Craigflower's Anniversary

For Fifty Years Pioneer Schoolhouse Housed Happy Children.

An Appropriate Celebration of the Event Yesterday Afternoon.

Pretty Ceremony of Raising Flag Presented by Mr. D. M. Eberts.

The fiftieth anniversary of the erection of the Craigflower school building was duly celebrated in a fitting and appropriate manner yesterday afternoon. After the closing exercises had been gone through with, a very pretty and impromptu ceremony was performed. A flag, which Mr. D. M. Eberts, K.C., had presented to the school, after a short speech from the donor, was hoisted on the new flag pole, which had been erected to mark the fiftieth anniversary. Mr. Eberts said he was very pleased to have been able to be present on such an auspicious occasion, and was sure those present, as well as the scholars, were also gratified to be there. It afforded him great pleasure to present this flag, and he hoped that one and all would join him in singing "God Save the King." On the first strains of the National Anthem the flag was hoisted to the breeze. The Rev. Mr. Barber, before the prizes were distributed, on a platform erected under a large spreading tree, said that he had great pleasure in being one of those who had been present on this very pleasing and rare occasion in this country. There was an antiquity about the place that pleased him, as one of the first things which a person noticed coming to this country was the newness of everything.

Mr. Pope next read the following letter he had received from Mr. Russell:

FOUNDING OF SCHOOL.

Victoria, B. C., 24th June 1903.

To S. D. Pope, Esq., Teacher, Craigflower School.

Dear Mr. Pope: I regret very much at not being enabled to be with you tomorrow at the picnic on Craigflower school ground, because having been identified with the founding of Craigflower school half a century ago, and when I reflect that many happy memories will be revived at your gathering, I will have missed a treat rarely offered. It is most laudable to commemorate any good thing that may have transpired, but to preserve in memory a school, which was the precursory of our free school system in this land of the "Far West" is beyond all praise.

I desire to make a few remarks of what led up to the founding of the school, and perhaps some who may be with you tomorrow would like to hear them through you. It is only fair to the memory of my brother-in-law, the late Kenneth McKenzie, to state, that when leaving Scotland for Vancouver Island, in charge of a number of families, young men and women, he was not unmindful of the great responsibility and trust placed in his hands, namely, the education of not only the bairns that were going with him, who had gathered kiss and slates on Scotland's bonnie braes, but the other bairnies that might be expected after our arrival, hence he made it a condition that a school master should be engaged at the expense of the Company before leaving.

Mr. Barr was engaged to fill the position, himself and wife arriving with us in the ship Norman Morrison, on the 10th January, 1853.

At the time of our arrival at Fort Victoria, the late Sir James Douglas was governor of the colony, and head of the Hudson's Bay Company, and having full control over all matters, and no school master being at the Fort, Mr. Douglas retained Mr. Barr for that season—hence we had to locate at Craigflower without a teacher. An afternoon class was established for the benefit of the children who had been at school before leaving, until a school master could arrive, which occurred in the fall of 1854.

It might not be amiss just at this juncture to give the names of the little band of adventurers who founded Craigflower; they are as follows:

Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, Mrs. McKenzie and six children—Agnes, Jessie, Dorathiea, Wilmina, Kenneth and William.

James Stewart, wife and one child—John.

Robert Weir (widower) and six children—William (grown up), John (grown up), Hugh, Adam, Isabella and Robenia.

James Liddle, wife and one child—John.

Robert Anderson, wife and three children—John, Robert and Eliza Norman.

Andrew Hume, wife and one child—Andrew.

George Deans and wife.

Duncan Lidgate, wife and three children—Maggie, Elizabeth and William.

William Veitch, wife and three children—Maggie, Christina and Elizabeth.

John Russell and wife.

Peter Bartleman and wife.

Robert Melrose and wife.

James Wilson and wife.

James Tait and wife.

James White, wife and four children—George, James, Agnes and William.

James Downie, wife and three children—two boys and a girl.

Joseph Montgomery, wife and one child—Bessie.

Single—Isabella Russell, Harriet White, Christina Bell, James Deans, John Instant, John Bell and Thomas Russell.

