

## WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.  
18th to 25th February, 1902.

During the week the weather has been unusually low throughout, the western portion of the continent, and particularly over western California, where the place of the weather at this season, there has been a serious of severe storms, the result of which have caused several wrecks and loss of property, particularly among the sailing schooners. On Wednesday, the 19th, an ocean storm area which had been hovering off California, shifted its position and moved towards this coast, where by Thursday evening it caused thunderstorms at Cape Flattery and in the vicinity of New Westminster, while at Victoria a sudden rain and wind squall occurred.

During Friday, 21st, this disturbance crossed the coast to the Territories, and was followed by an extensive high pressure area which covered the Pacific slope for the next two days, where it caused fine and bright weather. By Sunday evening the wind became strong from the southward, accompanied by rain, in advance of another ocean storm which had moved up from California, where it had been causing southerly gales and very heavy rains. This disturbance also passed eastward to the Territories, but instead of being followed by a rising barometer, as is usual, the pressure continued to fall over the entire Pacific slope in advance of what proved to be one of the most severe storms of the season. By the morning of Tuesday, 25th, the barometer had fallen to 28.50 inches on the coast of Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon, and a southerly gale had set in extending from San Francisco to the Columbia river, while from the coast of Cape Horn a gale was blowing to the eastward. Fortunately the gale was from the general fall of the barometer, from the coast to the interior there was not a sufficient difference of air pressure to cause dangerous winds on land, but on the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, by Tuesday evening the barometer had fallen to 28.30 at Cape Flattery and 28.00 here, and all Coast stations southward to Oregon reported a gale, further inland the wind was down, this abnormal low barometer reading, which indicates a great decrease in air pressure over the surface of the continent, caused the tide at Victoria to rise nearly two feet above what it would be under normal atmospheric conditions.

The weather in the Territories during the week has been mostly fair, mild and agreeable.

Victoria—Sunshine, 26 hours and 4 minutes; rainfall, 21 inch; highest temperature, 55 on 20th; lowest, 37 on 21st; New Westminster—Rainfall, 1.15 inch; highest temperature, 56 on 20th; lowest, 30 on 22nd.

Kamloops—Rain, 26 inch; highest temperature, 52 on 20th; lowest, 10 on 22nd.

Barkerville—Snowfall, 2 inch; highest temperature, 40 on 20th; lowest, 10 on 22nd.

## Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND DISTRICT NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The time for the receipt of tenders for supplying heating coal to the corporation has been extended till Monday, March 3rd.

At the meeting of the executive of the District Union, held at the school, it was decided to hold a convention. W. M. Marchant, president, and J. M. Campbell, secretary, will arrange for the date of the convention.

Last evening Mrs. Black and Miss Okell were presented with handsome souvenirs by the members of the Victoria West Methodist Sabbath school in recognition of their meritorious services in connection with the Christmas entertainment.

The death occurred yesterday at the residence of Henry Hart, No. 211 St. Juan avenue, of Mrs. Jane Dodds, wife of William Dodds, the florist. She was a native of Durham county, England, 63 years of age, and came here with her husband fifteen years ago. Besides her husband in this city she leaves three sisters and three brothers in the Old Country.

Information is published in the Sound papers which arrived on the Rosalie this morning of another important place strike in the North. The report is of a new find being made on an unnamed tributary of the White River, over the divide on the Dalton trail, more than a hundred miles from Dawson. It is said that the find consists of coarse gold that runs \$25 to the pan. A stampede immediately took place from Selkirk when the news of the strike reached there.

Rev. W. H. Barracough, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, has received an invitation to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Kamloops, his term having just expired. He has been invited to remain another year, but has not accepted. A fifth year invitation is very unusual, the only Methodist clergyman who has served that long in the city being Rev. Solomon Cleaver, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church. This invitation speaks volumes for the popularity of Rev. Mr. Barracough, who numbers his friends by the legion not only in local Methodist but in the many other denominations of the city. He has also received a call to the Victoria West Methodist church. His successor at Centennial church will be Rev. Mr. Westman, of Vernon.

The Navy League have made a good move in holding their public meeting on "Ladysmith Day," 25th inst., thus making up as it were a double event, celebrating the relief of Ladysmith in the South African campaign as well as putting forth the aims and objects of the league. Hon. B. W. Pearce's paper on the assistance of Sea Power in History" will be followed by discussion interspersed with music and song. Messrs. Gideon Hicks & Co. have kindly volunteered the use of one of Mason & Rich's pianos for the occasion. The secretary states that he has already received a large number of replies to the invitations, among them His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady John de Lethbridge and party, His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Senator and Mrs. Macdonald, military officers and others, who have signified their intention to be present.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A cow belonging to W. F. Bullen was killed on the Esquimalt road last night. The animal in some way was struck by one of the train cars on that line, and caused considerable interruption to traffic.

The police have received a letter from Mrs. Mary Arundel, of Seattle, asking for information of the whereabouts of her daughter, Bridget Todd.

who came to this city with her little daughter for the purpose of marrying a clerk named John Nicholson.

The funeral of the late John Sayre took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, No. 47 South road. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barracough. Messrs. A. B. Sherk, W. H. Clarke, W. A. Robertson and H. H. McDonald acted as pallbearers.

A meeting of organists and choir-masters of the city was held last night to consider the proposal of holding a musical festival service in the near future. The meeting was called on the initiative of Herbert Taylor. Another will be held next Tuesday at the rooms of the Hicks Piano Company to draft a programme.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in Seattle by the Alaska, Copper River & Yukon railway. The incorporators are Alfred B. Iles, of New York; L. L. Parker and E. D. Bannister, of Seattle. The company is capitalised for \$25,000,000 divided into 250,000 shares of the par value of \$100. The articles assert the intention of the incorporators to become a member of the Northern Pacific and to promote other various transportation and mercantile business in the Alaskan territory.

The Canadian South African Memorial Association of which the Governor-General is patron, are soliciting subscriptions, the following being the objects: To locate the graves of Canadian soldiers who have lost their lives in the service of the Empire since the outbreak of hostilities in 1899 to obtain subscriptions for the purpose of raising an amount sufficient to allow of suitable memorials being erected over the graves of the above and to arrange for the erection of the said memorials. A list has been placed in the Times of the donors and subscriptions will be acknowledged.

The provincial authorities are investigating an alleged case of cruelty in which the victim is a ten-year-old lad, named Bertie Wilson, who is now receiving treatment at the Jubilee hospital for frost-bitten hands and feet. The lad, who left the Protestant Orphanage to enter employment with a Mr. Lilley, of Ogilvie, alleges that he was subjected to all sorts of hardships, being compelled to perform work in cold weather, with insufficient protection for his hands and feet, which resulted in the present condition. The little fellow is progressing satisfactorily under the excellent care he is receiving at the institution, but it will be a long time before he will be well enough to get around.

As briefly referred to in another column the death occurred at Alert Bay, on Sunday, of a well-known and efficient police officer in the person of Philip Wolcott, who has been stationed at Alert Bay for some years past. His remains were brought down on the Tessa, which he had boarded here, and were interred here. Mr. Wolcott was one of its pioneers. He was an ardent rifleman and an expert marksman, old-timers readily recalling his prowess and his successful shooting. He was one of the active spirits in the Victoria Rifles in its early days, being in command of No. 2 company. He was a native of Ashton-Under-Lyne, England, and came to this country in 1871, where he and family. Two of his sons accompanied his remains to Victoria.

