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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 8th to 14th April, 1903.

The weather during the past week has been unusually cool over this northern portion of the Pacific slope; showers have been frequent and furies of snow have occurred, especially on the higher lands of Vancouver Island. Sharp frosts have been reported on several mornings and vegetation in consequence has been retarded. During the first three days of the week low pressure areas from the ocean occupied the province, causing in their movements showery and unsteady weather. In Cariboo temperatures were low and some three inches of snow fell. On the evening of the 10th, the barometric pressure increased from California, northward to Vancouver Island and rain again fell in this lower section of the province; the high area centred in Oregon and Washington and fairer weather followed. On the 12th, the pressure again fell in advance of an ocean disturbance which passed off our Coast, causing stormy weather; this, however, rapidly subsided, and the week closed with brighter and more springlike weather west of the Cascades. In the Northwest low pressure areas from the ocean have traversed the province, but in Manitoba high pressure has been continuous during the week; precipitation has been light, a few showers and occasional snowfall, but on the whole temperatures have been moderate and the weather not unseasonable.

At Victoria, 35 hours of bright sunshine were registered; highest temperature, 53.5 on 12th; lowest, 31.2 on 11th; rain, 0.34 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 52 on 12th; lowest, 26 on 10th; rain, 0.22 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 54 on 12th; lowest, 26 on 10th; rain, 0.86 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 42 on 12th and 13th; lowest, 4 on 10th; snow, 3 inches.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 34 on 14th; lowest 18 below zero on 8th; no precipitation.

On Tuesday at the Temperance hall, Cedar Hill, a most enjoyable dance was held under the auspices of the Dramatic Club of that district. There was a large attendance. Music was supplied by Messrs. Wheeler and Fawcett. Refreshments were served about midnight and the dancers dispersed in the early hours of the morning.

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—On Thursday evening at the board of trade rooms the directors of the Provincial hospital will meet. Besides the regular business the special committee regarding the suggestion that the management of the Isolation hospital be taken into the hands of the city by the directors, will report. The meeting will be called to order as usual at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. M. N. A. Cohen, who will leave Victoria in August, is desirous that those who intend taking the course in English literature, which he proposes to give before leaving should see him at once in the matter. The class is now being formed and in order to complete the series of lectures before his leaving they must commence almost at once. All desiring to take advantage of this course are requested to communicate with Rev. Mr. Cohen at the Balmoral hotel.

—Masquerade ball was given Tuesday evening at Semple's hall, Victoria West, under the auspices of the pupils of Mrs. Thiovis's dancing classes. There was a large attendance and a pleasant time was spent by all. An excellent musical programme was given and considerable amusement was provoked by the costumes of some of the dancers. Supper was served at about 12 o'clock. The affair broke up in the early hours.

—Arrangements are about complete for the complimentary benefit entertainment to be given by the Trades and Labor Council to the B. C. S. S. Some of the best talent has been secured, and a first class concert is assured. A massed band comprising all the union musicians in the city and numbering about fifty will be one of the attractions. The entertainment will be preceded by a parade of all unions in Victoria, headed by the union band, terminating at the Victoria theatre in time for the concert. Ladies are cordially invited to attend as a treat is promised.

—M. O'Keefe, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the fine new headquarters building to be erected for the Chinese Reform Association in Vancouver at a cost of \$10,000. The building is a handsome one of stone, and is 100 feet long by 27 feet wide. The lower story is devoted to stores, the second to the public hall and committee rooms and school, while the third story embraces a billiard room, billiard parlour and reception hall. The contract for the site lay between Vancouver and Victoria, but Nanaimo and Westminster Chinese threw their vote with Vancouver, thus assuring the location there.

—The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held their annual meeting for the election of officers on Monday. After the reports of the various officers, with the exception of the first vice-president's report, which was absent, had been submitted and accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded them for their services to the league during the past year, the following new officers were elected: President, W. M. Ritchie; first vice-president, A. C. Charleton; second vice-president, Miss Monteith; third vice-president, T. W. MacLennan; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Dalrymple; secretary, Miss Foxall; treasurer, Miss Taylor; reporter, E. B. Jones; organist, Miss Bailey.

