WATER CARNIVAL TO BE A FEATURE

ILLUMINATIONS AND MUSIC AT THE GORGE

Victoria Day Committee and Tramway Company Arranging Event-Other Preparations:

The water carnival to be held at the Gorge on the evening of the 25th in connection with the Victoria Day celebration promises to be one of the pleasantest and prettiest features of the occasion. Very little is known of 20th. the arrangements for this affair, the committee in charge having been working quietly and in conjunction with the local officials of the tramway company in order to prepare a creditable programme. The latter now is practically complete and it is possible to make a definite announcement.

An evening illumination carried out in a proper manner is always beautiful and generally enjoyed by the public. For this reason the executive have given the matter especial attention. Instead of the usual militia demonstration and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money in bringing the Vancouver and New Westminster corps here to participate the funds formerly appropriated for that purpose have been utilized for a splendid display on the night of the 24th at Beacon Hill. Now comes the announcement that on the following evening the upper part of the Gorge, that upon which the tramway park is located, will be lighted up with the brilliancy of mid-day, a gorgeous and somewhat fantastic effect being provided by the use of myriads of colored electric bulbs and the burning of powder as varied in hue as the colors of the rainbow.

The fact that this is being arranged by the tramway company is sufficient guarantee that no expense or trouble will be spared in the effort to make it one of the most attractive features of the celebration. In addition to the illumination there will be music, the Fifth Regiment band rendering a lengthy and appropriate programme of rousing selections. A special car service will be operated to and from that popular resort, so that all who wish may attend without inconvenience. In order to add to the general beauty

of the effect the Victoria Day committee have in hand a "water carnival." It is hoped all citizens will co-operate in making this the success desired. The ambition of those interested is to have all the available small craft, the row boats, canoes, etc., upon the Gorge on the night in question. Lanterns and other decorative material will be issued by the celebration management upon application so that there will be no excuse for pleasure parties in boats going up without proper adornment. Secretary Smart states that he is endeavoring to arrange to have a large number of boats taken from the city and placed at convenient spots upon the thing to do with its death. arm for rental. This will make it pos-

pyrotechnic display from the water. In regard to the 24th of May regatta it may be gratifying to know that the deceased, removing the contents of the vincial institution. ferent races in a much more satisfac- analysis had been performed, as well as behalf of the government, stated that will be no uni contests, and the whole programme As a result he was prepared to state that vincial university would be a good and however, was not circumscribed within attended as a representative the general schedule and completed at a reasonable tents of the stomach nor were any of the ters to be considered before such a sailors' races, which, although always appreciated, were sometimes long and hearing the evidence, come to the conin charge materially. The J. B. A. A. sions, as nothing to cause death had been club competitions and the increased found by analysis. It was certainly not this easily the piece de resistance of powders. the festivities.

As announced yesterday in these columns, J. North has returned after davit made in London by Frederick Armaking a tour of the Mainland and thur Crisp and John Arthur South, manu-Sound points in the interests of the celebration. While away he did a considerable amount of advertising and incidentally ascertained that much interest is being evinced in the affair everywhere. The excursion rates from Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle and Bellingham would, he said, bring large numbers, while the same would be the case all along the E. & N. line. In fact Mr. North states that the number attending "will only be limited by the extent of the transportation facili-

Looking at it from all viewpoints it appears that the forthcoming Victoria Day carnival, providing that the weather conditions are propitious, will of the most successful in the annals of the city.

BULKELEY VALLEY.

Interesting Record of Weather Conditions Sent to Bureau of Information.