A copy of the Crofton Gazette has just been received, and it certainly is a very creditable publication. It is a weekly paper devoted to the mining and agricultural interests of Vancouver Island, and is published by the Crofton Mining and Agricultural Association. It contains an interesting column of news of the day, and is well-filled with current information coming within its scope. It has also a very fair share of advertising, which will naturally increase as the days roll over the head of the journalistic infant. H. Mortimer Lamb is manager and Henry H. Newell editor. Victoria is well represented in its advertising space, accompanying this week's issue is an excellent map plan of Crofton, the work of the British Columbia Photo-Engraving Company.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The funeral of the late Capt. Phil. Woolcott will take place to-morrow morning at 10:45 o'clock from the parlours of the B. C. Funeral Furnishings Co., and half an hour later from Christ Church Cathedral.

A large number attended the old folks' concert in the Temperance hall last night. The arrangements, carefully made, were carried out most successfully, and an excellent programme was delightfully rendered.

The department of immigration and information has forwarded to J. H. Turner a large consignment of penicillins of the agricultural and mining resources of the province for use in connection with the office of the agent-general.

An injunction was granted by Judge Walkem this morning restraining the Dunsmuir directorate from assuming control of the Colonist. Percival B. Brown, the manager, was appointed receiver. The Vernon interests are once more in control.

The Westside is determined to have the very latest ideas in millinery for the Easter trade. Mrs. Dickie, is paying a visit to Prince Rupert and the cities. She is accompanied by Miss Crothers, trimmer for the firm. They will secure the most fashionable millinery on the market.

The first general meeting of the Automatic Voting Machine Company was held in Sir William Wallace hall last night, when the following were appointed as a board of directors: C. H. Wilson, W. J. Dowler, J. E. Church, B. L. Grigor, John Brenkley, A. M. McGreor, D. Campbell, Miss Agnes Deane Cameron and John Nelson.

John Black, managing director of the North American Fish & Cold Store,

age company to which is bringing a steam trawler out to sea, to the advantage of the fishing industry, takes exception to what was said at the board of trade meeting yesterday afternoon, apropos of steam trawlers. He says that they have been in use for 30 years, and are not destructive on small fish. Furthermore, he states that his company will not waste any fish caught in these waters, but will have a market for every pound that is obtained.

Quartermaster Clark and Mrs. Clark, of Esquimalt, will have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement at the loss of their 12-year-old daughter, Nellie, who died in the Montreal general hospital, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. The child was taken ill just before the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, and it was not thought advisable to allow her to undertake the long journey. Her recovery was expected in the course of a few weeks, when it was intended that she should come West and join her parents. On Tuesday morning the sad intelligence was received in the city by C. E. Bunting, of the C. P. R. passenger department, with a request that the news should be broken to the parents upon their arrival by the noon train. Mrs. Clark was almost heart-broken at the sad news, and much sympathy was expressed for the bereaved parents by the Esquimalt Journal. Mr. H. M. Clark left for Victoria by the Chamer.

To-morrow will be the anniversary of the relief of Ladysmith, and will be celebrated by a public meeting under the auspices of the Navy League in the city hall to-morrow night, commencing at 8 o'clock. During the evening a paper will be read by Hon. B. W. Pearce, which will be a paper of the late Lord Roberts, Lord of the Admiralty, and Captain Mahon on the "Influence of Sea Power in History." The meeting will be under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Mabel. The speakers will be Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Crease, Hon. Justice Drake and the Misses Drake, Hon. Mr. Justice Martin and Mrs. Martin, Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perin, Hon. James Dunsmuir and Mrs. Dunsmuir, Hon. Edgar Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney, Hon. Senator Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. H. M. Clark, Hon. J. C. Croft, Hon. B. W. Pearce and Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton and the Misses Pemberton, Hon. P. O'Reilly and the Misses O'Reilly, Hon. Col. Prior and Mrs. Prior, Capt. J. Devereux and Mrs. Devereux, and Capt. J. Devereux and Mrs. Devereux.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

(Toronto Globe.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement that Senator Templeman will be asked to become a member of the Dominion ministry will be received with general satisfaction, especially in British Columbia, which the Senator now regards as his own province. He is eminently qualified to represent the Dominion in the cabinet, as he is familiar with the needs of the varied local interests, and has a comprehensive grasp of the general situation of the Dominion. He is a member of the Dominion House of Commons, and has been a member of the cabinet since 1896. He is a native of England and came to this country in 1871, where he and family. He has been a member of the cabinet since 1896, and has been a member of the cabinet since 1896.

