

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL  
HOME FOR GIRLS

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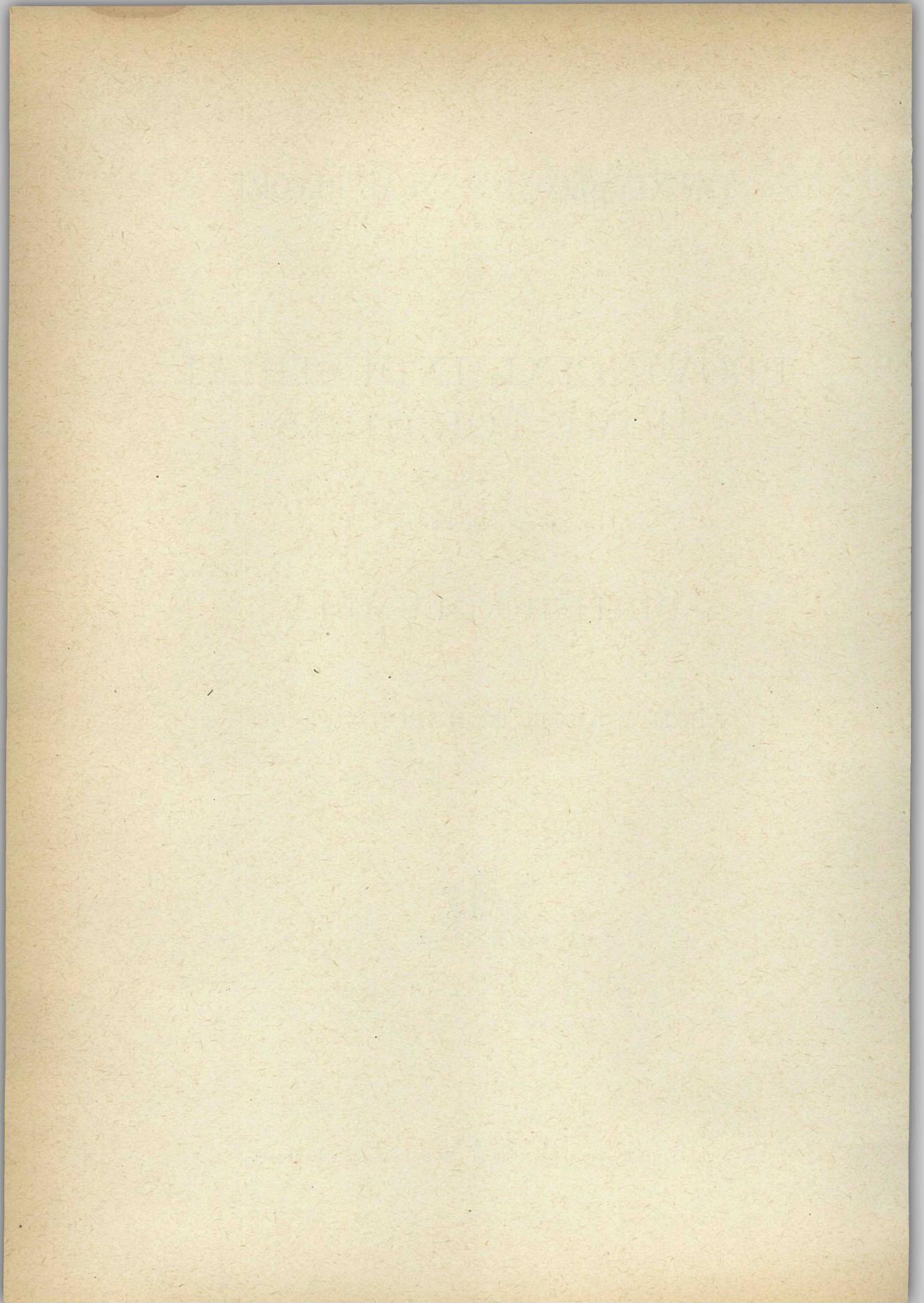
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*To His Honour E. W. HAMBER,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned has the honour to present the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial Home for Girls for the year ended March 31st, 1936.

G. M. WEIR,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
Victoria, B.C.*

PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR GIRLS,  
VANCOUVER, B.C., April 1st, 1936.

*The Honourable G. M. Weir, D.Paed.,  
Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B.C.*

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial Home for Girls, covering the fiscal year April 1st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936.

ANNIE G. WESTMAN,  
*Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial  
Home for Girls.*

# PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR GIRLS.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 1st, 1936.