The provincial bureau of information has received from the Bulkeley valley a very interesting and useful record relative to weather conditions, etc. extending over the seasons 1905 1906. The record was made by Fred G. Heal, jr., of the Aldermere ranch, situated in the valley. In his communication Mr. Heal says:

The average summer temperature for the past year was, highest 72, lowest 44, mean 58 degrees. During last summer only on one occasion was the frost severe enough to touch the potatoes slightly, although the potatoes at Hazelton and Stuart's lake were cut rather badly. The yield of potatoes here in the valley was good, one ton to The highest temperature was 92 de-

grees on July 25th, lowest 29 below pany at Craigflower. Two brothers lowing the soil to get the fullest bene- But Dr. Robson has no word of com- over others. The Son of Man came not There is a plentiful supply of big game zero on the 21st January. During the winter the highest in January was 47. lowest 29. In February, highest 45, lowest 3. In March, highest 54, lowest . On the three coldest days in winter the average temperature was 12 degrees below. On the 3 warmest days winter the average temperature was

49 degrees. To give an idea of the beautiful days experienced here, I will give the hours exported.

of subshine per month: January, 100 hours; February, 160; March, 170 hours These days were cool enough to be pleasant.

Snow came earlier last year, 4 inches n September 22nd, but disappeared the next day. After that nice weather was experienced until about the middle of October, when quite a number of degrees of frost were registered. From that time until November 25th there was no snow to speak of, when & inches fell; a cold spell (16 below) was then experienced, after which the snow disappeared, a warm wind came, and it remained mild with no snow until after Christmas, when 2 inches fell for

On January 13th there was 3 inches of snow on the ground, and so on throughout the winter, the snow came and went. Of course in the shade and in the timber most of it remained all winter, but the greatest depth at one time was 8 inches in the open. I inclose seasonal notes for past two

years for comparison: First snow-1905, November 16th, 1906, September 22nd. Swans going south-1906, November

Tyhee lake frozen up-1905, December 3rd; 1906, December 10th. Spiders about-1906, February 19th. Bulkeley frozen in places-1905, Janu-

ary 9th; 1906, February 21st. Swans appeared and went south again-1906, March 8th. Robins arrived-1905, March 10th;

1906. March 23rd. Bulkeley ice jams gone out-1905, April 6th; 1906, March 30th. Ants at work-1905, April 3rd; 1906,

March 24th Butterflies-1905. April 2nd: 1906. March 25th. Bluebirds-1905, March 10th; 1906, March 26th.

Grouse drumming-1905, March 29th; 1906. March 26th. Tyhee lake opening-1905, April 9th; Snowbirds-1905, April 6th; 1906,

March 28th. Violets bloom-1906, March 29th. Ducks arrive-1905, April 9th; 1906, March 30th.

Wrens-1906, April 1st. Nighthawks-1906, April 2nd. Bumble bees-1905, April 8th; 1906, April 3rd. Woodpeckers-1906, April 13th.

Swallows-1905, April 21st; 1906, April Kingfishers-1905, May 3rd; 1906, April

Geese-1905, April 19th; 1906, April 15th. Loons-1905, April 16th; 1906, April 16th. Swans again-1905, April 19th; 1906, April 19th

Snakes and frogs seen-1906, April

Bats seen-1906, April 21st. Snipe-1905, April 22nd; 1906, April

DUVAL INQUEST.

Evidence Given Resulting in Manufacturers of Steedman's Soothing Powders Being Exonerated.

The inquest into the cause of death of May Duval, infant daughter of William and Mrs. Duval, of North Park street, oncluded on Monday, was of more than ordinary interest. The hearing commenced on January 12th, but adjournments have been had from time to time for the purpose of ascertaining if the fact soothing powders shortly before had any-

Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary to the prosible for all desiring, to witness the vincial board of health, was the first witness examined Monday, and deposed to committee intend bringing off the dif- stomach for purposes of analysis This tory manner than heretofore. There that of specimens of the medicine in they fully realized the importance of question he had received from the police. the matter. The institution of a prowill be followed 'out according to there was nothing poisonous in the conhour. The fact that there will be no ordinary poisonous substances found in the medicine. He had, therefore, after often became tedious will assist those clusion that death was due to convulnumber of Indian tests should make due to the giving of Steedman's soothing