In the fall of 1854 the ship Princess Royal arrived, bringing with her our much-wished-for school master, Mr. Charles Clarke and wife. Shortly after their arrival, the school was opened with due form and ceremony, the enrolment consisting of eight boys and six girls from our own little party.

The school gradually grew in strength, and continued to flourish under Mr. Clarke. One sad event took place at the end of the summer of 1855, in the death of Mrs. Clarke. She had always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the school, and especially in the girl pupils, by whom she was dearly loved; and in her death all felt that they had suffered an irreparable loss.

Mr. Clarke resigned his position as teacher in March, 1859, returning to England in the same ship on which he arrived.

Much might be written about both school and pupils, but that is unnecessary just now.

In possessing yourself and wife as teachers of the school, the trustees are exceedingly fortunate, and I sincerely trust you may long continue to direct it.

Yours very sincerely,

THOS. RUSSELL.

He read statistics he had compiled, as follows:

Vancouver Island became a Crown colony in 1849. Four years later, 1853, this school building was erected, the school having at that time the very appropriate name of Maple Point.

In the Colonist of March 16, 1902, the Hon. Dr. J. S. Helmcken states that in 1855 the census returns of Vancouver Island colony showed the following: "There were three schools, Victoria school had 26 pupils; Maple Point, opposite Craigflower, had 26; Nanaimo, 29. Education probably free; the teachers paid out of colonial funds."

From the foregoing, as well as from information kindly given by old residents, we learn that Craigflower then was directly across the Arm from where we now are, and having a population of nearly 80 in all. We have also been informed that a large flour mill, with bakery attached, was located there, and that at that time the name of the place was written "Craigflour." It may reasonably be inferred that when the wheel of the mill ceased to grind, in consideration of the great number of wild flowers with which this vicinity is especially beautified, a happy change was made in the spelling of the word "Craigflower."

In 1852 or 1853, the Major Tompkins, the first mail boat running between Victoria and Olympia, was wrecked at Macaulay's Point. The bell of this steamer was purchased for the use of this school. It may be of interest to say that the bell was not used for many years, on account of the expense of hanging it, and that on the occasion of the visit of Lord Dufferin, in 1876, was kindly loaned to the Victoria trustees, who so admired its sweet tones that they were only too willing to retain permanent possession. They doubtless would have accomplished their desires, had it not been for the very persistent efforts of Messrs. the late James Stewart, Robert Porter and Martin J. Dodd, your then trustees.

On July 23, 1870, Craigflower school district was given boundaries, which since have been altered and re-defined at various times.

I shall now endeavor to give the chief points of interest connected with this school, as given in the reports of the superintendents of education from the inception of the present school system, in 1872, to the present time:

In 1872, the superintendent of education reports as follows on the condition of this school building—then 19 years old:

"Building exceedingly dilapidated and almost past repair. New school house required." During the following year the government expended $1,125 in repairs on the building, and since that time repairs and improvements of a minor character have been made.

The first pupil of this school to pass the examination required for entrance to a High school was Thomas Pottinger, in 1876.

At the departmental examination held in 1879, the highest percentage in the "A" papers was obtained by Frederick Adams, and in the "B" papers by W. Parker.

The following additional pupils have passed for the High school:

In 1881—Cowper W. Newbury, J. H. Ker, Albert Parker.
In 1882—Janey H. Newbury, Herman Tiedeman.
In 1883—Katie Williams.
In 1885—Mary Caroline Austin.
In 1889—William Scafe.
In 1891—John B. Adams.
In 1892—Alice Porter.
In 1897—Mabel Shepherd.
In 1900—S. D. Harold Pope.
In 1901—John B. Stewart, Alfred Williams.
In 1902—Constance Williams.

Prior to 1872 the only teacher of this school known to me, now residing in the province, is Mr. Thomas Russell, of Victoria. The following is a list of the teachers of the school during the past 31 years:

1872-1875—L. Lievre.
1875-1878—George Pottinger.
1878-1883—John C. Newbury.
1883-1887—John Mundell.
1887-1890—A. M. Bannerman.
1890-1892—R. C. Johnston.
1892-1892—E. R. Mulder.
1892-1900—S. Shepherd.
1900-1903—S. D. Pope.

