

"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 Harry B. McElroy, of Olympia, has again contributed to this *Quarterly* two interesting historical documents.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:

Office President Board of Regents
W. T. University
Olympia, Dec. 19, 1864.

To the Legislative Assembly of Wash. Terr'y

In accordance with the act of the Legislature, passed January 24th. 1864 directing the President of the Board of University Regents to make an annual report, I beg leave to submit the following statement.

The total amount of land donated to the Territory for University purposes was 46,080 acres, according to report of Rev'd. D. Bagley, President Board of University Commissioners. Of this amount there has been sold 43,928 acres, which, at \$1.50 per acre, brought \$65,892.

The cost of Buildings and other incidental expenses appears to have reduced the amount to \$24,013.

The investment of this sum, upon bond and mortgage, at not less than 12 per centum per annum, creates a revenue, upon which the annual or current expenses are based.

During the two years last past there has been a gradual transmutation of this fund to the legal tender currency, but during the same time the expenses of the University has been paid in coin, or its equivalent.

The effect of this for a year past has been practically to reduce the principal one half.

In June last, a meeting of the Board of Regents was held at Seattle, and, in view of the state of the fund the Board discharged all assistant teachers and continued the University under the sole direction of the President, Mr. W. E. Barnard, A. M. At that time the pupils numbered about 42.

The improvement of the scholars under the instruction of Mr. Barnard and his accomplished assistants was observed with pleasure by the Board at their visit to the University in March and June, 1864.

The Board of Regents was unable to ascertain the condition of the fund until last October. From oral information on the subject at the meeting in March, 1864, authority was given to pay teachers and incur other expenses, but upon receiving in October, from Rev'd. D. Bagley, President of Commissioners, a statement of the condition of the fund, it was ascertained that the revenue would not allow the payment of the salary of the University President for

the last few months, so it was deferred, with the understanding that the facts should be reported to the Legislature with the hope that your Hon. body would devise a means by which the Board of Regents comply with the contract with Mr. Barnard relating to his salary, as also other necessary expenses, as the Board of Regents could not pay him from the principal of the Fund and there was such an amount of interest money overdue from the borrowers of the Fund, and also some of the sums lent were unavailable, particularly in the case of Mr. Thos. M. Chambers, who is reported by the former Treasurer of the Fund as a debtor to a large amount, but Mr. Chambers claims damages for alleged failure on the part of the then President and acting Treasurer to comply with the terms of the contract by which Mr. Chambers was to receive the sum of money borrowed by him from the University Fund.

The undersigned would respectfully request that the matter of difference between the Treasurer of the Fund and Mr. Chambers be considered and determined and that such legislation be now had as will place the management of the University, its lands and all its interests under one Board, as that course will obviate confusion and establish responsibility as well as promote economy by dispensing with the expense of one Board entirely.

Some additional legislation is needed with regard to authority to institute suits at law against delinquent debtors, and to defray the current expenses of the institution until funds can be collected to constitute means in the Treasurer's hands for the purpose of keeping up the instruction at the School.

In the hope that another year may see the University upon a firm basis, and self supporting, with means to place all the pupils who may be sufficiently advanced into higher classes and so be able a full collegiate course

I am most respectfully

Your obt. svt.

James Tilton,

Pres't Board of Regents

W. T. University.