*Honourable George M. Weir, D.Paed.,*

*Provincial Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you and the honourable members of the Legislature the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial Home for Girls from April 1st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936.

Another year has passed with its bright spots and disappointments, but the former predominating. Our family in the Home has been more earnest in securing education along the many lines offered, the more intelligent girls more willing to assist in the training of the low-mentality group, and the seniors sharing responsibility with the staff in the receiving of the new arrivals and in explaining to them our programme and aims. The change in outlook has been gratifying of several of our most difficult girls who had possibilities, but with little desire to alter their mode of living. They are no longer stumbling-blocks, but stepping-stones. Some have taken advantage of the freedom given and have been absent without leave. This is usually the newcomer who has not yet realized that she is among friends, or the mentally deficient who has a passing grievance. Most of them return voluntarily and are honest enough to admit that life on the outside was not as alluring as they had pictured. We endeavour to locate the missing ones as soon as possible because of the dangers to which they are exposed. A runaway is no longer a heroine, and has to make her peace with the better element before she is received again into the fold, being ostracized while making up her mind. The disapproval of her classmates means much more than a reprimand from a staff.

We have the usual variety in material, and when classification and segregation is under discussion you realize how many difficult problems are presented. Ages range from 12 to 19 years, the latter a recidivist, and intelligence rating from feeble-minded to average intelligence, with only four in the latter group.

There is variety in parents as well. Some have done their best and it is difficult to understand just why the wrong element was so much stronger than home influence. Broken homes play an important part, and poverty due to unemployment or mismanagement. Usually the parents realize early that we are doing all in our power to point out to their girls the mistakes of the past, and our efforts to re-establish them in a more normal way of living, so are ready to co-operate with us in every way.

Members of the staff are reporting on their departments and activities, so there is no necessity for repetition.

Under the excellent training of Miss White, Director of St. John Ambulance Association, every girl has earned her junior home-nursing certificate and is now taking junior first aid. Miss White holds a high place in the esteem of our girls and many will bless her in the years to come for her sacrifice of time and effort.

Though we have been busily engaged in the many classes and in keeping our Home up to standard, there have been diversions and happy surprises. The day at the Exhibition, entrance tickets being supplied by the thoughtfulness of the Board, was an enjoyable experience to all, and a new and thrilling one to the girls from isolated districts. The truck, with genial driver Mr. Hart, offered by Mr. Boyes, took us on several pleasure-trips seeing Vancouver, followed by swimming and basket picnic in Stanley Park. The dinner party with decorated tables, turkey menu, and warm welcome given at "Killarney" by the Other Girls' Club to twenty of our girls was a night to be remembered, including returning home through a fog which made some walking necessary, but all arrived safely. Some of our honour girls were rewarded by being taken to the Rotary Ice Carnival through the kindness of a Rotarian, and after hearing of the wonderful programme provided, many resolved to be eligible next

year. One girl from the Far North decided she had seen two of the wonders of the world—namely, Stanley Park and the Rotary Ice Carnival. The Kiwanians again provided tickets for their operetta, "The Wizard of the Nile," which was most enjoyable. The Women's Musical Society, Philharmonic, Red Cross, Sylvian Ladies' Choir, also private parties, brought many delightful programmes during the winter months. Many magazines and some books have been donated by friends and are much appreciated. Christmas gifts marked personally for each girl came in for the tree from the W.C.T.U., Salvation Army Officers, Oxford Group, Religious Education leaders, and others who have become interested. We are made very welcome at the churches up on the Heights, both Catholic and Protestant, where we attend Sunday morning service. The afternoon class at the Home is taken by the different denominations. A series of beautifully coloured slides of Bible pictures with stories of same were given by Mr. Ware on Sunday evenings. One hour of religious education is given every Thursday evening, conducted by graduates of the Bible School. These services are not compulsory, but are always well attended.

A few changes have been made during the past year that are proving helpful and satisfactory. On lower main, formerly used for medical and receiving cases, we have now a suite for six of the more reliable girls. There are three bedrooms, each accommodating two with single beds, dressers, etc., a bath-room, living-room, kitchen, and dinette. They have a two-burner gas-stove on which they prepare their meals over the week-end. There is free access to their suite at all times. This floor is called "Happy-land." Another bedroom will soon be available which will accommodate two more girls. The staff room on this floor is occupied by the dietitian. This graduate in dietetics is a recent acquisition.