In 1872 the trustees were James Stewart, R. Downer and Martin J. Dodd. In the following year a complete change was made, Robert Porter, William Hillier, Henry Cogan, being the trustees.

Two changes were made in 1874, Martin J. Dodd and John Parker being elected.

Since this time and including the above the following is the length of service of each trustee:

Robert Porter—20 years.
James Stewart—18 years.
Martin J. Dodd—15 years.
D. F. Adams—4 years.
E. Whittier—10 years.
J. W. Rowland—12 years.
J. J. Wilson—12 years.
George Osborn—1 year.

The last three named are our present trustees.

While we would say all honor to those trustees who have so ably conducted the affairs of this school in the past, we should accord a mead of praise to the present trustees, who are so earnestly endeavoring to emulate the example set them by their predecessors.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have carefully prepared the foregoing statistics, and I trust that they have been not only interesting, but that they will recall pleasant reminiscences.

The most important thing that took place during the afternoon, most probably, in the scholars' minds, was the distribution of prizes, which were as follows:

Marguerita Wilson, roll of honor; for deportment; Edith Predmore, roll of honor for punctuality and regularity; Maie Rowlands, roll of honor for proficiency; Effie Johnson, a book, for writing; Maud Mockler, a book, for reading; Alice Wilson, a book, for writing and drawing; Willie Johnson, a book, for general improvement; Harley Stewart, a book, for regularity; Lily Osborn, a book, for regularity; Freeman Harding, a book, for reading and writing; Maurice Carmichael, a book, for general improvement; Albert Gurom, a book, for rapid progress; Harold Kaye, a book, for general improvement.

After the presentation was over, and three cheers given for Mr. Pope, the teacher, by the school children, refreshments were served.

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Graduates At St. Ann's

Summer Closing Exercises at the Popular Local Seminary.

Pupils Render Fine Programme In a Very Creditable Manner

List of Certificated Pupils and Winners of Prize Medals.

The summer closing of this well known hall of learning was commemorated in a manner stately, artistic, and in perfect keeping with the lofty traditions that cluster around that noble edifice. The exercises were of a most enjoyable character from an artistic and literary point of view, and in excellence alone can the verdict of approval be framed in passing judgment upon the programme so tastefully prepared, and so well rendered. In the Assembly Hall the pupils appeared in orchestral grouping, line upon line of innocent girlhood, of radiant face, and modest dress and mien. They truly made an angelic study all in white. The sweetly blending voices of the choral class, in the opening piece, were true in rythm and balance, and of perfect natural intonation; a concert pure and simple. Perhaps in passing over the programme, it might be well to linger a moment on the Shakespearian drama, so cleverly put on by the senior pupils. Though a new thing in the line of amateur pieces, this number, combining as it does all the fine lady characters of the great author's famous plays, affords excellent scope for an elocution class. The prettily dressed little prologue, who introduced the several characters, did her part admirably well. Her delivery was clear, even, and very pleasing. Portia, the first to make her appearance, delighted all; her part was well carried out. Miss Gaudin, as Ariel, in a bewitching fairy garb, won every one's attention. The graceful wielding of her wand, her light steps, and beautiful voice bespoke much natural talent, blended with perfect training. Tall, dignified Miranda, pleased every one, and showed more than ordinary power to do the role well. Cordelia was beautifully portrayed by the gifted Miss Lombard, whose talent for such work is surprisingly above most amateurs. The queenly Cleopatria was excellently impersonated by Miss Livingston. Catherine the Shrew, was also well acted. Ophelia was well carried out by Miss Lewis, whose soft, low voice aided the part very much. Lady Macbeth, however, was a fitting closing to the various roles so well taken thus far. Miss Jameison's splendid elocution held the audience to her last sentence. A fine voice, graceful gestures, and a pleasing countenance, made her part one of the gems of the programme. To the credit of the young players and those who drilled them, it was not once observed that prompting was necessary.

The essays on the programme were well read, and their fine style, spoke volumes for the literary training these young ladies receive. On through the programme, the delighted audience were carried with varying emotion. One could not but remark the perfectly free and natural grace of these girl-artists, whether in instrumental or vocal effort, the polished touch was evident. Until the last thrilling note of that, the sweetest of all, the grand Latin piece, the interest of the listeners was held, irresistibly drawn to catch every note. Sweet music it was for all; but how tender and thrilling to the hearts of those there, as parent or guardian, of the fair young performers!

It is to be regretted by those fortunate enough to be present, that the closing was not public this year. It was, however, somewhat semi-private, the parents of the certificated pupils being admitted, also Archbishop Orth, and the clergymen of the city, and the representatives of the press. The teachers of the institution are to be congratulated on the successful ending of the term, as also the lady elocutionist, Miss Stone, who has charge of the work in her line in the curriculum of the school.

Following is the programme which was observed:

Entrance of Pupils ..... Grand March
Chorus ....When Spring's Breath the Earth Suffuses
Essay ..... The Influence of Surrounding
M. Clayton.
Fan Minuet ..Junior Physical Culture Class
Awarding of Diplomas.
Chorus—Hail Happy Hours ..... Wagner
Essay ..... Purple and Fine Linen
Drama—Shakespearian Scenes .....
..... By the Seniors
Essay—The Power of Music.....
Miss Beatrice Gaudin.
Chorus—Laudate Pueri ..... Blumski
Essay—A Masterpiece ..By Miss A. Hickey
Pantomine—Song of the Mystic .....
By the Senior Physical Culture Class.
Music—March .....

The list of certificated pupils is as follows:

Commercial course (shorthand and typewriting section.) — Miss Dunlevy, Miss Denny, Miss Englehardt, Miss Hare, Miss Whittaker and Miss Stannard; (bookkeeping), Miss Smith, Miss Grant and Miss Weinrobe.

Music Department.—Miss Gaudin, Miss Mill, Miss Petit, Miss L. and H. Weaver.

Penmanship (Palmer System).—Miss M. Jameson, Miss Locke, Miss Tribe, Miss Clayton, Miss M. Hickey and Miss A. Gillis.

The presentation of gold and silver medals and special premiums was made as follows:

Silver medal presented by His Excellency, Lord Minto, for general improvement, and good conduct (senior course), Miss Henrietta Weaver.

Gold medal for good conduct, junior course, drawn by Adele Wissel, Alice Muriset, Maud Robbins, Ada Wolf, won by Adele Wissel.

Gold cross for Christian doctrine, senior course, Miss Nellie Lohbard; presented for Christian doctrine, Miss Barbara Austen.

Gold heart for Christian doctrine, junior course, drawn by Lizzie McArthur and Maud Robbins, won by Lizzie McArthur.

Gold medal for composition and letter writing, won by competition by Miss Beatrice Gaudin, Honorable mention: Misses A. McQuade, Henrietta Weaver, Alice Hickey, Elsie Lubbe, May Frederickson, Hilma Munro, Margharita Clayton and Margaret Livingston. Premium for same, Miss Margharita Clayton.

Silver medal for regular attendance and obliging manners, senior course, Miss Nettie Locke; junior course, Emma Grathwohl.

Medal for order, neatness and obliging manners, junior course, drawn by Alice Muriset, Emma Grathwohl and Helen Coleman, won by Alice Muriset.

Gold medal, senior class, excellence, Miss Henrietta Weaver.

Silver medal, intermediate class, excellence, Miss Hilma Munro.

Premium for good conduct, politeness, and music, senior course, Miss Anna McQuade; second premium, politeness, Miss Mamie Brown.

Gold medal for politeness, junior course, drawn by Helen Coleman, Alice Muriset, Maud Robbins, Emma Grathwohl, Nellie Brown, Ada Wolfe, Enid Woolcock, Dorothy Clare and Alberta Mellon, won by Helen Coleman.

Silver medal for elocution, senior course, competed for by Misses Nellie Lombard, Alice Hickey, Barbara Austen, Cassie Carter, Josie Colbert, Mary Jameson, Eileen Mulcahy and Anna Gillis, won by Miss Mary Jameson.

