

# NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### Extracts From Dr. Hasall's Retiring Presidential Address to Members In Which Timely Reference is Made to the Late Mr. Fannin's Work

The Colonist has been requested by members of the Natural History Society to publish the retiring presidential address delivered by Dr. Hasall at the annual meeting some weeks ago. Owing to the death of the late John Fannin it is extremely opportune, as the president's address not only refers to the history of the society with which Mr. Fannin was long and closely identified, but to his work in building up the Provincial Museum. The address contains a number of details not only of the history of the society, but also of the work of the late Mr. Fannin, which is of interest to the members of the society. I have endeavored to make it as interesting to the members as I could, and in my Presidential address a short account of the work of the late Mr. Fannin is given.

In 1888 the Provincial Museum, which consisted of the private collections of natural history specimens made by Mr. John Fannin and presented by him to the province, was contained in a room measuring only 15 by 25 feet, adjoining the provincial secretary's office. In this room Mr. Fannin worked during the day, and in the evening he dressed skins and mounted birds. So limited was the space here that when the black work, which is still a common specimen in the museum, was brought to him, he had to take it home to his own house and mount it in an empty room, where I remember going to see it in the course of preparation. Shortly afterwards the building used by the law courts was vacated by Hon. Mr. Justice and the building turned over to Mr. Fannin as a museum.

On March the 6th a meeting of certain residents of the province of British Columbia, in organizing a natural history society was called by Messrs. Fannin, Newcombe and myself, and was held in the office of the provincial secretary. My only reason for remaining in my post to benefit the militia of Canada, but I came to look upon the case as a duty which I had to perform. It seemed to me that the improvement of the militia was a matter of national importance, and I felt that I had a duty to perform in this respect.

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## New Zealand

Negotiations for the operation of a monthly steamship connection between Vancouver and Auckland, New Zealand, are now proceeding between the New Zealand Steamship Company of New Zealand and the Vancouver Provincial Government. It is fully believed, taking into account the fact that the connection will be a most profitable one for both parties.

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## Strange Feaks in Fertility.

Says a writer in the Country Gentleman, I have been told that the great crops of corn and potatoes in Washington are due to the fact that the soil is very rich in phosphorus. This is a very interesting fact, and it is one that should be noted by all farmers.

WHERE CATS ARE POOD. Since the cat-er, writes a Chronicle correspondent, it is an Italian. For it is from Rome that the cat has its origin. It is a very interesting fact, and it is one that should be noted by all cat-lovers.

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