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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.
8th to 14th April, 1907.

The weather during this week was for the most part overcast and showery, and on the Lower Mainland the rain fell abundantly heavy. Several storm areas from the Pacific have spread inland from the Pacific during the week. Upon Friday, the 5th, one of these disturbances appeared off Vancouver Island, and during the forenoon caused a strong southerly gale, not only along the Coast, but on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia, and by night the force of the wind at the mouth of the Columbia river reached a velocity of 72 miles an hour, and at Cape Flattery 80 miles an hour. Again, on Tuesday, the 9th, another widespread storm extended over the greater portion of the province, and in this vicinity and on the Gulf a moderate southerly gale prevailed for some hours.

The passage of a number of low barometer areas across this province has caused a marked rise in temperature, not only along the Coast, but between the ranges, and by the 9th the temperature in Kootenay rose to 55 degrees, and in Alberta to 62 at Calgary and Medicine Hat. The weather was generally mild in the Pacific and moderately cold eastward to Manitoba, where snow fell upon several days.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine recorded was 12 hours; rain, 1.41 inch; highest temperature, 55.1 on 8th; lowest, 38.4 on 3rd.

Vancouver—Rain, 3.58 inches; highest temperature, 53 on 8th and 9th; lowest, 32 on 3rd.

West Vancouver—Rain, 3.16 inches; highest temperature, 52 on 8th and 9th; lowest, 29 on 3rd.

Kamloops—Snow, 1.00 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 8th; lowest, 22 on 3rd.

Barkerville—Snow, 2.00 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 8th; lowest, 22 on 3rd.

Port Simpson—Rain, .52 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 8th and 9th; lowest, 32 on 3rd.

Atlin—Snow, .30 inch; highest temperature, 38 on 7th and 8th; lowest, 12 on 8th.

Dawson—Snow, .10 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 7th; lowest, 8 below on 3rd.

LOCAL NEWS

A social dance will be held in Semple's hall next Friday evening.

The weekly bank clearings for the week ending April 9th amount to \$1,149,901.

The many friends of Mr. Sorby will be sorry to hear that he is confined to his home with a serious attack of lumbago.

P. H. McKay's "Flora" took first in the Gordon Stuppy puppy bitch class at the bench show, not Toy, as previously announced.

Acting Stipendiary Magistrate Morphy Monday afternoon sentenced Ching Fook, the Chinese steward of the British ship Hutton Hall, who has been charged with having shot Peter Schwig, the cabin boy of that vessel, to twelve months' imprisonment.

The secretary of the Life Boat and Life Saving Association of British Columbia has received notice that the executive council of that body has accepted a deputation from this association at the parliament buildings on Friday next, 12th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m.

The bureau of provincial information is in receipt of letters from the Agent-General of the province, London, England, inquiring as to the possibility of the British ship Hutton Hall, who has been charged with having shot Peter Schwig, the cabin boy of that vessel, to twelve months' imprisonment.

In all the glories of new paint, the first Grand Trunk Pacific car to reach this city rolled into the yards of the E. & N. here this morning. The car was number 3277, and was from Calgary loaded with settlers' effects. The latter fact may be a good omen.

C. J. South, of the Children's Aid Society, is in the city seeking assistance from the government in the erection of a new wing to the home in Vancouver. Mr. South said that there are good reasons for asking immediate aid as the erection of the wing at this time will mean a much smaller outlay than it would if delayed.

The statement that a public meeting of the citizens of Esquimalt district would be held on Wednesday evening next, at the Esquimalt street school house is incorrect. The delegation, which interviewed the government will meet to consider the reply received. If it is decided to call a public meeting, ample notice will be given through the press and by circular.

At a meeting of the St. Andrew's society held at the Sir William Wallace hall Monday, an enjoyable social evening was spent. A musical entertainment was given to which the following artists contributed: Messrs. Eddie, Mackie, Forrester, Smith, Walker, Manson and Houston. Pipe music was rendered by Messrs. McDonald and Roger. It was decided to give a concert and dance in the Victoria hall on Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst.

The half holiday question for grocery clerks is yet in a state of uncertainty. The latter part of last month the clerks of this city petitioned their employers to grant them Wednesday in April. Last year all the grocers closed their shops, but it is doubtful if they will do so this year unless the agreement to close has been reached. The signatures of all the grocers are as follows:

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present every grocer with one exception has agreed to close, but unless he can be won over the clerks will have no holiday. This grocer has absolutely refused to close his store on Wednesday afternoon, but is willing to put up the shutters at 5 o'clock instead of 6.30 as at present. The majority of the employers are in favor of the proposal, and it is their intention to lay the question before the customers, who will undoubtedly decide in favor of the clerks.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A letter has been received by the Mayor from Major Curran, which intimates that the 6th Regiment, Vancouver, may visit Victoria on May 24th.