Small gold medal for elocution, junior course, drawn by Ermine Bass, Adele Wissell, Enid Woolcock, Nellie Brown, Dollie Mans, Ada Wolfe, Harriet Wissell, Dorothy Clare and Mabel Rivers, won by Ermine Bass.

Silver medal for needlework, Miss Laura Weaver; premium for needlework, Miss Margaret Livingstone.

Premium for history, ancient and modern, presented by E. Gosnell, Miss Alice Hickey.

Premium for Canadian history, presented by Mrs. Doctor Watt; Miss Margaret Livingston; second premium for Canadian history, Miss Margaret Livingstone.

Premium for vocal music, needlework and rhetoric and second bookkeeping, Miss Barbara Austen.

Premium for Drawing and Painting—Miss Daisy Lewis.

Premium for painting, water color and drawing, Miss Elsie Lubbe.

Premium for music, elementary section, Miss Lilian Weinrobe.

Gold Medal for English Composition and General Proficiency — Miss Marguerite Creighton.

Gold Medal for General Proficiency—Miss Mary Creighton.

Photo by Savannah.

ST. ANN'S COLLEGE GRADUATES.

The above group represents the nine young lady graduates of the Stenography and Bookkeeping courses; the six young ladies who won certificates in the Music Department; also the six who carried off the famous Palmer Certificates for Muscular Business Penmanship.

STOCK BROKER FAILS.

New York, June 26.—The suspension of F. M. Power, a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, was announced today. Some 500 shares of stock were bought and sold under the rule for his account.

TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.

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Conservatives Elect Officers

Strong Executive Committee Chosen At Meeting Held Last Evening.

Nanaimo In Line With a Strong And Active Organization.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Room 3 at the A. O. U. W. Hall yesterday evening was crowded with enthusiastic Conservative workers assembled to perfect plans for the conduct of an aggressive and successful campaign in this city at the approaching provincial elections. No time was spent in speech-making, all present getting in harness for the work in hand. The following strong executive committee was elected: Ald. Goodacre, Wm. Mable, Ald. Barnard, Richard Ryan, L. G. McQuade, J. P. Burgess, George Penketh, George Russell, W. H. Price, Thomas Hooper, D. B. Bogle, J. P. McKenzie, Angus McKeown, George Brown, Alex. Dunken.

George Russell resigned the position of treasurer, to which he had been appointed at the last meeting, and D. H. Macdowall was unanimously elected in his stead.

Every arrangement was made to grapple with the necessities of the campaign, and a highly successful meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Nanaimo, June 25.—A big Conservative rally was held here this evening for organization purposes, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Initial steps were taken in the formation of a provincial Conservative party, and the following officers were elected: President, E. Quennel; vice-president, A. R. Johnson, secretary, W. K. Leighton. A committee was appointed to prepare by-laws and constitution. Nanaimo Conservatives are entering into the fight with enthusiasm, with every prospect of success.

The Nanaimo Free Press directs attention to a matter affecting registration which requires immediate attention. It says: "The collector of votes for Alberni is at Alberni. Many of the voters are at Wellington. The collector of votes for Newcastle is at Ladysmith. Many of the voters are at Northfield. Mr. Stanton is collector for Nanaimo only, and while he is willing to assist voters from other constituencies to fill out and declare their forms, he can undertake no responsibility for seeing that their names get on the list. It is the voter's business to see that the declaration reaches the collector for his district, whether here or at Alberni, or at Ladysmith. It appears to us that an extension of the powers of Mr. Stanton or the appointment of sub-collectors at centres of population remote from the office of the collector proper would facilitate matters a great deal. What chance, for instance, has a Texada man of seeing that his name is on the Alberni list?"

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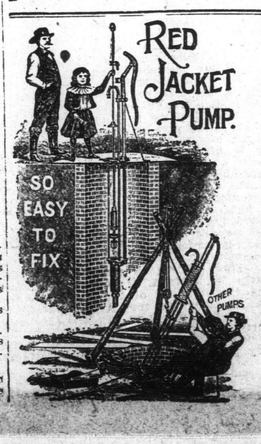

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