D. Rogers, who acted for the company making the medicine, read a lengthy affifacturers of the medicine. The affidavits swore that the article had been made for 80 years, during 30 of which they had been engaged in the business: that the preparation was not injurious when used according to directions and was gentle in action; that no poison mentioned in either schedule to the British Pharmacy Act of 1868 was contained in it, nor potson of any

John Arthur South, manager of the company, further deposed that the ingredients were mixed in small quantities not exceeding 40 ounces, to insure equal distribution, and in the whole course of the firm's experience no case was known where injury or death had been caused to the Emperor's speech at the openany child by use of the preparation. It was further shown that Dr. H. Wilson Hake and J. Kear Colwell, public by the commission. analyst for Holborn, Finsbury and Bedford, had reported that no polson existed in the soothing powders and that the only case in which injury had been suspected had resulted in the exoneration of the laws, full civil liberty, abolition of the manufacturers and their preparation from

As stated in Monday's issue, the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes, adding a rider that Steedman's land and guarantees of the rights of Soothing Powders had no connection with trades union. the cause of death. Frank Higgins appeared for the child's parents.

-The death occurred Thursday of keeper at the naval station, Esquimalt. He was sixty years of age and crops and the small fruits of the disiaztion, the Puget Sound Land Com- steady succession of light showers al- clothes. and two sisters survive the deceased. fits. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon from the Lake

Japan's 251 match factories tast year produced \$6,500,000 worth of matches. The large really enjoyed by the young missionary, who entered into fore. He believed in a short creed, and increase the bounty on wolves. This "William Miller," denouncing the

ANOTHER SHIPMENT

Supplies Will Be Forwarded to San Francisco This Evening by Steamer

The balance of the fund subscribed in Victoria for the relief of the many rendered destitute as a result of the San Francisco earthquake and fire has been expended here on supplies which, it is considered, will be exceedingly useful in view of the present conditions in the Bay City. They consist principally of clothing for men, women and children, and to Mayor Morley, the last of the fund up try of that denomination.

did the purchasing, a committee consist-McGregor personally supervising the vince. work. It is Mayor Morley's desire that cil for their valuable assistance in this by Simon Leiser be publicly expressed.

An important delegation from the Methodist conference interviewed the provincial government on Monday to lay before it the views of the conference regarding the establishment of a provincial university. The delegation consisted of Rev. Drs. John Potts, W. . Sipprell, J. H. White and Rev. John F. Betts, representing the clergy, and the following laymen: T. R. Pearson, New Westminster; R. W. Harris, K. C., Vancouver: David Spencer, Victoria; Mayor George Bell, Enderby, and W. Manson, M. P. P., Nanaimo. Dr. Potts, educational secretary of the Methodist church in Canada, represented the views of that organization on education. He stated that they were fully cognizant of the importance of the highest educational advantages being secured by the rising generation, but considered such should be provided by the province. The Methodist body was committed to the idea of a provincial university, and deprecated ny suggestion that tended towards any private corporation or denominational institution being considered at the head of higher education facilities. McGill university had created some unrest in the matter, and he would be glad if the government would state specifically what was intended to

On behalf of the Methodists he was prepared to say they would fall into line were a provincial university decided upon, and wished to impress upon the premier the importance of a definite line of action being made public before the meeting of the general quadrannial conference in Montreal. which will be held during September of this year.

On behalf of the laity, R. W. Harris, K. C., pointed out the good work that that the child was given Steedman's had been done by the Columbian Methodist college at New Westminster. He also stated that anything tending in the direction desired would receive the hearty approval of that body, and hoped the government would see its making a post mortem examination on way clear to take steps towards a pro-

In reply Hon. Richard McBride, on thing could be accomplished. There was no doubt, however, that everything would be done by the government in this direction that was possible. The recent act concerning McGill university had given that body no special advantage, and when the time came a provincial university would be built. He thanked the delegation for laying the matter before the government, and promised that its representations would receive the most careful consideration.

