

Collection of Pot Flowers—H. Crew 1, Mrs. Ashdowne Green 2.

Specimen Pot Plant—H. Crew 1, Mrs. Ashdowne Green 2.

Collection of Cut Flowers—J. Moss 1, Miss Maitland-Dougall 2.

CUT FLOWERS.

Asters—H. Crew 1, Mrs. Ashdowne Green 2.

Petunias—J. Moss 1, H. Crew 2.

Dahlias—Mrs. G. T. Corfield 1, Mrs. Ashdowne Green 2 and highly commended.

Stocks—J. Moss 1.

Sweet Peas—J. Moss 1, Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall highly commended.

JUVENILE WORK.

(Girls under 15 years of age).

Fancy Needlework—Miss A. Moss 1.

Plain Needlework—Miss Bertha Brown 1.

Piece of Crochet Work—Miss Bertha Brown 1.

Knitted Stockings—Miss Ada Tom 1

Pencil Drawing—Miss May 1.

Loaf of Bread—Miss M. Woods 1, Miss Nellie Drummond 2.

Plain Cake, without fruit—Miss Bonsall 1, Miss T. Duncan 2.

Button-holes, worked in cotton—Miss May 1.

Bunch of Wild Flowers—Miss Ethel Weismiller 1, Miss Ida Foot 2, Miss Esther Evans 3.

Boys under 14 years of age).

Writing—Ernest Corfield 1, R. Mainguy 2.

(Boys under 11 years of age).

Writing—H. Brown 1, M. Drummond 2.

The officers of the association who are responsible for the success of the affair are: W. R. Robertson, M.P.P., president; W. H. Elkington, vice-president; H. Bonsall, second vice-president; G. H. Hadwen, secretary-treasurer; H. de M. Mellin and F. Harrison, assistant secretaries; with an executive committee including Messrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall, W. C. Duncan, E. Lomas, J. MacPherson, A. R. Wilson, A. Drummond, C. T. Gibbons, A. McKinnon and Major Mutter.

Of these the special thanks of the Times man are due to Major Mutter and the assistant secretary, H. de M. Mellin—the latter a most obliging and painstaking official who placed the press representatives under deep obligation by his urbanity and courtesy.

Among the prominent visitors noticed at the show were Hon. Dr. McKechnie, W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., and D. M. Eberts, M.P.P.

The Fifth Regiment band was present during the day and contributed largely to the entertainment of the crowd.

The majority of the Victorians went up by a special train provided by the E. & N. railway, returning at 8 in the evening.

Mrs. Albert Bright, of the town of Fairland, Ind., attempted to commit suicide on Saturday. Deserted by her husband, she became temporarily insane. Entering her father's store she saturated her hair and garments with kerosene, and then applied a match. After this she ran into the street enveloped in flames. When overtaken and almost smothered with blankets she was unconscious and horribly burned, and cannot survive.

Steamer R. P. Rithet has been replaced on the Victoria-New Westminster route by the steamer Yosemite. The Rithet will now go on the Fraser river run, and the Transfer placed on the New Westminster-Steveston route.

Victoria's Prosperity

The "Growing Time" of the Dominion Is Particularly Marked Here.

An Answer to the Gloomy Prophesies of Tory Politicians.

An Unprecedented Growth in All Lines of Business in the City.

The era of prosperity which has set in throughout Canada has been experienced in a marked degree at this western outpost of the Dominion. Below will be found details of the expansion of trade during the past year among some of the larger houses, yet even these do not fully illustrate the feeling of contentment and hopefulness which everywhere exists. In conversing with members of the different manufacturing firms in the city a Times man was assured that not only has trade expanded and working staffs been increased, but that wages have advanced and labor is practically at a premium. No tradesman need be idle, and in some lines, especially those associated with buildings, the scale of wages has increased from $2 and $2.50 a day to $3 and $3.50, with workmen scarce, even at that figure. Employers and employees thus experience jointly the blessings of Canada's "growing time."

One manufacturer, in speaking of the gloomy prophecies indulged in by supporters of the old regime in regard to the effects of Liberal rule, referred to the means employed to influence him against the then opposition party. "In two years, if the Liberals are elected, grass will grow in your mill yard," said a government official with whom he talked. "Two years have since elapsed and his business has increased thirty per cent."

In considering the proportions of this year's trade, in excess of that of former seasons, it should be borne in mind that 1898 was a particularly good year for Victoria manufacturers, owing to the stimulus given by the sudden opening up of the northern trade. So marked was this advance that some firms more than doubled their output. The volume of this year's business, therefore, while in most cases in excess of that of last year, represents an advance of from fifty to one hundred and fifty per cent. on the trade of an ordinary year.

Early in the season the City Council set a good example by advancing the wages of a number of the clerical staff at the City Hall, at step which met with general approval.

The increase of business of the B. C. Electrical Railway Company, during the year, may be judged from the fact that the earnings of the road are far in excess of the earnings of 1898. From April 1st to July 31st the receipts from the road were $54,220, as compared with $46,856 for the same period last year. The office staff has been increased, the track gang augmented, and the wages of the latter advanced without solicitation.

R. Dunsmuir & Sons have increased the number of their employees both in the mines and on the E. & N. railroad to an almost phenomenal degree. In the Extension coal mine alone, six hundred men are employed where none were working last year. Work in connection with the extension of the road and the construction of coal bunkers at Oyster Bay has led to the addition of about two hundred and fifty men to the pay roll of last year.

