

# AGRICULTURAL

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## VIEW OF ITS HISTORY. WHAT IT HAS

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## NEW GROUNDS AND CE

Porter, H. Cogan, W. Dalby, G. Lindsay, G. J. Stuart, J. Mrie, and G. Deans. Mr. Henry Nathan, at that time in Victoria, was elected a life member. The show of 1872 in Buckley's Hall, Yates Street, and the adjoining special features of the prize list were for fat cattle and fed in the Province, as well as for lime g purposes. In 1873 Mr. W. Dalby was elected Mr. W. Thompson 1st vice-president and Mr. H. vice president; Mr. E. H. Jackson, treasurer; Mr. assell, secretary; Mr. T. J. Partridge acting then and rears as assistant secretary. Among the prominent at this time, were Dr. Tolmie, W. Hunt and H. Brown. f cattle was very fair, they and the horses being ordes, there having been a wonderful improvement in all s of animals since that period. At that time but little as raised beyond what was required for home con-

e show of 1873 the prize list shows eight classes of of sheep, five of pigs, five of poultry, seven of horses, fruit, seventeen of vegetables, three of flowers, and elements. Among those who were prominent in conch agricultural matters at this time were Lieutenant- Frutch, Messrs. W. Dalby, W. H. Ladner, J. Kirkland, r, J. T. McIlmoyle, G. H. McTavish, W. Turgoose, N. re, A. C. Wells (Chilliwack) and J. Reese.

annual meeting of 1876 was held in the council cham; oah Shakespeare in the chair. Mr. James Fell was sident, D. Le Neveu, 1st vice-president; J. P. Davies, resident; J. H. Turner, treasurer; and Thos. Russell. At that meeting, among others, there were present Shakespeare, W. Turgoose; J. W. Carter, T. J. Part- Pemberton, D. W. Higgins, Dr. Tolmie, S. Sandover, on, James Fell, J. H. Todd, Thomas Russell, S. P. ge Deans, J. B. Sere and H. Baker.

78, during the presidency of Mr. T. W. Carter, the awarded an exhibition of wheat and oats to the Paris for which it obtaine diploma.

gricultural Society continued its operations during the years with marked beneficial results, but with no idents until 1882, when the exhibition at the driving orrnally inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor- Maunin of Leano, and the Princess Louise, who

With a view to continuing the exhibitions in Victoria, a special meeting was held on the 7th November, 1880, when it was resolved to incorporate this Society under the Agricultural Societies' Incorporation Act, under the name of the B. C. Agricultural Association. The first trustees were Messrs. James Fell, D. R. Ker, C. E. Renouf, G. A. McTavish and N. Shakespeare. The following officers were elected: W. Dalby, president; H. Webb, Chilliwack, 1st vice-president; J. D. Bryant, 2nd vice-president; C. E. Renouf, secretary; N. Shakespeare, treasurer. There was also a large representative directorate, all active workers, the result being that the show of 1890 was superior to anything ever previously held in the Province, there being over 1800 entries, nearly double the number of those in 1888.

For the present year the following officers were elected:— D. R. Ker, President; W. H. Ladner, 1st Vice-President; S. Sandover, 2nd Vice-President; G. A. McTavish, Treasurer; and C. E. Renouf, Secretary, with an energetic Board of Directors. Mr. W. H. Bainbridge was appointed Assistant Secretary.

It was readily recognized that in order to have successful exhibitions better grounds and buildings must be secured. With this object in view several meetings were held, an eligible piece of land on the Cadboro Bay Road was secured at considerable cost, plans for a new building were prepared, and a by-law introduced into the City Council to be ratified by the people, granting the necessary financial assistance. That by-law was endorsed at the polls, it being recognized that the proposal was an excellent one, the Society's property being vested in the city until the advances are re-paid, and forming a valuable municipal asset. It was decided to accept Mr. Soule's plans for the building, which stands in grounds 900 feet long by 240, adjoining the Driving Park, from the road leading to which they extend to the Cadboro Bay Road. Cattle arriving by boat can be landed at a wharf a few hundred yards distant, while from the surrounding country animals can be driven in without being compelled to pass through the city. The tram cars will carry passengers to the gates, and nothing has been neglected in the way of providing the most perfect accommodation.

### THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

A contract was let for lighting the grounds with ten arc lamps set on artistically shaped posts, fifteen feet in height; the light to be shown in a square lantern neatly arranged on the pole-top by