WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
1st to 7th April, 1903.

The weather conditions during the past week have been rather unsettled, there has been considerable rainfall in the lower portion of British Columbia owing to the development and passage of storm areas from the ocean across the northern section of the province. The barometric pressure remained high during the greater part of the week on the Vancouver Island and American coast, but was low in Cariboo, these conditions resembling more the type of our winter weather, with lower temperatures and occasional snowfall. On the morning of the 6th, a pronounced storm area appeared on the Vancouver Island coast, the pressure rapidly decreased, and heavy rainfall ensued, while snow again falling in Cariboo; this storm quickly passed eastward, and the pressure again rose on the Californian and Oregon coast. During the week strong westerly gales and winds have prevailed, especially at the entrance to the Straits and at the bar of the Columbia river, hourly wind velocities of 56 and 48 miles being reported. On the 6th and 7th fresh snow fell on the higher lands adjacent to Victoria; vegetation is, however, advancing, owing to the good rains during the week; milder conditions have also prevailed in a large portion of the ranges and pasturage is improving. The water in the Fraser continues low, but a large amount of snow is reported in the upper country, and weather conditions will be anxiously watched. In the Northwest a succession of storm areas have rapidly passed over the country, causing milder weather with occasional light rainfall.

At Victoria, 44 hours and 18 minutes of bright sunshine were registered; highest temperature, 51.2 on 2nd; lowest, 35.7 on 1st; rainfall, 0.90 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 52 on 1st, 4th and 6th; lowest, 30 on 1st; rainfall, 1.90 inches.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 58 on 6th; lowest, 32 on 1st and 5th; no precipitation.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 40 on 2nd; lowest, 14 on 4th; snowfall, 11 inches.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 36 on 5th; lowest, 4 below zero on 7th; snowfall, 1.40 inches.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—In the list of names of those awarded diplomas in the Vancouver Normal school, published a few evenings ago, the name of Robert Stevenson appeared for Roberta Stevenson, the daughter of R. Stevenson, a prominent Similkameen mining man.

—All the school exhibits have now been removed from the market building. On Monday the superintendent of education, Mr. Robinson, selected what work should be exhibited at the Revelstoke convention. Miss Lawson will have charge of the work.

—A meeting of the Liberal Association was held on Monday, when officers were nominated for the ensuing term. An adjournment was then taken until tomorrow night in Labor hall, when it is hoped that there will be a large attendance as important business is to come up for consideration.

—Rev. A. Ewing will deliver a lecture in the schoolroom of Emmanuel Baptist church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society. A large gathering is expected, as Mr. Ewing has become favorably known as a speaker on the subject of "Missions."

—This evening a concert will be given by the Barracks Amateur Dramatic Club in the Fives Court, Work Point barracks. An excellent programme has been prepared and the proceeds will be devoted to the Deaf and Dumb asylum. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the officers of the Royal Engineers.

—The Yukon trail is softening under the rays of the spring sun and from 100 to 200 Klondike bound people are reported blockaded at White Horse as a result. They are waiting for better roads, which may or may not come before the final break up. News of the blockade was received in Seattle by the steamer Dolphin.

—A couple of tonsorial artists on Douglas street got mixed up on Monday, and in the combat managed to imprint a few illumination effects on each others faces. Fists, not razors, were used, and honors were about even judging by the effects. This is a very unreliable way of ascertaining the fortunes of the struggle, it is true, but in the absence of a referee it is the only way.

—The provincial police received a telegraphic dispatch Monday advising that a man by the name of Gus Nelson, of Duncans, was wanted to answer to a charge of infraction of the fisheries law. Constable Heale was detailed on the case and arrested his man at Saanich yesterday. Nelson will be taken to Duncans to-morrow, when he will come up for trial. The complaint was laid by the Duncans fisheries inspector.

—The spring meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club, which takes place on Easter Monday, the 13th inst., promises to be one of the best ever held by the club. The entries are filling up satisfactorily and the various events will undoubtedly be keenly contested. Besides good racing the club are making all necessary arrangements for the comfort of visitors, having arranged for a suitable train service and engaged the Fifth Regiment band to enliven the time between races.