—The sad news has been received in this city of the death at sea of Purser Harry Bellemaire of the Canadian-Australian liner Miowera. The news of his demise will be received here with much regret, as he was a very popular and well thought of by all who knew him. The Miowera is due to reach this port on Thursday from Sydney. According to the advices received the deceased was the victim of a heart attack shortly after the vessel left Melbourne on March 28th. Despite the care and attendance of the ship's doctor, he succumbed to the disease on April 5th, when the steamer was between Suva and Honolulu. The remains were buried at sea. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his untimely death. His brother, Frank Bellemaire, is purser of the Aorangi of the same line.

—The sterling head of the Mining Association, John Keen, has received for the conciliation committee the following tribute from H. Tonkin, general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, an expression which all who have followed their work will heartily endorse: "On behalf of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company I wish to tender my sincere thanks for the splendid work done by your conciliation committee during your recent visit to Fernie, as I feel confident that without the aid of this committee the coal mines of this company would have been idle for a longer period than they actually were. The work as performed by the conciliation committee was very satisfactory indeed to the company and myself, and I certainly feel that very few committees could have handled the matter with the fact as demonstrated by you, and leave with a good feeling that certainly prevailed during your visit."

—Some time since Thursday evening last the slot gas meter in the Alcazar dancing academy, above J. G. Hay's blacksmith shop, has been tapped of its cash contents. When gas is wanted it is necessary that twenty-five cents be dropped in the machine before the gas will flow to the jets. There was to have been a meeting in the hall last night, but when Mr. Hay went to turn on the gas he found that the meter would not work. He lighted a candle and proceeded to search for the leak, when suddenly a flame burst forth from a pipe which was disconnected. On further examination he found that the meter had been disconnected from the pipes, taken from the stand and the staple through which the padlock which holds the money drawer passes, broken in two, and the money, which probably amounted to \$6 or \$7 stolen. The meter was then placed on the stand and partially connected again. Mr. Hay claims that on Thursday night he was in the hall and a vote taken there being only one in favor of the books. The club will again meet on May 6th, to discuss the subject "Punctuality and Regularity," to be opened by Mrs. Maynard.

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—About 3 o'clock Thursday a blue-jacket of H. M. S. Grafton was killed at the drydock. He was working on one of the planks alongside when the rope broke and the unfortunate man fell into the dock, alighting on the side of his head. The plank fell on top of him.

—At the manse Wednesday Rev. W. Leslie Clay united in marriage Mr. W. J. Roscamp and Miss Minnie Van Horst. The bride was attended by Miss Marie Van Horst, her sister, and the bridegroom was supported by Mr. Geo. Van Horst, Mr. and Mrs. Roscamp will reside in the city.

—An interesting event took place in St. Saviour's church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when Mr. Arthur Crease, youngest son of Sir Henry Crease, and Miss Nellie G. Drake, youngest daughter of Mr. Justice Drake, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The marriage ceremony was solemnized by Rev. W. D. Barber, and the Misses Bridgeman acted as maids of honor.

—On Tuesday, May 19th, at 10 a. m., the first sitting of the annual Court of Revision for the city of Victoria will be held in the council chamber for the purpose of revising and correcting the assessment roll, also for the hearing of complaints against the assessment as made by the assessor.

—Mrs. Farrel, who for 35 years had been a resident of Esquimalt, and whose place of residence almost adjoins the drydock yard, was found dead Wednesday. Deceased had sustained a fall, the effects of which it is supposed she died from, for shortly afterwards she was picked up dead. Five children live to mourn her loss, one son being a sealer and another a steamboat hand. Of the daughters, one Mrs. James Davis resides in this city, another in the States. The deceased was 65 years of age and a native of Dublin.

—There was a large and enthusiastic crowd at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, when an entertainment was provided by Miss Maevetta La Dell and Miss Emily Frances. Miss La Dell is an exceedingly clever artist. She is an adept at miming, and in a way all her own to alternately evoke a smile or a tear from her hearers. In "The Burial of General Wainope" and "Old Days and the New" she excelled, while in "The Scotch Cousins" and "The Bear Story" she caused much laughter. Miss Frances has a beautiful clear soprano, and her singing was highly appreciated, especially "A Dream" and "Whisper and I Sing" Hear.

—At last Monday night's council meeting Ald. Stewart gave notice that at the next regular session he would move that permanent sidewalks be at once laid on the following streets: Fort Street, north side, from lot 1,098, block 13, easterly to School street; George street, east side, between North and South Pandora streets; North Pandora street, south side, from George street, easterly to lot 26, block 21, Spring Ridge; Linden avenue, both sides, between Becher and Fort streets; Wharf street, west side, opposite Hinch's Bay Co.'s store (with granite curb); Bellevue street, south side, from Menzies to St. John streets; Menzies, west side, from Bellevue street to Queen's street; Fort street, south side, from Quadra to Douglas streets.

—A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held Thursday, at which considerable business was transacted. A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the Vancouver board of trade in endeavoring to secure equal freight rates to interior points. The committee follows: Messrs. Jas. Thomson, E. P. Todd, R. Seabrook, Simon Leisner, S. J. Pitts, R. D. Munro, J. L. Beckwith, and A. B. Fraser, sr. The quarterly meeting of the board will be held to-morrow night, commencing at 8 o'clock, when Mr. James Neil Dickie, Mounce and Paterson, M.E.P., will probably give addresses on matters of mutual interest to the districts represented and the citizens of Victoria.

—Wednesday at the A. O. U. W. hall the Victoria lodge of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe was organized by Messrs. Alkman and Husted. There was a large attendance and a number of well known persons became members. T. J. Wilkinson, Pat Powers, Chas. Fry, J. W. Sharples and G. W. Cripps, of Vancouver, assisted in the formation of the new order. After the completion of business supper was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner. The following officers were elected: Past commander, Chas. E. Lang; commander, J. W. Ambery; vice-commander, C. Cullin; chaplain, Harry C. Ross; recorder, C. F. Langton; marshal, Kenneth J. Burns; watchman, O. Wilson; guide, J. Fletcher; guard, Dr. Quay; sentry, H. G. Lawson; musician, D. L. Carver.

—A very interesting and enjoyable meeting of the Mothers' Club was held in the Spring Hill school Thursday afternoon. Considerable business of importance was transacted. Mrs. Sivertz read an instructive paper on "Obedience," supplemented by a magazine article on the same subject. A rather lengthy discussion then followed, and the ladies were not backward in their expressions of opinion. The question of the substitution of booklets of the pupils' work in the home before the gas will flow to the jets. There was to have been a meeting in the hall last night, but when Mr. Hay went to turn on the gas he found that the meter would not work. He lighted a candle and proceeded to search for the leak, when suddenly a flame burst forth from a pipe which was disconnected. On further examination he found that the meter had been disconnected from the pipes, taken from the stand and the staple through which the padlock which holds the money drawer passes, broken in two, and the money, which probably amounted to \$6 or \$7 stolen. The meter was then placed on the stand and partially connected again. Mr. Hay claims that on Thursday night he was in the hall and a vote taken there being only one in favor of the books. The club will again meet on May 6th, to discuss the subject "Punctuality and Regularity," to be opened by Mrs. Maynard.

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—In Hamilton, Ont., on August 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, an Old Boys' carnival and reunion will be held. To ensure its success Hamiltonian clubs are being formed in all parts of Canada, and as many as possible of the members of the association will be asked to attend. T. B. McCabe, of the Colonist, has received a letter asking him to call a meeting of Hamiltonians in this city, for the organization and assist in making the carnival a success. A list of Hamiltonians known to be here was enclosed. It follows: Ed. Mahoney, Victoria; Planning Mills, Seattle; J. G. Macdonald, Victoria; Justice Martin; Ed. Hunter, purser; J. W. Ambery, P. O. box 268; Robert Malcolm, drug store; A. B. Pottinger, barrister; Thos. B. McCabe, Colonist office; Wm. H. Lewis, 81 Bliswery street; Fred Wilcox, Leonard Tait and David Tait, 28 Craigflower road.

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SUGGESTION MADE TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Efficient Steamship Service Urgently Required to New Westminster and the Fraser Valley.