Other members of the cabinet also expressed themselves in a similar vein. and wil mutual expressions of regard the delegation withdrew.

DEMANDS OF RUSSIANS.

Draft of Reply to Emperor's Speech Has Been Submitted to the Lower House.

(Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, May 15.-The draft of the address to the throne, in reply

the lower house of parliament to-day It consists practically of the following ten demands: General amnesty, abolition of the death penalty, suspen sion of martial law and all exceptional council of the empire, revision of the fundamental law, establishment of the responsibility of minister's right of interpretation, forced expropriation of

ing of parliament, was submitted to

onsequence since the spring opened, can be no doubt that farmers' grain Fort Yale.

Hill farm for St. John's church. Ser- the first institution of its kind in this he ministered were living a similar life, make known God's grace to men in love considerable destruction of game by the front porches of the residences large proportion of \$5,250,000 worth was experted.

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PREACHER FOR HALF A CENTURY

JUBILEE OF REV. DR. ROBSON CELEBRATED LAST EVENING.

The history of Methodism in the pro-vince of British Columbia is inseparably married in Victoria to Miss Ellen M. connected with the labors of Rev. Ebencooking utensils. Upwards of \$2,000 was ezer Robson, D. D., who this year celespent upon these goods, being, according brates his jubilee of service in the minis-

published in the press in the course of a ing the fiftieth year of his ministry, Dr. the province by the Methodist church. worth without this. It was this personal follows: President, Mrs. Betts: steamer Umatilla, which will leave for semble in Victoria this week. Through-California this evening. In compliance out the length and breadth of the prowith a request the Council of Women vince Dr. Robson is honored and respected for the untiring service he has ren- forts are still to be found. ing of Mesdames Justin Gilbert and J. dered the cause of religion in the pro-

thanks be extended to the Women's Coun- Perth, Ont., Jan. 17th, 1835. He has thus passed the three score years and ten almatter and also that the appreciation of lotted to man. His boyhood was spent in the citizens, compilities for the lotted to man. His boyhood was spent in lotted to man. the citizens' committee for the help given | Sarnia, Ont., where he attended the public and grammar schools. He was received on trial for the minis-

lege, then located at Cobourg.



REV. E. ROBSON, At the Time He Entered the Ministry.

Canada. He was not many months there until the missionary field attracted ties to rise in the regular ministry of the East he volunteered for service in the new mission district of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, then two colonies. Ordained to the ministry in Toronto on the last day of 1858, he immediately afterwards started for this province. The acilities for travel were then nothing like those in existence at the present time, when the trip from the East is reckoned by hours. There were no competing transcontinental lines of railway at that period endeavoring to reduce the time by a few hours. When Dr. Robson came to the mission field it was by way of New York, Panama, San Francisco and Portland. He reached Victoria February 10th, 1859. There accompanied him three other missionaries from Canadian Methodism who have occupied proud positions in the pioneer work of the church in British Columbia. These were A. Browning. Three days after arrival in the city the

first service was held. There was no church for the purpose, but instead the small congregation which gathered worshipped in the old court house.

assigned was designated as "The Gold to the offic Mines of Fraser River." The circuit, positions a



REV. DR. ROBSON, After Half a Century of Service,

once with enthusiasm into the service. He went up to the scene of his labors in Majesty's mail from Victoria to Nanaimo, the historic steamer, the Beaver, which and great changes have taken place since b; a strange coincidence had been built then. the very year of Rev. Mr. Robson's birth. Hope was selected as his headquarters, -The rain of Friday, the first of any and entering upon his duties he preached preach a sermon, he said, but it was the morrow morning. to all who would hear him wherever he first time in his experience that he had has come at a very opportune period. found them, whether in the towns or on been cheered in that fashion before be-Kenneth McKenzie, formerly book- Had it been much longer delayed there the bars between Murderer's Bar and ginning a sermon. It was very certain