—Health Inspector Marrion, of Vancouver, will come to Victoria this week, and while here will look into the workings of the by-law in operation regulating the construction by Chinese of mezzanine floors. This evil is one of the worst of the direct over-crowding the Chinese are so addicted to. The matter was up before the health committee of Vancouver last week and Inspector Marrion then asked that action on the over-crowding and alterations in buildings be left over till he could inquire into the Victoria by-law.

—Early on Wednesday a fall of rock in No. 1 shaft of the Nanaimo coal mines resulted in the death of Wm. Piper. The unfortunate miner lived at Nanaimo and had a wife and family in the Old Country.

—The report in this morning's Colonist to the effect that L. McQuade, jr., is negotiating for the purchase of the yacht Imp from Capt. Daniel McIntosh is inaccurate. It is said, however, that he will soon have a craft that will easily defeat all comers.

—At the court held by their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on the 20th March, Mrs. R. S. Chaplin was presented by the Countess of Airlie. Mrs. Chaplin is the wife of Captain R. S. Chaplin, reserve of officers, and until recently of the Tenth Hussars. She was formerly Miss Maud Dunsmuir of this city.

—Mr. Eugene Miller, of Nelson, B. C., son of Mr. Munroe Miller, of Cedar Hill, and Miss G. Pollock, of Victoria, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. Dr. Reid. Miss Pollock, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by Mr. A. J. Mortimer. The newly married couple left for Nelson by last evening's steamer.

—The following donations received at the Agell Women's Home during March are acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Becker, ginger snaps; Weiler Bros., one dozen rugs; Miss Devlin, reading matter; Miss Rita McTavish, cherry and blackberry preserves; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, brown bread; Mrs. H. B Chaffee, reading matter.

—On Good Friday a Rugby match will be played between the Victoria Junior team and the Capitals, commencing at 3 o'clock at the Calidonia grounds. It is requested that all members of the Capital team turn out to practice to-night and to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock sharp at the grounds, in order to get in shape for Friday's struggle.

—The comedy, "A Man of Mystery," was played by the company at the A.O.U.W. hall Tuesday. The hall was well filled and the audience appreciated the efforts put forth by the company. All the members played their parts well and are to be commended, especially Miss Hanmer, who took the part of Kate Paxton. The company will produce the English melodrama, "Queen's Evidence," to-night.

—There was a large attendance at the recital held on Tuesday at the Calvary Baptist church. The recitations given by Miss Underhill were much appreciated and heartily encored. Jesse Longfield, Miss Agnes Dier and J. G. Brown also took part in the entertainment, each being accorded an outburst of applause on the completion of their respective selections. All present spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

—A social dance and prize waltz will be given by the Quartette Quadrille Club in Temple's hall, Victoria West, on Thursday next, the 9th inst. The prizes will be a box of cigars, donated by the Province Cigar Company, and a case of perfume, donated by John Cochrane, druggist, Yates street. The members of the club are making a special effort to make this a complete success, as it will in all probability be their closing dance of the season. The judges for the contest will be chosen from those present.

—Monday afternoon the funeral of William Lucas took place at 2 o'clock from the family residence, Tolmie avenue. Services were conducted at the house and at the Cedar Hill cemetery by Rev. J. Grundy, of St. Mark's church, who was assisted at the grave by Rev. R. Connell, of St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill. There was a large attendance of sympathising friends, and many beautiful floral tributes. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. V. Dempsey, A. Duncan, R. Keeler, A. D. Young, J. Elsworth and C. Chislett.

—A very entertaining programme was rendered under the auspices of Speyside Camp at the Sir William Wallace hall Tuesday. There was a large representation of the order and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. Mr. Mackie gave a very pleasing lecture on Scotland, which was made especially interesting by lantern slides handled by J. R. Mackie, brother of the lecturer. An excellent musical programme was given by the following: Messrs. W. Allen, J. L. Forrester and Col. Munro. Rev. W. Leslie Clay gave a lecture on "The Order of the Sons of Scotland."