At the last meeting of the chamber of commerce a partial report of the transportation committee was submitted by this branch. This consisted entirely of replies to circulars sent to the various provinces asking for general information as to the exports and imports of each place and its transportation relations with Victoria. A large number of these are most interesting and numerous suggestions are made for the improvement of the trade relations of this city with other points of British Columbia.

The secretary of the Settlers' Association of British Columbia writes a lengthy communication setting forth the conditions on the Mainland very clearly. He says in part:

Dear Sir:—I feel led to direct the attention of your Chamber of Commerce to the conditions affecting the Fraser valley, but first would refer to the question of the value of annual importations of agricultural produce brought into the province to support our own inhabitants; produce that we could not and ought to raise at home. The sum is now nearly six millions of dollars annually and constantly increasing, while our own lands remain in a wild and undeveloped condition; very little thought being given to the matter at all. This money is as surely lost to the province as is that sent to China by the Chinese, in fact more so, for the reason that in this instance when the produce is consumed there is absolutely nothing left to show for it, while the money itself goes to build up the foreign and particularly the United States, that may be antagonistic to our own. If there were no good agricultural land available in British Columbia and directly tributary to the capital city of Victoria, then there would be some cause for the existing apathy and neglect, but what are the facts? Take a good map of the province and see for yourself, and inform the Victoria Chamber of Commerce that within 45 miles from their own harbor, with good soil and safe water communication, there is a stretch of country 15 miles wide by 65 miles in length, the soil of which is equal in fertility to any on the face of God's fair creation, not a tith of which is occupied and productive. It has practically no facilities, other than nature provided, for its development, and we never see a boat or anything to give us any intimation that such a place as Victoria. Doubtless you will be led to ask, what is the cause of this with the question? It has this to do with it, Victoria can, if she wishes, very materially assist in the settlement of the lands mentioned and incidentally their development, and the consequent result, beneficial to herself, or she can leave it alone another two years and a half or three years and Vancouver sees the opportunity and takes advantage of it. A great deal more could be said on this subject, but I think enough has been written to show the advantage it will be to Victoria to assist in the development of the magnificent domain situated south of the Fraser river.

Respectfully yours,
HENRY T. THRETT,
Gen. Secy.-Treas. Settlers' Ass'n of B.C.

Some suggestions for the improvement of transportation relations of Victoria with other parts of the province follow: The answers to only two questions included in the circular are given, namely, (a) "Has there been any particular improvement service and better trade relations through your point and Victoria?" and (b) "Any additional information?"

Chacoquet, B.C.: (a) Should prefer faster service but we consider weekly service sufficient. (b) Freight and passenger rates between intermediate points are far from satisfactory. The following note is appended to this reply: "We should wish to call your attention to the fact that a large percentage of the goods coming to the West Coast are purchased by Indians on the American side when returning from the Fraser river and Puget sound after the fishing and hop picking in the fall. We think that this fact should be brought before the proper authorities, it being a serious detriment to the merchants on the coast."

Galiano, B.C.: (a) The service of the Sidney and Nanaimo transportation company's steamer is so irregular that the farmers can never tell what time to expect the boat, which causes no end of complaint. The cattle are kept waiting for hours sometimes, and at other times the steamer arrives before scheduled and people have not arrived with their exports and consequently the goods are not welcomed, but fail to know what to suggest.

Hope, B.C.: (a) Yes, by the building of the Coast-Kootenay road through Hope direct to Victoria.

Sumas, B.C.: (a) Yes, by the construction of the Coast-Kootenay road and completing of the ferry. Then I believe we could reach Victoria and have a few hours for business, returning the same day. We are much handicapped for want of railway communication, but have strong hopes that the J. J. Hill

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SUCCESSFUL RACE MEET AT COLWOOD

BIG CROWD PRESENT AT MONDAY'S EVENT

Jezebel, Sugar Loaf and Mary Anderson Among the Victorious Animals of the Day.

Horse racing at Colwood, that provided at the annual meet of the Victoria Hunt Club, attracted a large number of city folk to the country on Monday. Cloudy weather in the morning threatened the success of the event, but in the afternoon the warm sun broke through the clouds and gave a cheery aspect to the spacious grounds already green with the grass of spring.