On the third floor partitions have been erected to divide three dormitories into nine single attractive rooms. The work was done by the engineer assisted by the girls. This is now our receiving and medical floor. There is a large flat roof-garden leading from this that is a convenience and pleasure for the patients.

We still have more demands for domestics than we can fill. We do not consider that it is in the best interests of the girl to release her before she has finished her training even if a position is available. When released she is under the care and guidance of the Follow-up Officer, Mrs. Katherine Moody.

In closing, I acknowledge gratefully the courtesy and kindly consideration of the Government departments with whom I have been working.

#### ESTIMATED VALUE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT GROWN ON PREMISES.

##### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, 16,000 lb. ....	\$224.29
Peas, 831 lb. ....	47.60
Beans, 590 lb. ....	29.50
Beets, 2,000 lb. ....	36.28
Vegetable marrow, 376 lb. ....	7.52
Tomatoes, 407 lb. ....	17.99
Cucumbers, 87 .....	4.35
Savoy cabbage, 49 heads .....	4.00
Cabbage, 385 heads .....	38.25
Radish, 56 bunches .....	.70
Onions, 1,700 lb. ....	39.04
Onions, pickling, 250 lb. ....	12.50
Onions, green, 142 bunches .....	5.30
Lettuce, 286 heads .....	15.20
Corn, 1,950 ears .....	16.95
Turnips, 1,500 lb. ....	31.20
Turnips, 18 bunches .....	4.50
Leeks, 10 bunches .....	.35
Cauliflower, 142 heads .....	14.20
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	<u>\$549.72</u>

ESTIMATED VALUE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT GROWN—*Continued.*VEGETABLES—*Continued.*

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$549.72
Spinach, 40 lb. ....	2.00
Carrots, 2,500 lb. ....	51.22
Parsnips, 680 lb. ....	12.15
Brussels sprouts, 51 lb. ....	4.83
Celery, 36 bunches .....	3.60
Manure, 15 loads .....	60.00

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\$683.52

## FRUIT.

Raspberries, 108 lb. ....	\$12.60
Strawberries, 18 lb. ....	2.25
Cherries, 3 lb. ....	.35

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\$15.20

## POPULATION OF HOME, MARCH 31st, 1936.

On roll, March 31st, 1934 .....	33
Girls admitted during year March 31st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936 .....	19

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Released as wards of Juvenile Court .....	15
Released by Provincial Secretary .....	5
Dropped from roll .....	1

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Total in Home, March 31st, 1936 .....	31
Number absent without leave during year .....	10
Number returned .....	9
Number returned in twenty-nine days .....	1
Number returned in twenty-seven days .....	1
Number returned in fifteen days .....	1
Number returned in ten days .....	1
Number returned in five days .....	1
Number returned in two days .....	2
Number returned in one and a half days .....	2
Number still at liberty .....	1

## EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT OF HOME, MARCH 31st, 1936.

Total inmate-days from March 31st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936 .....	11,032
Gross maintenance <i>per capita</i> cost, one year .....	\$764.675
Gross maintenance <i>per capita</i> cost, one day .....	2.095
Net maintenance <i>per capita</i> cost, one year .....	588.745
Net maintenance <i>per capita</i> cost, one day .....	1.613
Operating expenditure by voucher—	
Salaries .....	\$12,353.61
Office and school supplies, etc.—	
Postage, office and school supplies .....	\$285.98
Telephone and telegraph .....	122.21
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	408.19
Travelling expenses .....	346.62
Farm operations .....	906.40
Household equipment (other than furniture) .....	277.45

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*Carried forward* .....

\$14,292.27

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT OF HOME, MARCH 31ST, 1936—*Continued.*

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$14,292.27
Operating expenditure by voucher— <i>Continued.</i>		
Clothing—		
Clothing .....	\$599.17	
Boots and shoes .....	266.48	
		865.65
Janitors' supplies .....		360.27
Fuel, light, and water—		
Fuel .....	\$1,872.03	
Water .....	331.90	
Light and power .....	428.74	
		2,632.67
Provisions—		
Groceries .....	\$2,925.44	
Meat .....	968.94	
Fish .....	107.59	
		4,001.97
Medical attendance and hospital supplies—		
Doctor's salary .....	\$400.00	
Medical supplies .....	175.65	
Surgery (tonsillectomies, etc.) .....	225.00	
Dental cost .....	232.00	
		1,032.65
Good Conduct Fund .....		50.10
Incidentals and contingencies .....		277.48
Total expenditure for year by voucher .....		\$23,513.06
Maintenance and repairs (expended through Public Works Department) .....		1,336.83
Inventory, March 31st, 1935 .....		943.96
<i>Less</i> board and rent .....	\$2,161.96	
<i>Less</i> other receipts .....	5.85	
<i>Less</i> inventory, March 31st, 1936 .....	503.57	
		2,671.38
		\$23,122.47
<i>Less</i> Revenue Account (maintenance of inmates) .....		5,322.80
Net cost of inmates' maintenance to Government .....		\$17,799.67