In 1890 he was returned for the island of Victoria, and in 1894 he was elected to the Dominion House of Commons. He has been a member of the cabinet since 1896, and has been a member of the cabinet since 1896. He is a native of England and came to this country in 1871, where he and family. He has been a member of the cabinet since 1896, and has been a member of the cabinet since 1896.

## CENSUS BULLETIN.

Return Giving Number of Religious Denominations in British Columbia.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Census bulletin number five, giving religious of the people, was issued to-day. The number of specified denominations and sects is 142. Besides these there are 39 other sects represented by one or two individuals each. British Columbia figures are as follows:

Denominations.	1901.	1901.
Anglicans.	200	109
Baptists.	40,072	26,618
Methodists.	6,506	2,960
Presbyterians.	139	139
Brethren.	164	164
Disciples of Christ.	1,138	715
Dunkards.	96	96
Friends.	117	8
Jews.	560	277
Lutherans.	5,322	2,083
Methodists.	23,201	14,298
Presbyterians.	34,178	13,284
Protestants.	85	288
Roman Catholics.	34,227	28,490
Unaffiliated.	123	79
Unaffiliated.	4,902	16,210
Various Sects.	23,829	50,507
Total.	178,607	98,173

## THE PRESIDENT.

A SLAVE TO CATARRH.

DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES.

D. T. Sample, President of Sample's Industrial Company, Washington, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh of the Bladder, and was unable to do my work. I was advised to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It gave almost instant relief. I was cured in ten minutes. It is a wonderful remedy. I have sold it to Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co."

## DISEASE CLAIMS.

## SPEAKER BOOTH.

## SUCCEMS TO MALADY.

## AT SALT SPRING HOME.

## His Faithful Service to His Adopted Province—Long and Honorable Career in British Columbia.

A note to the Times from its correspondent on Salt Spring Island, received last night, conveys the following mournful intelligence:

"Hon. John Paton Booth, M.P.P. for North Victoria, and Speaker of the British Columbia legislature, died at his home, Salt Spring Island, at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, February 25th, aged 64 years. The funeral will be from St. Mark's church, Salt Spring Island, at 2 p. m. on Saturday, March 1st, leaving Victoria for the boat the same afternoon."

## REDUCTION IN THE COST OF MINING.

## W. M. BREWER ON THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

## Low Grade Ores Can Be Worked at Profit—Costs May Be Further Reduced.

W. M. Brewer, M. E., editorial correspondent of the New York Engineering and Mining Journal, has just returned from a visit to the Boundary country. Interviewed by a Times representative this morning he said:

"The most important feature in the Boundary country is the fact that at the present time they have reduced the cost of mining and smelting to within \$3 per ton. Of course this cost does not include any interest in original investment, nor on cost for development, but it will include the putting aside yearly of a sufficient amount per ton to keep up the development work in the mines and to cover reasonable wear in smelters and machinery."

"This cost is so far below the cost for the same operations in the past and in other mining camps in the world, that veteran operators will consider the figures with a great deal of skepticism. The reasons for the extreme low cost is the vast extent of the ore bodies, the solid material of the ore itself, its character as to the constituent parts, and the possibilities afforded for mining without timbering, and smelting without previous roasting or adding fluxes to the furnace charges."