Compared with other meets, the attendance was probably not quite so large, but the enthusiasm in the various numbers on the programme was quite as keen and demonstrative. As usual, Manager Geo. J. Courtney, of the P. & N. Railway Company, provided an excellent train service to the grounds, and in addition to the many who availed themselves of this opportunity of transit, scores of riders on bicycles were drawn and ridden out along the picturesque roadway, leading some eight or nine miles from the city. Finn's hand added to the enjoyment of the afternoon, while within the members' enclosure refreshments were furnished.

Altogether the races were well contested, and close finishes were the order of the day. The first on the programme, that of a 2 1/2 mile steepchase, for the Hatley Park plate, brought out a string of three. The dash was for lightweights, Dr. B. Pooder's bay gelding Apollo, with Lieat, Colthrop up, Lieut. Bandy's bay mare Jezebel, ridden by Mr. Langworthy, and T. P. Patton's gelding Thunder, with the owner in the straps, were the favorites. Jezebel was the favorite, and she won by a wide margin. Apollo and Thunder made an exciting race, and were around the track in a bunch. The whip was freely used in the final struggle, and Jezebel's extra effort was very judiciously used in her for the occasion, passed the pole first by about a neck. Thunder contesting ever inch of the way in a game and plucky manner.

The second race for the club handicap was a two-mile dash, and again saw three competitors: J. M. Bradburn's bay gelding Rufus; Lieut. French's bay gelding Rufus; and Lieut. Cameron's grey gelding Placard. Under the leadership of Rufus, stumbling on a hurdle just after starting on his second mile, led him out of the race. Up to this juncture the horses stayed well together, alternating in positions and making a very close run. Mr. Bradburn's horse, however, was the favorite with the spectators. The finish was particularly strong and close, and the two horses were home with a slight lead, ridden by L. H. Hertz, slightly in the lead, and Pharoah, with Sidley Easton up, pressing hard for the finish. Lieut. Colthrop on Rufus was dislodged, but not before he had secured considerable interest centred in the Hunt Club cup contest which was the next on the programme. There were five entries: Drake's Grey Friar, Mr. Simon's Montana Maid, Lieut. French's Jezebel, Mr. Taylor's Dr. Maclean, and T. P. Patton's Thunder. The favorite was undoubtedly Jezebel. The start was made by Drake's Grey Friar, who was followed by Jezebel, who was followed by the efforts of his rider to dislodge him to the starting point. Finally, however, he got away with the rest, and for the first round held the lead. The distance was about a mile and a half, and the lower course, and on the second round Jezebel and Thunder gradually evened with Dr. Maclean and for a short distance the three horses raced together with an evident advantage. Then Jezebel and Thunder drew ahead, the former winning from the latter by about a neck. This was one of the closest races of the afternoon, and Lieut. French was marked with his hand on the occasion. The result was what was expected, but not anticipated that Dr. Maclean would make such a good showing.

For the pony race, which was the next event, there were five entries, and the finish was most exciting. Mary Anderson, owned by P. T. Patton, crossed the line first, followed closely by Mr. Langworthy's Frank L. Blackie, belonging to Capt. Casement, who ran twice around the course. His contention was considered by the executive of the club. The prize for this contest was a cup presented by Capt. Casement, R.N., and the tandem race although the winner had things all his own way, created a great deal of amusement. There were three entries, Mr. T. Patton with Thunder, Mr. Langworthy with Rufus, and Lieut. Elliott with Daisy and Fairall. The start was very promising, the three teams getting away well together. Lieut. Elliott had not gone two hundred yards before he was the victim of an accident which put him out of the race. The other two finished, Mr. Patton arriving at the finishing point with a good lead.

The farmers' race brought forward only two entries, a most unusual occurrence. H. T. Oldfield, with Lightfoot, and James Wallace, with Kitty, started. At first the former appeared to have the advantage, but at the finish Kitty was well in the lead.

Speaking generally, with reference to the services of the various countries, it is than those of cold or temperate countries.

WOMAN DISAPPEARED

Police Looking For Husband Who Is Suspected of Poisoning Her.