## LIST OF GIRLS IN HOME, MARCH 31st, 1936.

No.	Place of Birth.	Parentage.	RESIDENCE PREVIOUS TO BEING ADMITTED TO HOME.		Length of Term.
			British Columbia.	Canada.	
			Years.	Years.	
419	Sechelt Reserve, B.C.	Sechelt Band Indian	15	15	Until 18 years of age.
421	Gull Lake, Sask.	German-English	11½	14	Industrial Home for Girls Act.
424	Vernon, B.C.	Roumanian	14	14	Three years.
427	Central Bute, Sask.	German-American	5	10	Two years.
428	Central Bute, Sask.	German-American	5	10	Two years.
429	Glasgow, Scotland	Scotch	8	8	Three years.
430	Maryfield, Sask.	Scotch, Scotch-Canadian	9	15	Two years.
432	Vancouver, B.C.	English	14½	14½	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
433	Vancouver, B.C.	English-Canadian	16	16	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
434	Vancouver, B.C.	Irish-Canadian, American	14	14	Industrial Home for Girls Act.
435	Everett, Wash.	Irish-American, Italian-American	16	16	Recidivist.
437	Vancouver, B.C.	Austrian	16¾	16¾	Three years.
439	Trail, B.C.	Italian	16	16	Two years.
440	Craik, Sask.	Irish	2	15½	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
441	Vancouver, B.C.	Scotch	13	13	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
442	Chilliwack, B.C.	Chinese	15	15	Undefined, not less than two years.
443	Choate, B.C.	Indian	17	17	Undefined, not less than two years.
444	Vancouver, B.C.	Scotch-English	16	16	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
445	Trail, B.C.	Scotch-Indian strain	15	15	Two years.
447	Lytton, B.C.	Scotch-American, Indian	15	15	Three years.
450	New Westminster, B.C.	English-Scotch	16	16	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
451	Fernie, B.C.	English-Canadian	13	13	Two years.
452	Edmonton, Alta.	Unknown	5	15	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
453	Vancouver, B.C.	Polish	13	13	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
454	Gardington, Man.	Roumanian	8	15	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
455	Edmonton, Alta.	American-Swedish	15	15	Three years.
456	Vancouver, B.C.	Scotch-English	16½	16½	Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929.
457	Poland	German	7	7	Recidivist.
458	New Westminster, B.C.	Irish-American	17	17	Indeterminate.
459	Edmonton, Alta.	English	11	17½	Indeterminate.
460	Victoria, B.C.	Welsh-Canadian	16	16	Juvenile Delinquents Act.

## NATIONALITY OF PARENTS.

English (both) .....	2	Scotch-Indian .....	1
Scotch (both) .....	2	Scotch-Indian strain .....	1
Irish (both) .....	1	Scotch-Canadian .....	1
American (both) .....	1	English-Canadian .....	2
Indian (both) .....	2	English-Scotch .....	1
Roumanian (both) .....	2	Welsh-Canadian .....	1
Austrian (both) .....	1	American-Swedish .....	1
Italian (both) .....	1	Irish-American .....	2
Chinese (both) .....	1	German-English .....	1
Polish (both) .....	1	German-American .....	2
German (both) .....	1		
Unknown (both) .....	1	Total .....	31
Scotch-English .....	2		

## WHERE GIRLS WERE BORN.

British Columbia .....	19	United States .....	1
Alberta .....	3	Poland .....	1
Saskatchewan .....	5		—
Manitoba .....	1	Total .....	31
Scotland .....	1		

## OFFENCES COMMITTED.

Incorrigible .....	19	Violating probation .....	2
Theft .....	3	Recidivists .....	2
Sexual immorality .....	3		—
Found in disorderly house .....	1	Total .....	31
Prostitution .....	1		

## PLACES OF APPREHENSION.

Agassiz .....	1	Rosemont .....	1
Burnaby .....	1	Saanich .....	1
Chilliwack .....	1	Trail .....	3
Erickson .....	1	Vancouver .....	13
Fort St. John .....	1	Vernon .....	1
Gundy .....	1	Victoria .....	2
Kelowna .....	1		—
Lytton .....	1	Total .....	31
North Pine .....	2		