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The Trade Union Bank of Chicago, rugged constitution. The miners to whom ter. He is a servant. It is for him to limitations put upon them. There is a fuse attached, were found Monday country, is to open its doors for busi- and he was prepared to share with them and righteousness. Dr. Robson was glad wolves, which infest the country. Mr. Dr. Fred Essig and Dr. Erich Rich ness to-day. The bank is to draw its in their manner of living. The experisupport from the 671 labor unions of ence, with the many adventures, includ- they are likely to make a good job of it- protective measure it would be a wise work of an unknown man who

married in Victoria to Miss Ellen M. Hall, of Brockville, Ont. Mrs. Robson is still alive.

to date. A detailed statement will be In consequence of the conference mark- missionary work among the Indians of sonal character. Preaching is of little Robson becomes a central figure in the Rev. Mr. Hall and his wife taught and the natives, and the results of these ef- known two men otherwise willing to run secretary, Miss Sherlock; correspon

Dr. Robson was born near the town of years he ministered to the people of that suffered for it. centre. While stationed there Ebenezer church was built, the architects being mission over which he had charge at Nanaimo extended as far as Cowichan and to Comox at the other extreme, taking in portance lies in the fidelity with which mrs. Sutherland. try at the conference of 1856. For two years following he attended Victoria Col-

great St. James street church of Mont- of a new country, and during his minis- preachers nowadays are called upon to school chapel for the work among the periences of the pioneers in this province part. The adventures and hairbreadth fellows instead of allowing them to risk escapes incident to this ministry were their lives in that fashion." many.

those engaged in building the trunk road | the service they were to perform. addition to holding services at these established in 1855. places congregations at Yale, Hope, Lang-

ed to. The strenuous life of the new country him, and casting aside all the opportuni- proved more than Mrs. Robson could stand, and on account of her failing health the Missionary Society of the church released Rev. Mr. Robson from the work, assigning him to the regular ministerial service in the East. He returned by way of the Panama canal and continued to serve the church in the East until the beginning of 1880, when a vacancy occurred in New Westminste Rev. Mr. Robson again felt a longing for the West, and volunteered to fill the appointment. Since his return he has ministered in

ley and New Westminster were minister-

Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster (third term), Victoria, Chilliwack (Indian), Ladner, Port Simpson and Vernon. The conference then placed him on the retired list, and he became connected with Columbian College as bursar for two years. Since that time he organized the South Vancouver circuit between Vancouver city and New Westminster Rev. E. Evans, Rev. E. White and Rev. preaching on an average three and a half sermons a week throughout the year. This was during the period of his retirement, if the term could be applied to such a life.

Rev. Dr. Robson was, upon the organization of the British Columbia conference of the church, elected its first presi-The first field to which Dr. Robson was dent. He was re-elected a second term conference of the Methoust church and been a member of the general board of rcissions and of the twentieth century thanksgiving fund. On account of his un tiring services to the cause of education in connection with Methodism in the province the degree of D. D., the first to be conferred by Columbian College, was bestowed upon him.

In view of the services which he has rendered Methodism in British Columbia in the history of that church in the province, it is but fitting that a movemministry by building a memorial church

ing as they did the jubilce of Rev. Dr. ence a considerable number of the pioterest had been awakened in the event. purposes last year was \$3,440,578, During the evening Mrs. Burnett sang 'Showers of Blessing" in a most acceptable manner, and the choir assisted in making the services impressive.

On the platform with Rev. Dr. Robson were the president of the conference, Rev. J. A. Wood, and Rev. Thomas Cros- home. by. The latter introduced the speaker of volunteer for the work, he entered at other things he said that he remembered when it took eight days to convey His ed to him their congratulations.