—The Children's Easter Carnival will have many attractive features which cannot fail to entertain and delight the public, prominent amongst which will be a number of fancy national musical drills and marches by the children, who are being trained under the able supervision of Miss Stone, M. E. This unique and picturesque entertainment will be produced in the A. O. U. W. hall on the 14th and 15th, and the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary of the Metropolitan Methodist church, under whose auspices it will be given, are making elaborate preparations for its success.

—The Nicola Aspen Grove Mining Association is the first branch of the main organization to send returns in to headquarters. Its officers are as follows: President, A. C. Howse; first vice-president, Geo. Murry; second vice-president, J. S. Bates; secretary, A. R. Carrington; treasurer, Jas. Pooley; executive committee, Messrs. A. Sim, John Clapperton, M. P. Stewart, Wm. Munro. Representatives on the central finance committee were appointed. This branch was organized on April 1st. A meeting was scheduled to be held at Kaslo on Friday last for the purpose of organizing a branch.

—The results of the recent law examinations have just been announced as follows: British Columbia—Solicitors for call, C. J. Prior and C. P. D. Dundas. Students for call—T. C. Lawe, G. E. Farrer, W. P. Dockerill, S. A. Moore. Articled clerks for admission—G. E. Farrer, F. C. Lowe, W. P. Dockerill, S. A. Moore and W. H. T. Gaham. First intermediate—R. C. Lowe, H. C. Hall, L. C. Mills, J. S. Patton, P. P. Harrison. The successful candidates for call to the bar were yesterday presented to His Lordship the Chief Justice and formally sworn and enrolled.

—Preparations are being made for the ball to be given by the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club on Tuesday next at the Assembly hall, Fort street. The work of decorating is now in progress. Tickets have been issued and may be obtained at Challoner & Mitchell's, T. N. Hibben's, or any members of the committee. A feature of the dance will be the music, which is being supplied by Finn's orchestra. A special car service will be run for the occasion.

—A dispatch from Quebec states that Premier Parent has received from Lord Lyveden, who is organizing the proposed trip of British parliamentarians through Canada, the itinerary of the tour. The party leaves Liverpool on August 19th, arrives at Quebec August 28th, will be in Banff September 8th, 9th and 10th; Field, September 11th and 12th; Glacier House, September 13th; Vancouver, September 14th and 15th; Victoria, September 15th, 16th and 17th; Vancouver (returning), September 17th, arrive at 7 a.m. leave at 2 p.m.; North Bend, September 18th; Revelstoke and Robson, September 19th.

—The social under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary held at the Y.M.C.A. rooms Tuesday night was a total success. There was a large attendance and all present were satisfied with the excellent programme and refreshments which were served during the evening. An appeal for funds for the running expenses of the association was made, and it is hoped that all who can will aid the association financially. The following programme was given: Address, Rev. Mr. Bolton; solo, Rev. Wm. Hicks; recitation, Miss Foxhall; instrumental duet, Harold Le Page and E. Fawcett; solo, Mrs. Manson; violin solo, E. Fawcett.

—The first work in the extension of the sewerage system, as provided for in the sewer loan by-law, will be done in the James Bay district, a sewer being extended along Niagara street. The city engineer informed a Times representative on Wednesday that the work in this section of the city would be attended with less expense than in some of the other portions, there being less rock to take out. In regard to the Point Ellice bridge operations also under the supervision of this official, he said the stone for the piers would be laid next week. He anticipates that the bridge will be open for traffic by the end of the year.

—The regular meeting of the Friendly Help Association was held in market hall on Tuesday. The treasurer reported that 28 applicants had been helped during the month of March. Donations of cash were received from Mrs. Williscroft, W. E. P., the City, and H. F. Barnard; of clothing from Mrs. Dickie, Mrs. John, Mrs. Stenhagen, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Dunsmuir, E. Angus, Miss A. Saunders, 30 Niagara street; Mrs. Teague, Miss McDougal, Mrs. D. Stephens, Mrs. O. C. Bass, Mrs. C. H. Gibons, Mrs. Nichells, Mrs. Luxton, Mrs. J. A. McIntosh, Mrs. Belyea, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. Munsie, and Mrs. Griffith. The rooms will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

—The concert to be held to-morrow evening at St. James hall, James Bay, under the auspices of the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school, promises to be a great success. The chair will be taken sharp at 8 o'clock. The following is the programme: Piano solo, Miss B. Scowcroft; chorus, 12 girls; recitation, Miss B. Proctor; dialogue; handkerchief drill, 12 girls; vocal solo, Miss C. Steenson; violin solo, Miss N. Jeffrey; chorus, 12 girls; vocal duet, Misses B. and L. Proctor; physical drill, Boys' Brigade; piano solo, Miss M. Bloor; vocal solo, Miss B. Heaney; fancy marching, 16 girls; vocal duet, Misses E. and F. Richdale; recitation, Miss M. Todd; ribbon drill, 16 girls; chorus, 12 girls.

—The corner of Pandora and Broad streets was the scene of an exciting runaway on Monday afternoon. Alex. Henderson, employed by J. Renouf, grocer, was driving from the store along Pandora street at a smart trot, and when in the act of turning off Pandora to Broad street his cart suddenly overturned, throwing him with considerable force to the pavement. The frightened horse dashed down Broad street on the sidewalk, dragging the overturned cart with it. It finally broke away, ran a short distance, and was caught. Mr. Henderson sustained slight injuries to his legs, and a few bruises on his body. The cart was considerably broken, and a large case of biscuits was strewn along the street. The accident was caused by the cart swaying too much in making the turn.

—There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of the representatives of Young People's Societies at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday. The attraction was an address on "Seven Things Essential to Success," given by W. Graham, secretary of the association at Vancouver. His talk was general, but his main object was to reach the young men. The address was given in an able manner, being interesting as well as instructive to all present. Besides the directors there were the president, R. W. Clark, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, Rev. Dr. MacRae, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, and Rev. D. W. Scott on the platform. In connection with the opening of the association there will be a social given in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. A bright and interesting programme has been arranged by the ladies, and a good time can be expected by all who attend. After the programme refreshments will be served. All young people are invited to attend, especially those young men who are interested in Y. M. C. A. work.

—Elbert Hubbard, the noted editor of the Philistine Magazine, which has a wide circulation on this continent, will deliver a lecture in Institute hall on Wednesday evening, April 23rd on "Roycroft Ideals." The Clinton, N.Y., Standard speaks of him in this style: "Mr. Hubbard is inimitable, unique, unapproachable. It was not a lecture, but a feast. He says he washes in the background with a broom and lets the hearer furnish the details. He is wrong: he paints the panorama with the stroke of a master and you carry away a vivid picture. Those of Canton who have heard him are enthusiastic. It isn't entirely the lecture either, but the man and the manner. This was the fifth lecture given by Mr. Hubbard in town, and the audience was far larger than on any previous evening. We learned more of the real Victor Hugo in sixty minutes than by reading a library of biographies."

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The board of trade will meet in adjourned general session on Friday of next week, when the draft of the bill defining the powers of the proposed harbor board will be discussed. Other matters will also be taken up.

—Mayor McCandless has called a public meeting for Saturday evening next at the city hall to receive the report of the general committee appointed to deal with the Island railway project. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

—The members of the Brush and Camera Club spent a pleasant time at the home of S. Maclure last evening. Each member as previously arranged, had with him a photograph of scenes at eventide. "Evening" was the subject under discussion.

—Messrs. Price Bros., of Duncans, have put in effect their usual stage service from Duncans to Cowichan Lake for the summer season. The stage will leave Duncans every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after arrival of the E. & N. train from Victoria. Through tickets from Victoria are now on sale good for fifteen days from date of issue at the usual rate.

—The bill intituled "An Act to amend the Medical Act, 1898," introduced by W. H. Hayward, of Esquimalt, is simply intended to remove from the Medical Act any doubt as to whether the power of investigating charges against a medical practitioner shall be discretionary on the part of the medical council. The amendment provides that the council "shall" consider these matters.

—At the meeting of the Blacksmiths' Union held on Tuesday night the election of officers took place. The new officers are as follows: President, W. J. Ledingham; vice-president, Mr. Robinson; secretary, F. W. Jeeves; treasurer, Arthur Bent; financial secretary, J. Woods; sentinel, Mr. Steele; conductor, F. Dewsnap; committee to wait upon the trades and labor council, W. J. Ledingham and A. Virtue.

—An entertainment was given in St. James's hall last night, at which W. A. Lorimer presided. "Silver Bells of Memory," by Miss C. Steenson, was highly appreciated, while Miss B. Heaney's song, "My Georgia Rose," was also given with feeling, and was well received. A number of young girls performed excellently the "ribbon drill," as did the Boys' Brigade in the physical drill. Misses E. and F. Richdale rendered their duet in an able manner, and the solo by Miss Maria Blair was also exceedingly well given.

—The metaphone, a contrivance which is partically a telephone, made simpler and more convenient, is being introduced in Victoria. C. C. McKenzie, of 74 Douglas street, is agent, and he says that it is gaining rapidly in popularity. The metaphone needs no special wires or batteries, all that is necessary being the electric bell, wires and batteries generally to be found in business offices or residences.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop, relict of the late Caleb Bishop, died last evening at the residence, No. 84 John street, Rock Bay. Deceased was 75 years and 6 months of age, and a native of Portsmouth, Hampshire, England. She was well known in Victoria. She leaves one son, T. F. Bishop, local freight agent of the C. P. N. Company to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon from the residence.

—This morning a conference was held between Mayor McCandless and the city council and a committee of the Provincial Jubilee hospital board of directors in regard to the proposition that the latter body take over the management of the isolation hospital. Several suggestions were made and a general discussion took place. No definite decision was, however, reached. The hospital committee will report to the next regular meeting of the directors.

—The young ladies of the Centennial church are preparing to hold a sale of work in the school room of their church, Gorge road, next Monday afternoon. There are numberless articles both pretty and useful, which will be placed at very low prices to ensure quick sale. In the evening an entertainment will be given. Professor Haynes will assist in the entertainment with his pupil by several selections of music. The celebrated giantess, Madame Paau, will be present.

—The Tourist Association is busy making preparations for the summer season. At a recent meeting a letter was received from the travelling representative, H. Cuthbert, who is now in the Eastern States. His account is very satisfactory. He has issued a most attractive leaflet illustrated with four local views, one of Beacon Hill park, the Gorge, the Provincial Museum and another of the Parliament buildings at the time of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. Victoria's climate is spoken of in glowing terms.

—The youngsters who it is charged assaulted the Chinese boy Hey and caused him to fall beneath a street car on Fort street some months ago, have been summoned to appear in the police court on Saturday morning. It is understood seven or eight boys will have to face the magistrate. Six were summoned yesterday afternoon, and the others this morning. It is charged that the Chinese boy was set upon as he was walking down Fort street, and in attempting to escape fell beneath a street car, sustaining injuries which necessitated the amputation of a foot. As stated in the Times some time ago Chief Langley said he would prosecute the boys as soon as the victim was able to appear to give evidence against them.

—The death occurred yesterday at the Jubilee hospital of Frederick Ford. Deceased was 73 years of age, and a native of Kent, England. For many years he resided on Salt Spring Island. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.

—It is not expected that the list of amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act, to be submitted to the provincial legislature this year on behalf of Victoria, will be as extensive as last year. It was originally intended to apply for a new charter, but this idea has been abandoned, and the legislative committee of the council, consisting of Ald. Yates, Barnard and Kinsman, are now engaged in drawing up the changes to the act required. The result of last year's representations to the legislature was altogether satisfactory. The council did not get all it asked for, among the amendments refused being one providing for a three years' term for aldermen, and another allowing the authorities to apply the rod to incorrigible small boys, but the great majority were granted. This years list is nearly complete, and will be submitted some time next week.

—Preparations for the Tennis Club ball at the Assembly rooms on Tuesday evening next are in full swing. The committee are making a specialty of new and catchy music for this event, and Bandmaster Finn is now rehearsing his full orchestra in several new numbers which are warranted to catch the public favor. All arrangements for the elaborate decorations are complete. Weiler Bros. and the Westside have undertaken the furnishing of the corners, while the general scheme of decoration is under the supervision of a committee of lady players. Everything indicates that this ball will be the most popular of the season's gaieties. In fact many of those who have in hand the disposal of tickets report that the one objection raised by devotees of the "light fantastic" is that there are still some days to wait before the strains of the opening waltz dispel the gloom of the Lenten season.

—At the last regular monthly meeting of the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage the matron's report acknowledged the receipt of the following donations for March: Mrs. Patterson, clothing; Mrs. Crow-Baker, clothing and shoes; Friend, dripping; Dr. Carter, rose bush; Mr. Johnson, fish; Mrs. Bishop, skim milk; Mrs. Smith, Hillside avenue, clothing; Mrs. Going, cough mixture; Times and Colonist, daily papers; management of Queen Esther cantata, treated children to matinee; Edith, Ethel and John, 15 cents; Miss Hynd, $5. The offer of Mrs. T. F. Simpson and Mrs. E. Dickenson to give an entertainment in aid of the orphans was gratefully accepted. The management of the "Queen Esther" matinee were given a hearty vote of thanks. A satisfactary report was made by the visiting committee. A resolution of condolence with the family of the late Mrs. Rouf Harvey, who was always a faithful friend of the Home, was passed.

RACES AT COLWOOD.

The meet at Colwood park on Easter Monday under the auspices of the Victoria Hunt Club promises to excel all former events, the programme of races as given below being an exceptionally good one, and the entries are already very numerous. What promises no doubt to be the most exciting event of the afternoon is the steeplechase at 2:15 for the Hatley Park Plate, for which there are several entries. A special train service has been arranged for by the Hunt Club, a train leaving the E. & N. depot at 1:45 p.m. and returning will leave Colwood after the finish of the last race. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance throughout the afternoon, and will render an excellent programme of popular music.

The list of races follows: 2:15 p.m., steeplechase for Hatley Park Plate; 2:45 p.m., steeplechase, the club handicap; 3:15 p.m., open flat race for Hunt Club Cup; 3:45 p.m., pony race for cup presented by Capt. Casement and officers of H.M.S. Amphion; 4:15 p.m., open tandem race; 4:45 p.m., farmers' race.

NOT YET SETTLED.

Efforts to End the Blacksmiths' Strike Have Failed.

The executive of the trades and labor council and the master blacksmiths met last night for the purpose of trying to bring about some settlement of the blacksmiths' strike. Nothing of any importance, however, was done and the situation is practically unchanged.

The executive brought before the notice of the master blacksmiths the concessions offered by the union, which were that the men would go back to work at the old rate of wages until May 4th, providing the master blacksmiths give the men what they demand at the expiration of that time.

The master blacksmiths, however, refused to meet these terms on the ground that they cannot in so short a time rearrange their rates. The master blacksmiths say that it is necessary for them to raise the price of work owing to the strike. Another of Mr. Hays's men went back to work again this morning, so that now he has his full staff at work.

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RESENT REMARK OF CITY FATHER

CHAMBER'S IRE WAS ROUSED BY STRICTURE

They Say An Organization of Nearly Two Hundred Members Is Not an Irresponsible One.

While the imaginary battle was in progress at Beacon Hill Wednesday real and very earnest war was going on at the chamber of commerce. Since Monday night, when Ald. Barnard made the statement that the chamber of commerce was an "irresponsible body," the members of the chamber have been on the war path against Mr. Barnard. Many things were said by the members that had Ald. Barnard been present he too would have raised the tomahawk. There were exceedingly few flattering remarks among them. A great deal of important business was gone through at the meeting. The subject of incorporation, inauguration of a permanent city exhibit of local manufacturers and products, were more or less thoroughly discussed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Taking into account the six new members that were elected last night, there are now 189 members enrolled.

T. Walker, of the sub-committee appointed to prepare a list of producers and manufacturers of Victoria and its vicinity, their location and articles produced, reported that a list comprising 96 manufacturers had been prepared.

The report of the sub-committee on home industries was read by A. B. Fraser, jr. His report composed the preparation and printing of literature and its distribution, besides embracing matters connected with the influencing and educating the consumer.

Mr. Fraser thought that everything possible should be done to secure the interests of the ladies; that they and all other consumers be asked to join a "Preferential League" which binds them, price and quality being equal, to encourage home production by white labor; also that the city council's and all other public bodies' aid should be sought and that live literature be distributed among the people. He stated that in connection with this work the Woman's Council should be approached, not, however, before the plans submitted were perfected.

Mr. A. J. Morley's report on the matters of establishing a permanent local trade exhibit and the advisability of conferring with the Tourist Association in respect to the location of the Tourist Association's rooms in connection with the permanent exhibit and the chamber of commerce rooms were dealt with.

A draft agreement in regard to a permanent exhibit was submitted for discussion by the committee.

While speaking on the subject of the amalgamation of the Tourist Association and the chamber of commerce in the matter referred to, Mr. Morley thought it a good scheme, as it would induce tourists to make themselves familiar with the products and manufactures of the surrounding country, a subject which tourists know little or nothing about. In speaking of the kind of building that should be used, he explained how this was arranged in cities of California.

The report was laid on the table for further discussion.

The auditors reported having examined the treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

The report of sub-committee No. 5, submitted by R. Mowat, read as follows:

"That whereas the retailers have it largely in their power, under existing conditions, to discriminate against home productions, we would suggest that their attention be constantly and forcibly drawn to the fact that by their co-operation in the encouragement of home industry they ensure for themselves increase of business on a better cash basis, increase in good-will and property values, and sounder financial conditions generally.

"That the success of the wholesalers depends on the success of the retailers, the same course be followed as with the retailers."

H. Clarke reported for sub-committee No. 3, which was to urge upon the legislature the necessity of more stringent observance of the laws for the protection of those engaged in legitimate business.

The rooms committee reported that the Pioneer hall be secured. Report adopted.

The matters of printing and stationery and the holding of a banquet were brought up by the executive committee.

President Carter thought that a printed envelope should be prepared and used by all business men of the city. This matter was left in charge of the executive committee.

The question of incorporation was then taken up and discussed at length. J. Kingham having thoroughly looked into the matter, advised that they incorporate under the Benevolent Societies Act, which, with a slight amendment, would apply to the chamber. He moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Attorney-General and have the Benevolent Societies Act amended accordingly. Mr. Kingham also protested against the remark of Ald. Barnard to the effect that the chamber of commerce, which consisted of 189 of the principal business men, was an irresponsible body.

The following were appointed to wait upon the Attorney-General: Messrs. Hanna, Kingham, Church, Beckwith and Henderson.

There was no report from the transportation committee, as Mr. Smith, who was to make the report, had a severe attack of grippe.

The matter of Ald. Barnard's statement was then brought up. Many were the sarcastic remarks. Mr. Beckwith thought an explanation was due from the city council. One gentleman said: "I think if Ald. Barnard stood on this platform and looked into the faces of intelligent business men he would be ashamed of himself."

Mr. Morley suggested that a provisional arrangement should be entered into between the business men for the inauguration of a permanent exhibit of goods.

Mr. Kingham thought it advisable to have a report prepared stating what would be the most suitable place for the exhibit before any arrangement was gone into with the business men.

This matter, however, was left in the hands of the committee in charge.

The meeting was brought to a close shortly after 10 o'clock.

RUSH TO TANANA.

General Exodus From Dawson to New District—News of the North.