## LENGTH OF SENTENCE.

Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929 .....	10	Undefined, not less than two years .....	2
Two years .....	6	Industrial Home for Girls Act .....	2
Three years .....	5	Juvenile Delinquents Act .....	1
Until 18 years of age .....	1		—
Recidivists .....	2	Total .....	31
Indeterminate .....	2		

## AGES OF GIRLS IN HOME.

12 years .....	1	17 years .....	4
13 years .....	2	19 years .....	1
14 years .....	5		—
15 years .....	11	Total .....	31
16 years .....	7		

## RELIGIOUS STATISTICS.

Bible Student .....	1	Presbyterian .....	2
Church of England .....	5	Salvation Army .....	2
Catholic .....	10	Seventh Day Adventist .....	1
Christian Science .....	1	United Church .....	7
Lutheran .....	1		—
Pentacostal .....	1	Total .....	31

## GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS.

Number who have both parents living .....	22
Number who have both parents dead .....	2
Number who have father living and mother dead .....	4
Number who have mother living and father dead .....	1
Number who are adopted .....	2
	—
	31

Of the above, the parents of 4 girls are separated; 5 are divorced, of which 7 are remarried.

## STAFF OF OFFICIALS.

The following is the present staff of officials:—

Superintendent.....	Mrs. Annie G. Westman.
Clerk and Commercial Teacher.....	Miss Margaret W. Sibbald.
Teacher.....	Miss Marion D. Tulloch.
Teacher and Supervisor.....	Miss Ayra E. Peck.
First Assistant.....	Mrs. Agnes C. Oxley.
Linen-keeper.....	Miss Katherine M. Smith.
Attendant (Sewing Supervisor).....	Miss M. E. Murray.
Dietitian.....	Miss Betty M. Wallace.
Engineer and Janitor.....	Claude S. Gardner.
Gardener.....	Henry Philip.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANNIE G. WESTMAN,  
*Superintendent.*

## MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

*Mrs. A. G. Westman,*  
*Superintendent, Provincial Industrial Home for Girls,*  
*Vancouver, B.C.*

DEAR MADAM,—The following medical report applies to the period from April 1st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936:—

Calls made by physician.....	46
Patients seen by physician, including treatments.....	225
Complete physical examination.....	33
Patients in isolation for Neisser infection.....	11
Smears taken for Neisser infection.....	167
Blood tests for Kahn and Wasserman.....	48
Treatment for syphilis intravenously.....	38
Girls treated for syphilis intravenously.....	4
Lysol treatments for Neisser infection.....	852
Urine tests.....	45
X-rays.....	3
Vaccination.....	19
Goitre cases treated daily.....	2
Basal metabolism.....	4
Tonsillectomies at General Hospital by specialist.....	5
Sexual sterilization.....	—
Maternity case attended in General Hospital (boy).....	1
Examination by eye specialist.....	3
Glasses provided.....	2
Artificial eye.....	1

The general health of the girls has been very good. Each girl on admission receives a complete physical examination and is kept in quarantine for fourteen days.

Each girl has been examined by dentist on admission and before release. All necessary fillings or extractions were attended to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. CAMPBELL,  
*Medical Officer.*

## DENTIST'S REPORT.

*Mrs. A. G. Westman,*  
*Superintendent, Provincial Industrial Home for Girls,*  
*Vancouver, B.C.*

DEAR MADAM,—During the past year each new girl has been examined and necessary dental work done for all.

Taking the girls to the city office has proven satisfactory, so, therefore, continued during this year.

The following report applies to the period from April 1st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936:—

Visits to dentist.....	13
Number of girls seen.....	49
Amalgam fillings.....	52
Cement fillings.....	30
Extractions.....	29
Cleanings.....	7
Novacaine administrations.....	35
Upper removable partial plate.....	1

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STANLEY MCQUEEN, D.M.D.

## SCHOOL-TEACHER'S REPORT.

*Mrs. A. G. Westman,*  
*Superintendent, Provincial Industrial Home for Girls,*  
*Vancouver, B.C.*

DEAR MADAM,—The following report applies to the period between April 1st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936:—

*Morning Class (9.30 a.m. to 12 noon).*—The average monthly attendance for this class was 7 and the total time 3,453 hours.

The morning class is for girls capable of doing Grades I. to VII. work, the time being divided between academic and hand-work.

Hand-work includes the making of baskets, trays, and small pieces of furniture. Gardening in the spring and summer replaces hand-work.