> When Dr. Robson was introduced he ing the first draft of stations which will was loudly cheered. He was supposed to likely be submitted to the conference to- ing the offence by flying up tlat he would not be cheered at the close

plaint to offer in consequence of these to be ministered unto, but to minister, and the hunters do not object to the payexperiences. He was young and had a This indicated Christ's view of a minis- ing of the fee collected and the other ing of two sticks of explosive. his view of what this creed should be, dians to kill them off.

ecos con contraction and the contraction of the con asked what his creed was, said: "Hell behind, heaven before, but run, boys."

The speaker went on to say that the ext indicated a largeness in God's love. People are growing broader in these days. He was glad that a union was coming, otherwise he was not sure but what he himself might be charged with heresy. He held that there is no heaven anywhere for a bad man and no hell possible for a good man. Our ministry is to testify of the infinite love of God.

Our work was to testify, to witness, to show up the gospel, he emphasized. This While at Hope was undertaken the first involves backing up our words with perexperience which made men willing to vice-president, Mrs. Watson; 2nd vi leave big charges for small ones if need president, Mrs. Sexsmith; 3rd vice away from good city appointments. One ing secretary, Mrs. Pescott; mission Early in 1860 Rev. Mr. Robson was man was Jonah, who ran away from band and circles, corresponding secret transferred to Nanaimo, and for three transferred to Nanaimo, and for three transferred to Nanaimo, and for three transferred to Nanaimo, and for the cufford for it.

The next point he emphasized was that the ministry was received. If we fill up comes of us personally. Life may be short or long in years, but its real imwe fill up this ministry.

Dr. Robson went on to draw parallels The duties of a clergyman in those days between the ministry of St. Paul, which, Entering the active ministry, Rev. Mr. were not confined to the work in the pulafter Christ, was the dominant ideal of the Robson became associate pastor of the pit He had to adapt himself to the needs the Christian ministry, and the ministry real, then the largest Protestant church try at Nanaimo Rev. Mr. Robson almost perform in British Columbia, This led wholly with his own nands erected a him to refer more particularly to the ex-Indians at that point. The children were | He mentioned Dr. Evans and Edward taught and divine service held for all. White crossing the Gulf in a canoe in the The station required him to travel about early sixties, when a man said to him, in a canoe or small boat for the most "Why did you not arrest those crazy Crosby had had equally risky experiences. His next field of labor was at Yale, It often was a test to the pioneers whethwhere his work was largely devoted to er they valued their own life more than

to Cariboo. His mission required him to Dr. Robson then spoke of his own travel the territory as far as Clinton, and career. He had many things to be thankn the opposite way by Lillooet to Doug- ful for. He was thankful for good Preslas. He spent about a year in this work. byterian parents who had brought him In 1864 he removed to New Westmins- up on the Westminster catechism and His field then extended from the porridge. He was thankful in the next Gulf of Georgia to Spuzzum, above Yale, place for being led to God in a Methodist and included all intermediate points. It church, and in the third place for the was during his stay there that the first privilege of attending Victoria College services were held at Chilliwack, Sumas, He stated that he was the first who ever Maple Ridge, Moodyville and at the site received help from the educational fund of the present city of Vancouver. But in of the Methodist church, which fund was

Rev. Dr. Robson here paid a tribute to the gracious influence of Dr. Nelles, who was at that time connected with the college, and also to a young tutor, M. Burwash, who is to-day chancellor of Victoria University. The first church to which he was ap-

pointed was St. James' Montreal, where



WESLEYAN CHURCH, NANAIMO. One of the First Chapels in British Columbia of Which Dr. Robson Was

First Pastor.

he went as assistant. The doctor then alluded to his reluctance to accept this by the influence of the W. M. S. or responsibility. It was there that the call and the prominent part he has occupied to British Columbia came, and he prompt-

