

- (d) *Records.*—The case records are not sufficiently comprehensive.
- (e) *Confidential Exchange.*—The Society belongs to the Russell Sage Foundation's Confidential Exchange. They have a confidential telegraph code and cases are reported to, for instance, the Victoria charities, if they are in any way concerned.
- (f) *Use of Register by Other Agencies.*—Seldom, if ever, are the records consulted by any of the other charitable agencies of the city, and these agencies do not register their cases with the Associated Charities.
- (g) *The Budget.*—The Society has a budget of its own, but nearly all its funds are given by the city. An estimate is given the city annually. Last year (1912) they received \$10,583. There is some outside support upon which the Society can depend in case of emergency.
- (h) *Co-operation.*—Little effort is made to secure the co-operation of those interested in the case in any way.
- (i) *Volunteer Workers.*—It has no corps of volunteer workers of its own, but the King's Daughters and the Victorian Order of Nurses co-operate to some slight degree.
- (j) *Committees to Improve Social Conditions.*—It has no committees on improving social conditions.
- (k) *Branches of Work Undertaken.*—The Society supervises the Old People's Home and the Creche.
- (l) *Co-operation of the Churches.*—There is very little co-operation, if any, between the churches and the Associated Charities. There is some co-operation with the Missions and the Salvation Army since the Associated Charities send to their lodging houses those who ask shelter for the night.

VIII. GAMBLING.

The vice of gambling is very prevalent in Vancouver. In the cigar stores and in the cigar stands on the edge of the pavement men throw dice for cigars in view of all passers by. Lotteries are frequent. One of the big projects along this line has been laid at the door of the Vancouver Athletic Club. To get a big price for their building they planned to sell 8,400 tickets for \$10 each, and the lucky ticket holder was to get the plant. When the sale of tickets was over a big night was to be held and the Mayor would be asked to draw the prize ticket. Many citizens planned to "get in" on this—even those who had no money to lose. Whether the promoters feared prosecution under the Criminal Code of Canada or for some other reason, the scheme was not launched.

The pernicious influence of such enterprises knows no bounds. One citizen, hearing of the above plan, decided to sell tickets on his \$3,000 property in the same fashion, and was only deterred when a local barrister cited him the lottery law.

Sweepstakes on the races are often run in cigar stores and elsewhere. Long before the Derby a ticket may be bought on "Do-Funny" or some other horse. If the horse gets a place in the race his ticket holder wins a price. Last summer a lottery of this character, with headquarters at Victoria, sold 100,000 tickets at \$1.00 each through hotel-keepers, tobacconists and other agents. The agent's commission is usually 10 per cent. of his sale. One Vancouver tobacconist made \$1,000 on his sales for this particular race. The first prize was \$28,000, and the others were graded down from this amount. There were a large number of \$400 prizes. In another "sweepstakes" a man in Lulu Island made \$15,000.

About 400 British Columbia electric employees banded together in buying tickets for a lottery of this character in the summer of 1912 and agreed to pool their earnings. By buying a considerable share of the tickets they felt sure of fair returns at least. One of the 400 stated that it cost them \$10 each and the winnings per man amounted to about \$50.

Just at present tickets for the "Great West Sweep" are on sale in Vancouver. This sweep is connected with the Lincoln Handicap to be run at Lincoln, England, on April 1, 1913. Tickets are to be drawn at Nanaimo on May 31, 1913. They are to be "drawn in the presence of the public