

A Foremost Consideration: Education

Education is well looked after. There are twenty-one public school buildings and two high schools, manned by a competent staff of teachers. For the training and equipment of the teaching staff there is a normal school and associated with it a model school. Manual and domestic training are efficiently looked after in the public schools, as well as physical culture, music and drawing. Night schools are also conducted for the benefit of those who have missed earlier opportunities. Higher education is afforded by McGill University College, which gives three years work in arts and two in applied sciences, the student doing the balance of the work at McGill University, Montreal, from which the degrees are conferred. The British Columbia Government is establishing the Provincial University here, having set aside a splendid location at Point Grey, overlooking the Gulf of Georgia.

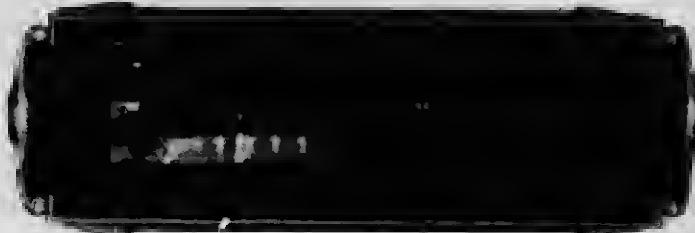
Vancouver's Churches and Charities

The churches and charities of Vancouver are by no means the least important manifestation of the character of its citizens. The moral forces of the city are quite as aggressive and quite as progressive as its business spirit. Denominational lines are not sharply drawn, though every important denomination is represented. The Y. M. C. A. through the generosity of the citizens is erecting two buildings that will cost half a million dollars. The Y. W. C. A. also has a large building and is doing an effective work.

The General Hospital is one of the best institutions of its kind in the world. The main building accommodates 356 beds, beside which there are 72 beds in the isolation cottages. St. Paul's Hospital, conducted by the Sisters of Charity of Providence, is also a splendidly equipped institution, soon to be rebuilt on a much larger scale. St. Luke's, Anglican, likewise cares efficiently for the sick.

The Children's Aid Society provides a home for children, and has been instrumental in establishing the Juvenile Court, which has kept several hundred children out of the criminal class. The Strathcona Institute and Seamen's Institute for sailors, the Central Mission and the British Columbia Coast Mission are among the many institutions that express Vancouver's solicitude for the welfare of its weaker or less fortunate citizens.

Our brief review shows how far this city has gone in a short time. Progress has gained in momentum from year to year until now, when Vancouver with Western Canada at its back stands on the threshold of such great events as the early completion of three new trans-continental railways, the opening of the Panama Canal, and the awakening of the Orient, no future seems too great for it to attain.



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