*Afternoon Class (1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).*—The average monthly attendance was 11 and the total time 5,950½ hours.

The regular Grade VIII. curriculum is followed. Successful pupils are recommended for high school.

Five girls of the afternoon class will be recommended for high school.

The spirit of the girls has been very good throughout the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARION D. TULLOCH,  
*School-teacher.*

## GENERAL REPORTS.

DEAR MADAM,—On April 1st, 1935, the girls who were qualified to do high-school work were enrolled in the British Columbia High School Correspondence Courses.

In the beginning three girls were enrolled for Grade IX. and one in Grade X. These students received papers in English literature, social studies, grammar and composition, and hygiene. During the year three more girls became interested members of this group, all in Grade IX., but two taking general science, and one, home economics. All the girls have responded with keenest interest, and, on the whole, results have been most satisfactory.

AYRA E. PECK,  
*School-teacher and Supervisor.*

DEAR MADAM,—During the year April 1st, 1935, to March 31st, 1936, seven girls have undertaken Commercial Correspondence work in typing and shorthand, in addition to other high-school subjects. All have made good progress, and two are now finishing their training in Pitman Business College.

MARGARET W. SIBBALD,  
*Clerk and Commercial Teacher.*

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DEAR MADAM,—On main floor there are three sitting-rooms, one for juniors only, another for seniors only, and a common room where all may assemble that wish to do so. These are comfortably and tastefully furnished and the girls feel they are their own. Having three rooms, small groups can form, which is desirable. The radio and Victrola contribute to their enjoyment. A large bath-room on this floor makes it unnecessary to go to the dormitory quarters during the day.

The library from which books are given in exchange each week is fairly well supplied, and our list has been approved by a librarian of the Public Library, but we hope to add to our collection.

The dining-room, with small tables, white cloths, flower centrepiece, and hand-embroidered monk's-cloth curtains, is most attractive. The food is cooked on lower main in general kitchen, coming up on dumb-waiter to serving-room, where it is served in cafeteria style, and this is where the dishes are washed. A training in thorough housekeeping is given, assisting in serving of food and waitress duties.

AGNES C. OXLEY,  
*First Assistant.*

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DEAR MADAM,—Every girl is taught to knit, making first a coat sweater and when more proficient a three-piece suit, hat, and purse. They choose their colour and style, are very proud of their handiwork, and look well dressed in them.

During the past year, 38 suits, 39 pullover sweaters, and 34 coat sweaters have been completed; also 2 afghans and 3 cushions.

AGNES C. OXLEY,  
*First Assistant.*

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DEAR MADAM,—The entire laundry of the Home was accomplished by the girls, under supervision, including blankets and white starched uniforms of staff.

The number of girls trained during the year was twenty-eight. Hours worked, 5,627; and number of articles laundered, 40,560.

This training enables a girl to take charge of laundry in a private house, or obtain employment in a commercial laundry, and will prove very useful later on in her own home.

KATHERINE M. SMITH,  
*Linen-keeper.*

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DEAR MADAM,—Community singing is encouraged and almost all the girls enjoy this hour. About half of those in the Home belong to the choir and attend two evening practices a week. Here solos, duets, and two-part choruses are taught, which they sing from memory. Annually a special programme is given for the pleasure of their parents and the general public. Twice a year the girls provide the anthem for Sunday morning service at the church where we attend.

KATHERINE M. SMITH,  
*Director of Singing.*

DEAR MADAM,—Every girl is taught to mend her own clothes and to make simple garments. If interested, are carried on into more advanced work.

During the past year twenty-one girls received their full training in the sewing of 575 garments, 70 pieces of bed-linen, 30 pairs of curtains, 75 of table-linen, and 165 other articles, as well as hem-stitching, embroidery, and cut-work. They are taught to take careful measurements, cut from patterns, and draft others if necessary.

M. E. MURRAY,  
*Sewing Supervisor.*

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DEAR MADAM,—During the past year the girls have been very interested in their kitchen training.

Four classes in dietetics were held weekly during the school-year; 6,785 hours of training were given in the main kitchen and 210 hours in the bakery, where 4,680 loaves of bread, also buns, were made. Canning and pickling included 490 quarts of fruit and 312 quarts of pickles. The poultry department provided 2,141 dozen of eggs, 85 hens weighing 504 lb., 124 cockerels weighing 696½ lb., and 4 turkeys weighing 76½ lb.

BETTY M. WALLACE,  
*Dietitian.*

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