He spoke of arriving in Victoria and we are proud-to recognize as coshould be made to mark the jubilee of his proceeding to the Fraser river, and referred to some unpleasant as well as near the scene of his first labors in the pleasant experiences. He stated that he was the first to preach at Cowichan, Salt Spring Island, Comox, Maple Ridge, There was a large attendance at the Burnaby, Chilliwack and elsewhere. There B. C. Methodist conference last night, had been great progress in the fifty years. when the proceedings were of a more In 1856 there were 311 Methodist ministers than usually interesting character, mark- in Canada. To-day there are 2,122. In the early period the membership was Robson's ministry in the Methodist 39,915, to-day it is 305,814. Speaking of church. There were noticed in the audi- finances, there was available in 1824 for missions \$144 last year they raised \$538. eer residents, showing that a great in- 592. The total raised for Methodist church

Rev. Dr. Robson spoke for nearly ar hour and his remarks were received with rapt attention. To many the doctor look ed rather worn, but it was learned afterwards that this was owing to the rather precarious condition of Mrs. Robson a

Rev. Thomas Crosby pronounced the narrow limits. With all the fire of youth the evening, and indulged in some reminand the zeal which had prompted him to iscences on his own account. Among vice many of those present gathered about the venerable minister and extend- and other live nuisances. The b The stationing committee of the conference retired at the close of this ser- the complaint made by Mr. Gre

vice and sat well into the night complet- neighbor, was that the cock c

was not an opportunity for men to rule are in the interests of the province. imported brown leghorn.

OF CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society was conclud. ed Friday evening.

After the usual devotional exercise at last night's gathering a number of interesting questions came up for con sideration. Officers were elected McTaggart; superintendent of system atic and proportionate giving, Brace; auditor, Mrs. Nicholls; dis organizers, Victoria, Mrs. F. Ada Vancouver, Mrs. Watson; West ster, Mrs. Barraclough; Kamloops,

Mrs. Brace was appointed to resent the society at the conference year. Mrs. Lashley Hall was app ed reporter for the Recorder, and Bolton as secretary-treasurer of supply committee; Mrs. T. Cun ham, convener of modes of work mittee, and Mrs. J. Cunningham convener of memorial committee Rev. W. H. Barraclough extend invitation to the branch to hold next annual meeting in Queen's av church. New Westminster. This

accepted. The afternoon session was hel the Metropolitan church schoolr There was a large attendance of d gates and visitors

Mrs. Powell, of Vancouver, led

evotional exercises, and Mrs. the president, presided. Among visitors to be introduced were Dr. Woodsworth, superintendent missions in Manitoba and Nort Territories, and Rev. Dr. White. perintendent of domestic mission British . Columbia. Both gen addressed the conference briefly. Dakin, of Armstrong, and Mrs. Ro of Seattle, were also introduced. Rev. Gow Kaburagi, Japanese sionary in Vancouver, told some of the work there, which is in prosperous condition at present splendid work is being carried among the Japanese people. This the general board of missions building a well equipped miss church and school in Vancouver

Three memorials were received a ing for more assistance, one fe deaconess to work among the India of the Lower Fraser, and to assist the Coqualeetza Institute, and anot for a nurse for Dr. Sarge's hospital Bella Bella, and a third for the estal lishment of a boarding school in Van couver for Japanese children. All these received the favorable co sideration of the branch.

-Mrs. Reed sang a very choice sole which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Many reports were received, and

among them the courtesy committee reported as follows: 'We wish to express our best thanks to the trustees, choir and ladies of Cen tennial church for their kindness extending the use of church, furnish ing music and for luncheon served the members of branches, also to press for their courtesy extended. Mrs. Pescott addressed the cont ence as representative of the W. M. She carried greetings from the W. S., and gave a glowing account of work of the church. Rev. R. Powell moved, seconded by Rev. Crosby, "That this conference great pleasure in again welcomin its annual session the representat of the Woman's Missionary Society this year of very marked increase missionary givings throughout bounds of our conference we cordi recognize the fact that this glor result has been brought about lar various fields. We have learned pleasure and interest of the m progress made by our sisters, ers in this cause, so near to the of our Divine Master. This confe cordially expresses to our siste expiicit resolve to commend and ther by all possible means throu the conference the work of the

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