C. M. Parsons, of the international branch of the Y. M. C. A., met the local directors yesterday and the new committee appointed to confer with them and advised them as to the next stage of the campaign.

FARMERS' SONS WANTED

With knowledge of farm stock and fair education to work in an office, \$60 a month with advancement, in the north-west, must be honest and reliable. Branch offices of the association, which are established in each province. Apply at once, giving full particulars. The Veterinary Science Assn., Dept. 20, London, Can.

Dr. Inglis, of Telegraph Creek, will speak at the prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-night. Mr. Inglis has been in the northern country for about two years and a very interesting time will be given those attending.

Gustave Gervais, of White Horse, who is in the city en route to Ottawa for the purpose of completing the classification and analysis of his collection of Yukon flora, says the collection will be exhibited in this city about the end of May.

In the police court this morning E. M. Johnston appeared to answer a charge of breaking the city's health by-law by not connecting his drainage system with the city's sewerage. The case was heard by Magistrate Morphy, and after some evidence had been heard it was laid over until to-morrow.

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Messrs. Thos. Hodge and Albert Weirings, tenants of No. 2 fire hall, held a social or amiable in the continental or insular territory of the republic, or in its jurisdictional waters, shall suffer punishment of nine to twelve months' imprisonment. A translation of the law of the Uruguayan government with regard to the sealing in territorial waters has been secured by the local customs authorities, and reads as follows:

The Senate and House of Representatives of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, united in general assembly, etc., hereby decree as follows:

Article 1. Every person who, without permission of the state, fishes or hunts seals or amphibia in the continental or insular territory of the republic, or in its jurisdictional waters, shall suffer punishment of nine to twelve months' imprisonment.

Article 2. There shall be considered as circumstances aggravating the offence defined and penalized in the previous article:

(a) The employment in the fishing of steel vessels, fire-arms or explosives.

(b) Having effected the fishing or hunting outside the period permitted between the 15th May and the 15th October.

(c) When the value of the seals or fishings realized exceeds \$500.

Article 3. The embargo utilized for the perpetration of the offence mentioned in Article 1 shall be placed under preventive embargo (i.e., detained), with all its accessories, and in the case of condemnatory sentence shall be confiscated, to make who the owner.

This disposition shall be applicable to the cargo found in the vessel, but this may be restored to the owner if it is shown to belong to a person neither criminally nor civilly responsible for the offence.

Article 4. Without awaiting the result of the trial, the judge in the case shall authorize the immediate sale at judicial auction of those articles under preventive embargo of difficult preservation (i.e., liable to deterioration), the result being deposited according to the dispositions in force, after deduction of the judicial costs caused by the seizure.

Article 5. In all cases referred to in Article 1, the judge in the case shall prepare the case for the prosecution, shall correspond to the judge of instruction, and the decision thereon to the criminal judge in turn.

Article 6. The administrative authorities shall carry out at the place of the offence and its authors (i.e., they shall collect the evidence), and these shall serve as base for the summary to be drawn up by the judge of instruction, as soon as it has been possible to report to the offence committed and to place the supposed offenders at the disposal of the judge, who shall be permitted by distance and the means of transport and communication.

Article 7. The executive power shall regulate this act.

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The death occurred this morning at St. Joseph's hospital of a Hindu who had been working at the Cement Works at Tod Creek. The cause of death was pneumonia. Unable to secure permission from the local authorities to cremate the body here, preparations were made to convey it to Tod's Inlet. While the Oriental laundress, the friends of the deceased, who were to convey the body from the hospital to the station, missed the train. The cremation will probably take place to-morrow night.

On board the steamer Moana, which touched port yesterday, was Eddie Durian, who was recently defeated by Towns on the Nepean river, Australia, for the professional sculling championship of the world. He was on route for his home in Tyrone, Ireland, and it is unlikely that he will again have a chance of meeting his victor because as pointed out in the Times yesterday, George Towns has forfeited his title of champion to his brother Charles, who has been challenged by Webb, of New Zealand. It is not yet known what ruling authorities will take of this forfeiture, which, although it is not without a precedent, is unusual in the realm of sport.

The nine men who were on a coal barge which was lost in a storm off the Florida coast on April 1st, while being towed by the naval collier Casca, have been landed at Galveston, Texas.