"The mines, slopes bearing from 40 to 125 feet in width, and of equal measurement in length, are opened with perfect safety without timbering, although large quantities of ore have to be left as pillars. These, though, can be taken out before the mines are abandoned. By adopting this system of mining the surface of each machine drill varies from 50 to 100 tons of ore to a shift. The chief cost is in mucking, breaking up enormous boulders of ore, some of which will equal five or six tons in size, and when hoisting is necessary, in the cost for hoisting."

"Because of these conditions which may be said now to be practically proven, at least for some years to come, the low grade ore of the Boundary country can be worked at a profit, with copper at ten cents per pound in New York. The gold value in some of the times reaching three-quarters of an ounce per ton, and rarely, if ever, running below one dwt. per ton, together with the low silver values, may be said to be the salvation of the Boundary country, so far as the copper values are concerned, these will only average about 2 per cent. The cost for mucking and breaking up the ore may be even yet reduced, because as the present time is, the cost of \$4 per ton at the mine, with an average freight rate of \$3, as against \$4.75, previous to January 1st last, and a freight \$3.20 per ton. These costs may be further reduced, provided the mine operators can show conclusively that such reductions are absolutely necessary in order to continue active operations."

"While the Crow's Nest Past coal fields are practically inaccessible, yet the shortness of the C. P. R. in having permitted J. H. Hill to obtain such a strong footing in the coal company itself strikes a visitor to that section as extremely poor policy on the part of the Canadian company. For any other company than the Crow's Nest to Pass to open coal mines in that field at the present time, would prove a very much more costly experiment, even if they controlled the south side of Moresby creek, than the people of British Columbia have been led to believe. The Crow's Nest Past Coal Company are developing and equipping their collieries to that point where, before the end of the present year, they expect to be able to ship 4,000 tons per day from each of the following places: Coal Creek, Moresby and Michel creeks. When the number of employees will be required to carry on these extensive operations is taken into consideration, together with the population which will naturally follow to that point, it is seen that that portion of British Columbia will in the near future be not only one of the most populous, but also one of the greatest revenue producers to the provincial treasury."

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In his views generally and tolerant in his opinions. In the Speaker's chair during the last session of the House his decisions were subjected to some criticism. But that was almost inevitable under the circumstances. Until there be a change in the local political conditions of British Columbia it will be an extremely difficult matter for any occupant of the Speaker's chair to give complete satisfaction. No one ever ventured to suggest that the late Speaker did not do his best to hold the scales evenly between the parties. His successor will probably appreciate the difficulties under which Mr. Booth labored.

In Dominion politics Mr. Booth was a strong advocate of the Liberal cause, and an enthusiastic admirer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. To the members of the afflicted family the community with which the late Speaker was most intimately connected will extend a spontaneous expression of sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

## ANOTHER BIG ACTION.

## AGAINST A COMPANY.

## The Electric Railway Company Sued for Over a Million Dollars by Victorians—County Court.

The following applications were disposed of in Chambers this morning by Mr. Justice Drake:

Hyland vs. Canadian Development Co.—A. L. Beltes, K. C., applied for an order for examination de bene esse, which was granted. H. G. Lawson for defendants.

Boyle vs. Victoria-Yukon Trading Co.—J. H. Lawson, for defendants, applied for an order striking out plaintiff's statement of claim, or for a postponement of trial, by reason of failure to comply with an order for discovery of documents. W. M. Griffin, for plaintiff, opposed the application. His Lordship ordered the application to stand over until Monday next, to allow plaintiff further time for receipt of affidavit of document from Dawson.

Atkinson vs. B. C. Electric Railway Co.—O. H. Barnard, for defendants, applied for an order for security for costs, and for plaintiff to make an ex parte application to add C. M. Berkeley as a party plaintiff, the latter having taken an assignment of the subject matter of the action, pointing out that if an order for same were granted the necessity for security for costs would be done away with. His Lordship granted the order, directing Mr. Barnard's application to stand over until Monday next, to be brought on in case the order adding a plaintiff be not complied with. The plaintiff claims \$1,065,000 from the defendants as penalties under the Railway Act.