During the last two years the development of trade in connection with the Albion Iron Works has been little less phenomenal. In 1896 the company was employing about ninety men. To-day they have about two hundred and sixty on their pay roll. In addition to this they have within the last two years added to their plant, involving an expenditure of $75,000. For the last two months they have had shifts working night and day, and on Sundays, in order to keep pace with their orders.

The Victoria Machinery Depot, while not as extensive a business, has enjoyed a prosperous year. Here, too, the men have been obliged to work overtime, the output having advanced twenty-five per cent. The working staff has been increased about twenty per cent.

Of the prosperity of the Pendray Soap Co. and British American Paint Co., proof is furnished in the imposing building now being erected to accommodate the works. Early in the year Mr. Pendray acquired the business of the Canada Paint Co. and amalgamated it with the large soap business he has built up. A large brick building, four stories high, and ninety feet by one hundred and thirty feet in dimensions, is rapidly nearing completion and will be employed for the accommodation of the paint manufacturing plant. The entire business has increased thirty per cent., while in addition to putting on a number of unskilled workmen, several high-salaried assistants have been added to the staff.

At the Victoria Chemical Works trade has increased this year fifty per cent., with the staff of employees advancing accordingly.

The output of brick from the yards of M. Humber & Sons has been double that of last year, the manufacture this year representing over three million bricks. The working staff has been largely increased, and the firm has had difficulty, even with this assistance, in meeting all of their orders, which included several large ones from the admiralty.

The B. C. Furniture Co. has also had a good year, the business having grown twenty-five per cent. Wages among the clerks in the retail department and in the factory have advanced slightly, probably ten per cent. The firm has also been obliged to work overtime.

Weiler Bros., furniture manufacturers, moved a few months ago into their new wholesale house, a structure unsurpassed in appearance, accommodation and fittings in western America. By its erection they secure 50,000 square feet of additional floor space. General business has increased, seven or eight additional hands have been employed, and wages have advanced slightly.

Wages in the sash and door factory of Jas. Leigh & Sons have advanced fifteen per cent. The number of employees has been augmented ten per cent., and the output over last year is about twenty per cent.

The Taylor Mill Co. are not working overtime, but are running full time, which was not the case a year or two ago. Business has expanded forty or fifty per cent., while wages in some instances have been raised.

In the mills of the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co., trade has increased thirty per cent., wages have been raised, and some expensive additions have been made to the plant.

Lemon & Gonnason, of the Capital Planing Mills, have been forced to work overtime to overtake orders. This year's business will exceed that of last year by $4,000, while wages of workmen are ten per cent. higher.

The Province cigar factory has shared the general prosperity. Four men have been added, trade has increased twenty-five per cent., and wages have advanced slightly.

The Capital cigar factory reports a rather less increase of business, and the same advance in wages.

The Sayward Mills have this year increased their assets by the construction of a handsome office building, a box factory, and a dry kiln, beside installing a large planer. Their pay roll is larger than last year, and fifteen per cent. is a conservative estimate of the increase in business. They have also worked overtime.

Manager Patton, of Parsons Produce Co., and the B. C. Cold Storage Co., has six additional men this year. The business has increased by about $90,000. Salaries have advanced ten per cent., and a night shift has been steadily employed.

Several additions have been made to the staff of Fairall's brewery. Sales also have advanced.

Of the wholesale houses, Pither & Leiser, liquor dealers, have increased their business ten per cent. over that of last year, which was double that of previous years. Salaries have been increased, while two more warehouses have been acquired for storage.

Simon Leiser & Co. have twenty more men employed this year than last, while the business has advanced twenty-five per cent. Wages also have been raised.

J. Piercy & Co., manufacturers and wholesale dealers in dry goods, have doubled their store accommodation, and have also doubled the number of machines in their factory. They have worked overtime, have increased wages ten per cent. and their output twenty per cent.

The C.P.N. Co. have added the ocean-going steamer Amur to their fleet, and report a good year's business.

Lenz & Leiser, Turner, Beeton & Co. and indeed all of the wholesale firms report a prosperous year.

The Victoria Gas Co. has increased both its volume of business and number of employees.

Taken generally, the trade of 1899 is regarded as one of the best ever seen in Victoria.

Even a brave man shudders at the thought of being torn and rended in the jaws of a ferocious tiger. In every walk of life, from that of the laborer to that of the professional man, there are thousands at the mercy of a tiger more relentless than any found in all India. That tiger is the dread disease known as consumption. It slays more men and women yearly than there are rain drops in a summer shower. It steals upon its victim with noiseless tread.

There is a sure and certain protection against this deadly disease, and a sure and speedy cure for it, if it is resorted to in time. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This wonderful medicine acts directly on the lungs through the blood, tearing down old, half-dead tissues, building up new and healthy ones, driving out all impurities and disease germs and expanding the lungs and introducing life-giving oxygen into the circulation. It has wonderful curative powers and allays all inflammation of the mucous membranes of the lungs and bronchial tubes. It makes the appetite keen and hearty, the digestion and assimilation perfect, the liver active, the blood pure and rich with the life-giving elements of the food, and the nerves strong and steady. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It has the most marvelous sustaining powers of any known medicine. Thousands who were upon the verge of a premature grave have testified to their recovery through its wonderful virtues. Medicines dealers sell it, and have nothing else "just as good."

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