SEAL CATCHES OFF THE HORN

LARGE NUMBER OF SKINS ARE TAKEN

The Law Relating to Sealing in the Waters of the Republic of Uruguay.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The seal hunting off Cape Horn has been exceptionally good during the past two months. Captain Sport Balcom of this city has received reports of the season's activity from Port Stanley, where the vessels had put in to refuel for further hunting. The two vessels owned by the captain have been responsible for large catches; the Agnes G. Donohue, in the command of Captain H. Balcom, has taken 1,400 skins, which is nearly a record catch for two months' hunting. The Beatrice L. Corkum, Captain Lablanc, has made a catch of 1,200.

Among the other vessels engaged in the sealing industry off Cape Horn is the Edith R. Balcom, Captain Baker, owned by the Victoria Sealing Company. This vessel took 850 skins. The two other vessels which made up the Cape Horn fleet took 1,250 skins between them, namely, the E. B. Marvin, 850, and the Alice Gertrude, 550.

Great indignation has been felt in local quarters over the treatment of Canadian sealers engaged in Uruguay waters. Imprisoned sealers have after release told gruesome stories of their treatment, some to the effect that they have been herded with the vilest of malefactors. A translation of the law of the Uruguayan government with regard to the sealing in territorial waters has been secured by the local customs authorities, and reads as follows:

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MAY ESTABLISH FAST SERVICE

TO CARRY AMERICAN AUSTRALIAN MAIL

Passengers and Freight From Antipodes for United States Connecting via Canada.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Canadian-Australian liner Moana, which reached the outer wharf yesterday evening, brings news that the question of mail communication between Australia and America is disturbing the public mind in Australia. This has been caused by the Oceanic steamship line withdrawing its vessels which heretofore have carried the mails between San Francisco and Sydney.

The withdrawal has meant that Australia is cut off from direct communication with America. This change implies that Australia's direct steam communication with the north American continent is now with Victoria and Canada, instead of the United States. Although, as far as can be gathered, no contract has been awarded up to the present, it is understood that the Union S.S. Company will carry the mails and passengers from Australia to America, that they will be landed at Victoria, and from here shipped over the line.

The question of communication between Australia and America has been under consideration by the federal ministers in the former country for some time. It is understood that within a very short time a decision will be forthcoming. In the meantime this decision would seem to be a foregone conclusion, as Mr. Chapman, the post-master-general at Melbourne, is considering the desirability of improving the Victoria-Sydney service by providing more rapid transit across the Pacific. The provision of a 16-knot steamer would, it is estimated, reduce the time by nearly three days. The journey now occupies 21 days. Figures have also been drawn up showing that mails from Australia can be landed in Great Britain, coming via Victoria, in twenty-six and a half days; and in the event of this route being adopted, the time there is certain to be a large subsidy forthcoming from the Imperial parliament. This will mean that in all probability 30-knot vessels will be placed on the Canadian-Australian route, as well as meaning a large increase in the tonnage which enters and clears from Victoria.

Both the Moana and the Alby liner Pondo, which reached port yesterday, carried on board mail from Australia for San Francisco and Seattle. These were landed at Victoria, and shipped from here to their various destinations. On board the Moana were forty passengers for San Francisco, who were carried south last night on the steamer City of Topeka.

The Moana left Sydney on the 18th ult., and after calling at Brisbane, Suva and Honolulu, reached the outer wharf at 5.30 p.m. yesterday. The first few days of the weather prevailed moderate easterly winds and seas. On leaving Brisbane the wind continued from the east as far as Suva. Shortly after leaving that port the weather changed to strong east-northeast winds, with a lumpy sea and wind squalls. These moderated on her arrival at Honolulu. From that port the weather prevailed with favoring breezes, until her arrival at Victoria.

The cargo carried by the Moana included 310 cases of onions, 3 cases of arrowroot, 125 of meats, 13 of gum and 40 of honey. She had a large passenger list, of whom the following were landed:

First-class—Mr. Dods, C. Watson, B. Watson and son, L. Haeslop, Misses M. and J. Rankin, E. B. and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. L. L. D. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Meade, child and nurse, Miss L. Meyer.

Second-class—Phillip Kelly, Dr. and Mrs. K. Jones and three children, F. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Grace and child, L. Barry, A. Clarkson, W. F. Dunn, C. H. Jones, E. Ellenberg and two sons, W. D. Hutton, K. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Dods and child.

Steerage, 24 European and 44 Japanese.

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