

Northwest. When both institutions were in need of help, he gave from his personal funds to the University of Oregon and the Territorial University of Washington. Readers of the *Washington Historical Quarterly* will be pleased to learn more about those papers as soon as they are made available at Harvard.

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*Early Archives of Vancouver*

Hon. Bernard Pelly, British Consul in Seattle, sends the following clipping from a London newspaper telling about a gift of important historical documents to the Provincial Library at Victoria:

"The Agent-General of British Columbia was yesterday presented with the earliest original archives connected with the institution of representative government on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. They include the appointments under the Great Seal, dated July, 1849, of his Excellency Richard Blanshard, the first Governor, and Commander-in-Chief over the Island of Vancouver and its dependencies. Another book consists of many official documents on the colonisation of Vancouver Island, Hudson Bay Company rule, and returns to addresses. The gentleman who has enriched the Government of British Columbia with this gift made only two stipulations: First, that the archives should be always on exhibition and readily accessible in the Legislative Library at Victoria, and, second, that his identity should not be revealed.

"The Agent-General strongly urged that the publication of the name of the donor might lead to many other persons in Great Britain in possession of autograph letters and other archives of the first colonisation of the island to follow his example and add to the historical treasures of the library. On these representations being made Sir Leicester Harmsworth finally consented to the publication of his name."

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*Whitman County Pioneers*

Mr. J. Orin Oliphant, who graduated from the University of Washington in the class of 1916, since his return from service in the World War, has been serving as Executive Secretary of the State Normal School at Cheney. He is greatly interested in the history of the Pacific Northwest and lately has been conducting a