Re estate of John Sullivan, deceased.—B. G. Goward applied for probate of will, which was granted.

## COUNTY COURT.

The case of Baileynup vs. Heller was called for trial in the County court to-day before Mr. Justice Drake, and after being partly heard was adjourned until Monday next. S. P. Mills, K. C., for plaintiff, and P. Macneil, for defendant.

The March sittings of the Supreme court for the trial of civil cases begins on Tuesday next, the 26th inst. The annual general meeting of members of the Law Society of British Columbia will be held at the law courts on Monday next, the 26th inst., at 11 a.m., when the report of proceedings of the benchers during the past year, and the statement of the finances of the society will be presented.

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## COL. PRIOR SWORN IN AS MINISTER.

## TAKES PORTFOLIO OF MINES IN CABINET.

## Will Run in Victoria City Against E. V. Bodwell—The Vacancy in North Victoria.

The Gordian knot has been cut. At 10 o'clock to-day Lieut.-Col. Prior was sworn in as Minister of Mines, and will make the fight in the Victoria bye-election in the government interests in opposition to E. V. Bodwell, K. C. The new provincial minister will at once Bodwell in preparation for the vote to be taken on the 10th inst.

The news came with a shock to those who had been attempting to reach a solution of the tie-up which had occurred in the government, for the caucus meeting was going on about the House, no feasible way out of the difficulty was suggested. The opposition stood firm in its position, and the government, and sage politicians shook their heads and prophesied that a dissolution was imminent.

Then Col. Prior took the step indicated above. He has never concealed his intention to resign, and his friends predicted from the first that if no other alternative offered he would leave the cabinet. His resignation was the undoubtedly strong position which he knows Mr. Bodwell holds.

Whether this is done with Mr. Martin's concurrence or not, and if not how the government can retain power without his assistance, remains to be seen. And if it has Mr. Martin's support, how he can follow Col. Prior in spite of his new found role as leader of the Liberal party also remains to be seen.

Meantime the government must also provide for another bye-election to fill the vacancy in North Victoria, rendered by the lamented death of Hon. J. P. Booth, at the same time necessitating the government to delay in far more urgent and apparent than in that of the city of Victoria. While his representatives in the House, while in the House, and lack of representation even for a week or two will be a hardship upon the constituency.

For the funeral of the late Speaker the President has placed the City of Nanaimo at the disposal of those members who wish to attend. She will leave in the morning and returning, will leave Nanaimo at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The most probable candidate in the anti-government interests in North Victoria will be T. W. Peterson, who is regarded as the strongest man in the district.

Mr. Bodwell opens the campaign to-night with a meeting at Spring Ridge, when the candidate will go exhaustively into the issues of the campaign, with especial reference to the candidature of Col. Prior.

## DOES NOT CREDIT.

## STORIES OF RICHES.

Cariboo Miner Says Reports Regarding Horseshoe Are Mostly "Fakes"—Boy's Confession.

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—The Blackhawk youth, arrested yesterday for highway robbery, has confessed that other boys, named Waite and Stewart, held up De Witt Becker and other citizens several weeks ago. The boys were arrested to-day.

A branch of the dead letter office is being established here and all Mainland dead letter business will hereafter come to Vancouver.

A Cariboo miner, named Egan, who arrived here to-day, says the stories of riches at Horseshoe are mostly "fakes." He had two strong reasons for saying this, and he thinks the men may make \$4 to \$5 per day on Eureka creek, but not more.

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## DEATHS.

WILLIAMS.—At Vancouver, on Feb. 22nd, the wife of George Williams, a son.

WINKEL.—On the 28th inst. the wife of G. T. Winkel, of a daughter.

STREET.—At Phoenix, on Feb. 11th, the wife of Josiah Street, of a daughter.

BATER.—At Wallaw street, Nanaimo, on Feb