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and Appendix to March 31st, 1932

*To His Honour W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned has the honour to present the Thirty-second Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the year ended March 31st, 1946.

G. S. PEARSON,
Provincial Secretary.

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

PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,
VANCOUVER, B.C., April 1st, 1946.

The Honourable G. S. Pearson,
Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls, covering the fiscal year April 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1946.

MAUDE V. FLEMING,
*Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial
School for Girls.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

HON. G. S. PEARSON, *Provincial Secretary.*

P. WALKER, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

FLEMING, Miss MAUDE V., *Superintendent.*
PECK, Miss AYRA E., *Assistant Superintendent.*
SIBBALD, Miss MARGARET W., *Clerk.*

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PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

*The Honourable George S. Pearson,
Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith the Thirty-second Annual Report of the Industrial School for Girls from April 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1946.

The past year was marked by a sudden decrease in the number of admissions. Seventeen girls were admitted last year as against fifty-six during the previous year. This circumstance lessened the inmate-days by over 7,000 and consequently raised the *per capita* cost. A close check was kept on staff requirements but due to the nature of the school there was a minimum which had to be maintained for efficient management, regardless of the fluctuation in population. Many reasons may be given for this apparent decrease in juvenile delinquency among girls. With the end of the war, the mother is no longer engaged in war industry and the father, in most cases, has returned home to his family. Undoubtedly another factor is the continued progress of the Social Welfare Department throughout the Province. In communities where there is a lack of recreational facilities and where homes are faced with strained economic situations and too frequent domestic discord, the teen-age girl strikes out in socially unacceptable ways for satisfactions and pleasures not to be found in her own home. Social workers with their training and experience are in a unique position to combat juvenile delinquency by giving leadership and advice in the development of community resources, and also in co-operating with the Juvenile Court Judge in the treatment of the young offender.

Discipline became a minor problem with a smaller group of girls and more progress was made in our training programme. A good spirit of co-operation prevailed throughout the year and most of the girls were anxious to take advantage of the instruction provided. May I refer you to the report of our training programme as outlined by the Assistant Superintendent? Of special mention is the extension of our handicraft department to include instruction on a four-harness floor-loom purchased through the Bazaar Fund. In October, a very successful bazaar was held in the school when various articles of woodwork, embroidery, crocheted and knitted goods made by the girls in class were sold.

The general health of the girls was excellent. Our school physician held a weekly clinic and all new girls received a complete physical examination and were taken later to the chest clinic for X-ray. Several girls required a further examination by an eye specialist and glasses were supplied. A further development in our medical and dental services was brought about through the efforts of your deputy, Mr. Walker. A weekly clinic is now held at the school by the Venereal Disease Division of the Provincial Board of Health. With the co-operation of the Metropolitan Health Committee, dental services were arranged by the Director of School Dental Services. Permission was granted by the Burnaby Board of School Trustees for dental appointments to be filled at the Capitol Hill School Dental Clinic near-by. Among other advantages, these services are a saving of time and much appreciated. During the past year several of the girls required extensive dental treatment and it may be noted that in many cases this asset to good health has been seriously neglected by the girls previous to their commitment. If we have reason to become discouraged over the progress of any girl during her training period, we always have the assurance that she has greatly improved in physical health.

We valued the assistance of the Provincial Nutritionist, who through personal contact and correspondence gave us many helpful suggestions in the planning of meals and preparation of food.

Another department that showed progress during the year was the Farm Operations. There was a substantial increase in the quantity and quality of garden produce, and this abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables helped a great deal to maintain the high standard of health among the girls. Improvements were made in the general appearance of the school grounds and the flowers and shrubs were a source of pleasure to the visitors and the girls.

The remodelling of the isolation quarters made a marked change in the atmosphere of the school and deserves special mention. This improvement permits a new girl to occupy a bright single room with toilet facilities, and to enjoy the freedom of an outdoor enclosure while awaiting the completion of medical examination. First impressions received by an emotionally disturbed girl are of vital importance, and the value of the present quarters has been clearly demonstrated. Other additions were a staff bath-room and new furnishings for staff bedrooms.

The Child Guidance Clinic was of great assistance to us in making plans for the training of the girls during their stay in the school and in their rehabilitation. We appreciate their continued co-operation and advice.

On completion of their training in the school, several girls were found employment in hospitals and laundries, while others returned to their community schools. As pointed out a year ago, there is a definite need for more specialized training in the school to enable the teen-age girl to learn a trade and on her release to be in a position to apply this knowledge and be self-supporting in the industrial field.

The lack of religious knowledge and training was quite apparent on the part of the majority of the girls admitted during the year. An evening of religious instruction was given twice monthly by two groups of women for the Protestant and Roman Catholic girls. Representatives of the Church of England, United Church, Salvation Army, and Women's Christian Temperance Union were very faithful in their presentation of a religious service each Sunday in rotation. With an order of service especially suitable for girls, a real contribution was made to the life of the school which was truly appreciated. Now that the war is over, we may expect the Sunday services to be resumed for the Roman Catholic girls. It was found necessary to curtail these owing to other demands for the services of the priest.

We are glad to report the many enjoyable evenings of music and other entertainment provided by the Women's Musical Club, Women's Philharmonic Society, and the Lion's Club Orchestra. Our own weekly movie continues to be a source of great delight and all look forward to "movie night." On several occasions the girls have provided their own entertainment with music and short plays. The Christmas season was a jolly time as the lighted tree, holly, and other decorations gave the school a real festive spirit. Among the gifts on the tree were parcels for each girl from the Salvation Army and the W.C.T.U.

During the past year we had the pleasure of welcoming several visitors to the school, including students in Psychology and in Public Health Nurses' courses at the University.

In conclusion, to you, sir, to the Deputy Minister, and to the officials of the Public Works Department I wish to express my gratitude for your continued courtesy and co-operation during the past year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MAUDE V. FLEMING,

Superintendent.

EXPENSE AND REVENUE STATEMENT OF SCHOOL, MARCH 31st, 1946.

Total inmate-days from April 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1946	9,050	
<i>Per capita</i> cost, one year		\$1,682.65
<i>Per capita</i> cost, one day		4.61
Operating expenditure by voucher—		
Salaries		\$22,409.30
Cost-of-living bonus		3,485.55
Office and school supplies, etc.—		
Postage, office and school supplies	\$241.85	
Telephone and telegraph	163.51	
		405.36
Travelling expenses		816.52
Farm operations		610.25
Furnishings, equipment, etc.		680.10
Clothing—		
Clothing	\$453.46	
Boots and shoes	105.88	
		559.34
Janitors' supplies		219.87
Fuel, light, and water—		
Fuel	\$1,710.87	
Water	286.00	
Light and power	549.31	
		2,546.18
Provisions—		
Groceries	\$3,462.20	
Meat	1,035.72	
Fish	212.51	
		4,710.43
Medical attendance, medical supplies, and dental cost—		
Medical attendance	\$500.00	
Medical supplies	263.47	
Surgery	315.00	
Skin specialist	5.00	
Dental cost	532.50	
Eyes examined and glasses provided	137.00	
		1,752.97
Good Conduct Fund		233.40
Incidentals and contingencies		611.67
Total expenditure for year by voucher		\$39,040.94
Maintenance and repairs (expended through Public Works Department)		4,797.80
		\$43,838.74
Inventory, March 31st, 1945		1,156.54
		\$44,995.28
Less board	\$1,702.11	
Less rent	390.65	
Less credit for sale of garden produce	174.67	
Less inventory, March 31st, 1946	952.47	
		3,219.90
		\$41,775.38

POPULATION OF SCHOOL, MARCH 31st, 1946.

On roll, April 1st, 1945	33
Girls admitted during year April 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1946....	17
	—
	50
Released as wards of Family Court	13
Released as wards of Juvenile Court	12
Transferred to other institutions	2
	— 27
	—
Total in school, March 31st, 1946	23

LIST OF GIRLS ADMITTED FROM APRIL 1st, 1945, TO MARCH 31st, 1946.

No.	Place of Birth.	Parentage.	RESIDENCE PREVIOUS TO BEING ADMITTED TO SCHOOL.	
			British Columbia	Canada.
			Years.	Years.
773	Vancouver, B.C.....	Scotch, English-American.....	14	14
774	Burnaby, B.C.....	Scotch, English.....	17	17
775	Williams Lake, B.C.....	English, Canadian.....	15	15
776	Vancouver, B.C.....	Scotch, English-American.....	13	13
777	England.....	English.....	8	8
778	Vancouver, B.C.....	Polish.....	13	13
779	North Bend, B.C.....	Hungarian, English.....	17	17
780	Vancouver, B.C.....	Scotch, American.....	16	16
781	Moncton, N.B.....	French-Canadian.....	1	16
782	Regina, Sask.....	English-Canadian, German-Canadian.....	3	15
783	Estevan, Sask.....	English, Scotch.....	3	16
784	Winnipeg, Man.....	Scotch.....	10	17
785	Vancouver, B.C.....	Swedish.....	15	15
786	Kamloops, B.C.....	Irish-Indian, French-Indian.....	17	17
787	Wanham, Alta.....	Canadian, Danish.....	10	16
788	Vancouver, B.C.....	Irish-Canadian, Polish.....	16	16
789	New Westminster, B.C.....	Irish.....	16	16

NATIONALITY OF PARENTS.

