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## **Rapid Growth Reported From Western Canada**

On the west coast of Canada A.A. is making colossal strides. In Vancouver a group just 14 months old now numbers 150, the number having been quadrupled in the last six months. There is an active group nearly a year old in Victoria, the provincial capital of British Columbia, and in the past few months groups have been started in New Westminster, West Vancouver, Chilliwack, Kelowna, and a number of inland points.

One of the Vancouver Group's most interesting meetings was attended by a city police magistrate and a leading psychiatrist, the latter giving an address on the problems of the alcoholic, and saying that he had come to find in A.A. the most promising of all available therapeutic methods for helping such people.

Steps are under way to establish A.A. in Oakalla prison and the penitentiary at New Westminster. The Vancouver police court has an A.A. member in daily attendance to assist the magistrates in alcoholic cases. Growth in membership has led the Vancouver Group to move to new clubrooms at the Kitsilano Lawn Bowling Club and to establish regional groups in the city.