

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Approaching His Centennial

Major Junius Thomas Turner passed his ninety-sixth birthday on September 4, 1922. Though suffering much from physical ailments he keeps up a remarkably good cheer and takes an interest in current events as well as in history. He recently wrote: "With Dr. N. D. Hill's death, Robert S. Hathaway's, and now the passing of Charles Terry, there remain still living of Whidbey's pioneers of 1852 and 1853 only Thomas P. Hastie, Abe Lincoln Alexander (the first white child in Island County) and myself." Major Turner's address is 414 B Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Totem Pole at Everett

The people of Everett had an interesting ceremony on July 26, 1922, when they erected an eighty-foot totem pole as a monument for Patkanim, the ruling Indian chief of that region in the days of Indian treaties and Indian wars. The Chief signed the treaty with Chief Seattle and others on January 22, 1855. Later in the year, when the Indian war broke out, he led a company of his braves to fight on the side of the white people. The totem pole was carved by a skillful Indian, William Shelton, of Tulalip. He gave years to the work of transforming this trunk of a large cedar tree into a thing of Indian beauty and meaning. The principal address of the occasion was by Hon. W. H. Clay, Mayor of Everett, who told what honor was intended for the Chief and also how committees of Everett people, led by the Order of Redmen, had raised the necessary funds.

Later there is to be placed on the base of the totem pole a bronze tablet bearing an appropriate inscription and a portrait of the Chief.

Vancouver Island Historic Sites

Mr. John Forsyth, Provincial Librarian of British Columbia, has been cooperating with a Victoria Chamber of Commerce committee in marking certain historic sites. Artistic signboards are being placed on the roadways to attract the attention of motorists and others passing that way. The information contained in the signs reads as follows:

“Colonial School, ‘Craigflower,’—One of two buildings erected for schools by the first Council of Vancouver Island, 1853, and the only one still standing. Many of the notable pioneers received their early education in this building. Called ‘Craigflower’ after a farm in England, which belonged to Andrew Colville, then Governor of the Hudson’s Bay Company.”

“Craigflower Farm—This is one of the large farms established on Vancouver Island by the Puget Sound Agricultural Company. It was established in 1853 by Kenneth Mackenzie, of Rosshire, Scotland, and called ‘Craigflower’ after the farm of Governor Colville in England. Besides the farm, there was a bakeshop, flour mill and planing mill. The farm was one of importance, and supplied most of the produce necessary, not only for the colony, but also for the naval vessels at Esquimalt. In the early days, besides tilling the soil, the men engaged were drilled to repel attacks, if necessary, from the Indians who gathered near the settlement in large numbers.”

“Colwood Farm—‘Colwood Farm’ was the first of the farms established by the Hudson’s Bay Company in British Columbia. These buildings are, therefore, the first farm buildings erected in the Province. The farm was managed by Capt. E. Langford, who lived there with his family, 1851 to 1853. He called it ‘Colwood’ after his own farm in Sussex, England.”

Permission for the erection of the sign placed on the Colwood Farm was given by the present owner, Mr. Wales; that on the Craigflower Farm by Mr. Wilson, of the Hudson’s Bay Company; and for the Craigflower School by the School Board.

Early Report of University Regents

Mr. Harry B. McElroy, of Olympia, has again contributed to this *Quarterly* two interesting historical documents. One was the message to the Legislature by William Pickering, Washington Territory’s war governor. This was printed in 1862 and other copies are available. The other is a manuscript and probably was never printed except in the official journals of the Legislature for 1864–1865. It is an early report by the Board of Regents of the University. The original in the penmanship of the author will be filed in the official archives of the University of Washington. It is reproduced here for its historical values: