

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 29th April to 5th May, 1903.

With the exception of the first day, which was cloudy and showery, the weather has been remarkably fine and the winds light to moderate during this week. The showery weather on the 29th was caused by the passage of an ocean low barometer area across this province to the Territories. It was followed on the 30th by an extensive high barometer area from the southwest, which hovered almost continuously over the North Pacific Coast. Consequently there was an abnormal amount of bright sunshine amounting to 8 hours per day registered at Victoria. The winds also being steady from the northwest and light to moderate in force allowed the temperature of the air to rise considerably, chiefly on the Mainland and the interior of this island.

In the Kootenay district the temperature rose to 70 on three days, and exceeded 70 upon one day on the Lower Fraser valley.

In Cariboo the weather remained frosty at nights during the week, though the afternoon temperature was not so low. There seems to have been little cold at Dawson this week, as the lowest temperature was 18 and the average highest 48 degrees.

In the Territories and Manitoba showers have occurred upon several days and local thunderstorms on Sunday, 3rd.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 53 hours and 48 minutes; rainfall, .02 inch; highest temperature, 61 on 30th; lowest, 40 on 24th; New Westminster—rainfall, .24 inch; highest temperature, 74 on 24th; lowest, 38 on 2nd.

Kamloops—rainfall, .14 inch; highest temperature, 74 on 24th; lowest, 36 on 2nd.

Backsville—Trace of snow; highest temperature, 38 on 31st; lowest, 20 on 29th.

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—The E. & N. railway passenger coach equipment has been thoroughly renovated at the Wellington shops, where first class work was done. The enameling is especially good.

—Divine services will be held at Congregation Emmanuel-to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7.30. Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen will preach on "Holiness and Saintliness, Pt. I: Within the Law."

—Wednesday at Vancouver a meeting of the British Columbia Grocers' Association was held. Secretary Elworthy and a number of members were present from this city. Some discussion took place on the question of freight rates.

—Sixty-five men are now at work on the extension of the sewer system in James Bay, and on Monday next it is expected that the sewer will be commenced at upper Pandora avenue, covering Spring Ridge and Camboro Bay road.

—It is reported to-day that several of the striking carpenters have gone back to work under old conditions. Several of the non-union men resumed work Monday morning and were followed this morning by others belonging to the union. The strike would therefore seem to be drawing to an end.

—The official trip of inspection over the Victoria Terminal railway route by Mayor Alderman and city engineers will be held some day next week to suit the convenience of the civic authorities. It was originally intended that the trip should be taken Thursday, but circumstances have made this impossible.

—At the Royal hotel, Fort street, on Tuesday the quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Society was held. The chair was occupied by Rev. Canon Beaulieu. The principal business was the consideration of the report of the secretary. After the transacting of all business the remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant social manner.

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—During the past few days a number of visitors have registered at Tourist Association's rooms, Fort street, and have expressed delight at the scenic surroundings and climate of Victoria. Mrs. G. L. Lithgow, Miss Lillian Lithgow and Mrs. A. W. Hartney, of New York city, comprise one of these tourist parties. Originally they only intended staying here a day, but were so much pleased that their visit was prolonged to a week. H. C. Wilkison, a prominent official of the British government at Shanghai, accompanied by C. N. Crose, of Kobe, Japan, passed through the city, and were charmed with the place. The latter wrote after his signature, "Hope to return some day soon," and also left the sum of \$5 towards the maintenance fund of the association.

—The board of police commissioners met Wednesday afternoon at the Mayor's office, in the city hall. There was little business to transact. Chief Langley presented his monthly report, which has already been published. There were only two applications for the position of patrolman, and George Fry was appointed to this position. The vacancy created through the death of Jailer Thomas Conlin was filled by the appointment of Patrolman Handley. The complaint made at a previous meeting against a sign board at the corner of Johnson and Blanchard streets was looked into by the chief. He reported that the matter was not within his jurisdiction. The board thought that if they explained the situation to the owner of the sign board he would remove it. The chief also stated that so far as he knew there was no open gambling going on in the city. Commissioner Price remarked that there was considerable cigarette smoking by boys under age, and wished to know if some check could be done to prevent this practice. The police intend enforcing the law in this respect.

—Although a strike has been declared at Cumberland the mines, there have not been closed. The product, of course, is more limited than before the strike, but unless the men now working in the mine join the strikers and cannot be replaced the output from Cumberland will not be completely closed off. Such was the statement of the manager of the mine, who declared that he would get the crew. They were a mix of men who had been shipped to San Francisco, but had received \$30 advance, but believing that nothing which could be done would prevent his men deserting the captain sought a concession. The ship was going to Vancouver, and he asked that until he had reached the Terminal City that nothing would be done. This was agreed to, the ship made Vancouver and the crew had been discharged. The manager of the mine said that the stock at Cumberland would force all local factories and other concerns using coal in large quantities to hasten their work on the American side. "We can supply the domestic demand with what we get from Nanaimo," he said, "but cannot do more."

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