The spectacle of a ceaseless procession from Dawson to the new Tanana gold fields is the absorbing feature in Klondike affairs according to recent advices from the north. Long, heavy sleighs, packed high with food for man and beast, blankets, camp outfits and tents, continue to glide out of the city at the rate of twenty to forty daily, and wind them go an average of more than two men to each outfit.

John Leroy committed suicide at Chicken creek, in the Forty-Mile district, last week by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor. The man was insane when he committed the act. He killed himself in his cabin, while alone. The body was found by John Fitzpatrick, Leroy's partner, shortly after the tragedy occurred.

The fares from White Horse to Dawson have been advanced from $50 to $100.

Carl M. Johanson, United States commissioner at Eagle, has returned to Dawson after a trip to the new placer strike in the Tanana basin. In a detailed report written by himself for publication he says over his own signature: "As to the extent of the strike I must say that it is not very great at present, outside of a few claims where pay has actually been discovered. However, the prospect from the amount of work done is generally looked on as good by the miners now in the camp."

Government surveying expeditions have left Dawson this week to survey the new Twelve-Mile and upper Stewart countries. The Twelve-Mile expedition will be out six weeks, and the other upper Stewart expedition three months. The Twelve-Mile party will run a base line on Lepine creek, then traverse the Twelve-Mile river. The other expedition will traverse Stewart river and McQuesten river, and run base lines on Clear, Duncan and Arizona.

T. D. Wada, the Japanese miner who brought the first news of the Tanana strike to Dawson, had a narrow escape from being lynched at a meeting of the miners who have stampeded into that country. The miners, according to Munroe, who brought the news to Dawson, were highly indignant at Wada on accounts which led them to make the trip, but finally, concluded to spare him, because of his previous good record. Munroe says that the reports of the country's richness have been greatly exaggerated. Fair prospects, however, abound.

Seventeen saloon men have been arrested at Dawson for selling liquor on Sundays. All pleaded guilty except two, and were fined $50 each.

It is surmised that the two bodies found frozen on the Dall river, in the Koyukuk country, are those of Victor Lowry and John Burns, who were carrying government dispatches to Coldfoot. Nothing definite has been learned, however. The two men mentioned left for the Yukon in December and have not been heard of since. Both carried good outfits.

The prices of many staples have taken a jump. Particularly is this true of eggs, potatoes, sugar and onions. One large company has stopped selling sugar at wholesale. The price of feed has also advanced.

THE KENNEL.

VICTORIA AT SEATTLE.

The results of the judging in English setter classes at the Seattle show have been received. Roy Montez, owned by C. W. Minor, captured the blue ribbon in open, and was also awarded the first in winners. Rex Montez captured first in puppy and second in novice classes. Rosalind, owned by Tom McConnell, won first in limit and first in open, and his Victoria Belle II. captured second in open, second in limit and reserve in winners. H. H. Jones's Victor L. was disqualified. Chas. Banfield's Diamond captured the blue ribbon in novice and the red in limit. Pettigrew's Prince got third in puppies. Dr. A. J. Garesche's Hector won first prize in limit classes, second in open and reserve in winners. His Highness, the St. Bernard belonging to W. F. Hall, of Victoria, was awarded the blue ribbon in limit, the red in open and reserve in winners.

So much do these decisions differ from those given by Prof. Wesley Mills in judging practically the same dogs at the Victoria show that it has caused considerable discussion among local fanciers. Some are of the opinion that the views of one judge are correct and some incline to the other. At any rate, all feel proud of the showing the local dogs made at Seattle, capturing as they did almost all the honors in English setter classes.

THE LAND BILL.

London, April 8.—John Redmond, the Irish leader, made an important speech at Dublin to-night, in which he welcomed the Irish land bill, in spite of the great defects, as the first measure proposed by an English minister having the avowed object of carrying into effect the policy of Parnell and the Land League. Mr. Redmond said he did not wish to forestall the design of the coming national convention at Dublin. The latter's acceptance of the bill would mean its amendment and its certain passage into law. The rejection of the bill by the convention would mean that both Chief Secretary Wyndham and his bill would disappear.