English (both)	1	French, Canadian	1
Irish (both)	1	Hungarian, English	1
Polish (both)	1	Irish, Canadian	1
Scotch (both)	1	Irish-Indian, French-Indian	1
Swedish (both)	1	Scotch, English-American	2
Canadian, Danish	1	Scotch, American	1
English-Canadian, German-Canadian	1	Scotch, English	1
English, Canadian	1	Total	17
English, Scotch	1		

WHERE GIRLS WERE BORN.

Alberta	1	Manitoba	1
British Columbia	11	New Brunswick	1
England	1		—
Saskatchewan	2	Total	17

AGES OF GIRLS.

13 years	2	16 years	7
14 years	1	17 years	4
15 years	3		—
		Total	17

PLACES OF APPREHENSION.

Vancouver	14	Kamloops	2
Victoria	1		—
		Total	17

OFFENCES COMMITTED.

Incorrigibility	9	Theft	1
Arson	1	Vagrancy	1
Sexual immorality	5		—
		Total	17

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.

Sec. 20, J.D.A., 1929	17
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RELIGIOUS STATISTICS.

Church of England	1	Roman Catholic	5
English Lutheran	1	United Church	2
Mormon	1	Unknown	3
Presbyterian	1		—
Protestant(church unknown)	3	Total	17

GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS.

Number who have both parents living	10
Number who have father living, mother dead	1
Number who have mother living, father dead	3
Number who have mother living, father unknown	2
Number whose parents are unknown	1
	—
Total	17

Of the above, the parents of three girls are separated; four parents are divorced; four girls have stepfathers; three girls have stepmothers; and one girl is adopted.

*Miss Maude V. Fleming,
Superintendent, Industrial School for Girls,
Vancouver, B.C.*

DEAR MADAM,—During the period from April 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1946, classes in handicraft were carried on with marked enthusiasm. Many of the articles made by these groups provided material for our successful bazaar. Instruction in woodwork, embroidery, crochet, knitting, and weaving was given by various members of the staff skilled in these arts. Most of the girls have had little or no previous knowledge of handicrafts and are delighted and proud to see the results of their own efforts.

School classes were carried on as before during the afternoon. Following are the movements of high school pupils:—

On roll, April 1st, 1945	2
Enrolled during the term	1
Released from classes	2
On roll, March 31st, 1946	1

These girls were, as previously, enrolled in Government Correspondence Courses, taking English and Social Studies. I should like to express appreciation for the co-operation of Dr. Edith E. Lucas and her staff in connection with these courses. One girl, upon leaving, entered hospital work, and the other enrolled in commercial school. The remaining pupil intends to continue work at school upon her release.

Three girls also received tuition in shorthand and typing from the clerk in our office.

At the beginning of the year, there were six girls attending classes in elementary grades. During the term nine more girls entered the class. Of these, three were enrolled in Government Correspondence Courses and the remainder received special instruction in subjects and grades suited to their individual needs. The interest and assistance of Miss Anna B. Miller and her staff were much appreciated.

Interest in the Junior Red Cross was maintained. A money donation from our bazaar proceeds, as well as the knitting of children's garments, was a concrete way of showing this interest. The girls also knitted a variety of baby garments for the Catholic Children's Aid Society, from wool supplied by that organization.

Our sewing-room has provided instruction for those girls with interest and ability. During the year eighteen girls received training in sewing, mending, and elementary dressmaking. A total of 1,144 articles were made in this department, including table and bed linen, girls' aprons and print dresses, blouses, skirts, and personal garments of all kinds. Fifty-five pairs of curtains were made for the Women's Auxiliary to the Air Force for use in the hospital. As in former years, a number of dolls were renovated and dressed for distribution by the Christmas Cheer Committee.

In the laundry, twenty-five girls received training under the capable instruction of a trained supervisor. Here the girls learn all branches of laundry-work, including the handling of electric mangles and washers, as well as hand ironing of fine, starched articles.

Kitchen training is a goal toward which all girls look with interest. This training includes the preparation of three meals a day for the entire household and involves the planning of meals and cooking of soups, meats, vegetables, desserts, and salads. The making of jams, jellies, and pickles, and preserving of fruit were part of the training provided.

Main and dormitory floors furnish instruction and practice in general housework, including care of dining-room equipment, curtains, floors, and making of beds.

The radio for various programmes and dancing; the gymnasium and outdoor playing-field for games and exercise; and our popular library continue to be sources of pleasure and benefit during recreation hours. We were fortunate in having on our staff a former member of the C.W.A.C. drill squad, whose instruction was greatly appreciated by the girls. Birthday parties with candle-lighted cakes were one of the chief pleasures enjoyed by all throughout the year.

AYRA E. PECK,

Assistant Superintendent and School-teacher.

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The progress of the work during the year 1900 has been very satisfactory. The results of the investigations have been published in several papers, and the work has been continued in the laboratory. The following is a summary of the work done during the year.

The work has been carried out in the following order:



