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## WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
22nd to 28th April ,1903.

The week opened on the 22nd with a low barometer area covering the province and central over the Rocky mountains, and the pressure rising on the American coast; snow was falling at Barkerville and rain on the Coast from the Columbia river to the Lower Mainland. On the 23rd the storm area had passed rapidly into the Territories, and had been succeeded by the high pressure area from the Coast; this continued to develop throughout British Columbia and the adjoining Pacific states, becoming central in the latter. On the 25th the high area had passed eastward to the Northwest Territories, a depression at the same time appearing on the Vancouver Island coast, which quickly developed by next day, causing rainfall on the Coast and extending northward through the valley of the Thompson river to Cariboo. Showery conditions continued west of the Rockies, but on Monday, 27th, the pressure began to rise again on the American coast, and extended to this province, and on the next day the high barometer area became central in the Northwest Territories, its limits including the entire western portion of the continent. At the same time there were indications of a low area hovering off the British Columbia coast. During the week the winds have been light to moderate, becoming fresh to strong on the Washington coast at the entrance to the Straits. Temperatures west of the Rockies have been rather cool, and occasional light frosts have occurred. The season is undoubtedly backward, and the unusually light rainfall has tended to retard vegetation. In the Northwest precipitation has also been light; temperatures have varied considerably, reaching 73 on the 25th, but with the development of the present high barometer area a marked decrease occurred at the close of the week, the weather becoming much colder and light snow falling at various places.

At Victoria, 39 hours of bright sunshine were registered; the highest temperature was 61.3 on 28th; and the lowest, 39.2 on the same day; rainfall, 0.19 inch.

At New Westminster, the highest temperature, 64 on 28th; lowest, 34 on 28th; rain, 0.26 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 64 on 23rd, 24th and 25th; lowest, 30 on 28th; rain, 0.14 inch.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 54 on 22nd; lowest, 14 on 28th; snow, 1.00 inch; rain, 0.40 inch.

At Dawson, highest temperature, 52 on 28th; lowest, 20 on 23rd; no precipitation.

## Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—The honorary treasurer of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a donation of $10 from J. C. McKay.

—Negotiations are now in progress between the fishermen and cannerymen regarding the prices of fish on the Fraser river this year, but as yet no definite understanding has been reached.

—An interesting social session was held by the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church Monday, at which there was a good attendance. The pastime provided proved a source of much pleasure. Refreshments were served at the close.

—Alfred Bodley died at the Jubilee hospital on Tuesday. Mr. Bodley was a native of Glasgow, aged 44 years and 7 months, and came to Victoria in 1882. He was employed by the C. P. N. Company as mate on the steamer Otter. The funeral is arranged to take place on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company.

—A pleasant time was spent at the A. O. U. hall on Monday when an entertainment and dance was held by the Victoria lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W. A dance was held after the entertainment, and was attended by almost 100 couples. The ball was elaborately decorated with bunting, flags, Chinese lanterns and flowers. The music by the Rausch-Davis orchestra was excellent, and the affair throughout was a success.

—The secretary of the Navy League informs the Times that Rev. W. Leslie Clay as well as Rev. Dr. Rowe will address the annual meeting advertised for to-morrow evening in the city hall. The turns to be given by the crew of H. M. flagship Grafton are likely to be of special interest. One will be a sort of five minutes' sketch called "Black and White," and the cutlass drill, and if time permit there may be a third event by them. In the course of the evening the prize essays will be read, and the prizes presented.

—At a special meeting of the board of school trustees held Monday afternoon, Janitor Bailey's resignation from the Rock Bay school was accepted and the appointment of a successor was deferred until another meeting of the board, the matter of keeping the school in order being in the meanwhile left in the hands of the building and grounds committee. Some minor repairs to the school were authorized and tenders for the supplying of desks for the new High school were opened. These were referred to the building and grounds committee, the different firms tendering being the Pope Stationery Company, T. N. Hibben & Co., Victoria Book & Stationery Company, Weiler Bros., and the B. C. Furniture Company.

—The executive committee of the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Mining Association met last evening at the office of J. Kingham, the treasurer. The details of organization were perfected, and the new association fairly started on its career of usefulness. In response to a communication from the main body asking co-operation in securing amendments to the mining laws of the province, the following committee was appointed to act with the legislative committee of the Provincial Mining Association: Rowland Machin, president; D. T. J. Jones, vice-president, and H. B. Thompson, who represents the manufacturers on the executive. The branch is in need of funds, and subscribers who have not paid their membership fees are requested to remit by mail or call upon Joshua Kingham, treasurer, corner Broad street and Trounce alley.

—The vacancy at the Oak Bay public school caused by Miss Colquhoun accepting a position in the North Ward school has been filled by the appointment of H. B. Marchant, son of Wm. Marchant, customs appraiser. Mr. Marchant occupies at present a position on the teachers' staff at Vancouver. As soon as he is released by the Terminal City board he will take charge of the school at Oak Bay.

—There is little or no material change in the blacksmiths' strike at the present time. J. Meston had working for him a stranger from Eastern Canada at wages in excess of those demanded by the union. He did not belong to the union, but Sunday a number of union men interviewed the newcomer and succeeded in getting him to leave Mr. Meston's employ.

—Final arrangements for the erection of a public hall at Colwood were made at a meeting held on Saturday evening, when plans submitted by W. Ridgway Wilson were approved. Instructions were given the building committee to obtain estimates of the necessary material and to have work commence as soon as possible. The site has been surveyed by W. Ralph, C. E. No fees were charged by either Messrs. Fisher or Ralph. "The Colwood Public Hall" will be the name of the new building.

—The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held on the 11th of next month at Vernon, when important business will be transacted. The delegates from the two local lodges have already been selected as follows: Victoria lodge, No. 17, J. J. Randolph and E. E. Leeson; Far West lodge, No. 1, J. Smith and T. Walker. These delegates will be accompanied by E. P. Nathan, G. M. of E., and E. Pferdner, G. K. R. and S. Every lodge in the province will of course be represented.

—There will be a meeting of the management committee of the British Columbia Agriculture Association probably next week. The only thing that is delaying the taking in hand of preliminary arrangements for the forthcoming show is the absence from the city of Dr. S. Tolmie, who is expected back any day. In this connection it might be mentioned that Mr. Boggs is in receipt of a letter from California asking that arrangements be made for the entry of a string of horses for the meet, supposed to be held here next month. As these races are not to take place the reply will be to that effect.

—Mr. Jos. North and Miss May Burden were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon. Preceding the ceremony considerable difficulty was encountered by the swain in securing a license. When Mr. North called on the sheriff yesterday afternoon Mr. Richards discovered that the prospective bride was under age, and therefore could not issue the license without an order from a Supreme court judge. Accompanied by Mr. Courtenay, the lawyer, Mr. North went to the residence of Mr. Justice Walkem, who is ill with la grippe, and after submitting the necessary affidavits, secured the order which the sheriff duly obeyed. The couple were then married.

—On Monday an illustrated lecture entitled "Coronation and Other Impressions" was delivered by R. E. Gosnell under the auspices of the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There was a fair attendance, but not as large as the address warranted. In his recent visit to the Old Country Mr. Gosnell has acquired an insight into the conditions prevailing there that make his remarks instructive as well of the greatest interest. London's greatest attractions were described and in most cases illustrated. It is understood that Mr. Gosnell has been requested and will probably consent to repeat his lecture.

—Soon after the arrival of the steamer Majestic from the Sound Monday, the detectives were informed by J. F. Matthews, of the Allan, Gilbert & Ramaker Company, of Portland, that a man by the name of Henry G. Meyers was wanted on the other side to answer to a charge of embezzlement. The local detectives after a short hunt found Meyers. A warrant was issued, and the prisoner was taken to Anaconda last evening. It is alleged that Meyers got a dozen pianos valued at $300 each, and sold them in and about Portland for sums varying from $25 to $50, or indeed any sum he could get. After disposing of the instruments he came to Victoria, and has for some time past been engaged as a pianist in a local theatre.

—Owing to the sudden manner in which Joseph Bates met death on Sunday night, Coroner Hart deemed it necessary to hold an inquest on the remains on Tuesday. The inquest was held in the city hall at 10 o'clock. There were two witnesses examined. The first was Dr. Gibbs, who was called to attend the deceased on Sunday night. He said that when he was called to attend Mr. Bates he responded immediately but was too late; the man was already dead. He made a post mortem examination and found that death was caused by a hemorrhage. The wife of the deceased then gave evidence, stating that her husband had been working all day Saturday, but when he returned home he said that he had severe internal pains. He was ill that night, and Sunday, before she knew it, he had passed away. The jury, which was made up of the following, Benjamin Pettengel, foreman; Robert Emmerson, Robert McLeod, Edward Peterson, John T. Wessell and Hugh Rennie, brought in a verdict from natural causes.

—The following officers were elected at a meeting recently held by the officers and members of the St. Barnabas church: Rector's warden, Mr. Wootton, reappointed; people's warden, Mr. Mutlow, reappointed. The committeemen were: Messrs. T. W. Palmer, Wm. Whittaker, P. A. Babington, A. M. Bannerman, C. F. Moore, Geo. W. Knox, W. J. McKeon, S. Child, J. B. Tolputt and Robert Brown. Sidesmen were reappointed but strengthened by the addition of Mr. G. Lyall. Messrs. Allcutt, Bannerman and Knox were appointed delegates to the rural-decanal conference. The churchwarden's financial statement, duly audited, printed and commended, was accepted. The chief subject for discussion was the advisability for church extensions. The report of the Ladies' Aid and Senior and Willing Helpers was most satisfactory, and showed a balance of $125 on hand, besides payment of rectory rent and other matters of choir use.

—On Monday evening a full parade of the Fifth Regiment will be held at the drill hall, to be followed by a march out to Beacon hill, where the men will be put through battalion drill.

—The death occurred on Wednesday of Frank Randall at the Marine hospital. Deceased was 27 years of age and a native of Boston, Mass. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

—Dr. Campbell last Sunday morning at First Presbyterian church gave no uncertain sound in entering his protest against prize fighting being allowed in the city. He hoped the Mayor and aldermen would take such steps as to prevent the repetition of such prize fighting as took place last week.

—Alexander Wright, of North Saanich, died on Wednesday. He had lived there for the last ten years, and was formerly a resident of this city, and a well-known ship carpenter. Deceased was 62 years of age and a native of Findhorn, Scotland. The funeral is arranged for to-morrow afternoon.

—May the 1st being an international labor day, the Victoria branch of the Socialist party of British Columbia will observe the day by holding a banquet in Labor hall. There will also be speeches and music and recitations. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., will give an address along with other speakers. Ladies are specially invited.

—It is stated on medical authority that nearly 80 per cent. of the people of Victoria have been more or less severely afflicted with la grippe during the last two months. In New Westminster there have been about 1,000 cases. Four years ago the disease was very prevalent in England, carrying off large numbers, especially those over 60 years of age. Fortunately the type prevalent in Victoria has not been of such a character.

— Official returns issued by the Tyee Mining Company show that the result of twenty-five days' smelting of ore from the Tyee is $52,336. In that time in March 3,632 tons of ore were smelted, and 370 tons of matte were produced, the record for 28 days' smelting during the month of February being $47,050. During the months of February and March, therefore, the Tyee produced an aggregate of $99,386, or over $1,875 for each smelting day.

—A special session of the board of school trustees was held Wednesday afternoon, when an experiment order for thirty-six desks for the High schoolrooms was given to Weiler Bros. There were six quotations on desks of the usual grade and one from Weiler Bros., on a portable folding desk, manufactured in their own factory, and costing $3.25. Other matters dispatched were the authorization of certain repairs by the buildings and grounds committee, and the granting of a week's leave of absence to Miss McLean.

—Skene Lowe has taken some beautiful photographs of the operetta "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." One is the popular scene where Snow White pleads to Carl to spare her life. The dwarfs are also taken, viewing Snow White lying dead before them, and the expression on each face is caught with great skill. The large photograph of all the performers together is most artistic in its grouping, and is really wonderful considering the number put into it. The photographs are seven in number, and can be seen at Messrs. Hibben, Government street.

—A large crowd attended the social entertainment held last evening at the Odd Fellows' hall, Douglas street, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodges of the city. The festivities were in celebration of the 84th anniversary of the order, and all present spent an enjoyable evening. The chair was occupied by A. Henderson, P. G. M., who opened the proceedings with an address. This was followed by a selection from the orchestra, and a speech by Grand Master A. Graham. J. Fawcett delighted his hearers with a violin solo and received a hearty encore. "Asleep in the Deep" was given by W. Spurrier, and "The Midshipmite" was rendered by Rev. E. G. Miller who, in responding to an enthusiastic encore, gave "Nancy Lee" in equally excellent style. The selection, "The Christening," was recited by Miss K. Pottinger, and as an extra number "The Vassar Graduate" was given. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Kneeshaw, and Miss Davey and Miss Mills gave piano solos. There were a number of other renditions, all of which were enjoyed.

—Business of importance was transacted at the regular meeting of the Victoria Hive No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, on Tuesday. There was a large attendance and a most interesting and enjoyable time was spent by all. The chief business of the evening was the founding of a sick benefit fund for the members. Mrs. A. B. McNeil presented a report on behalf of the committee appointed to look into this matter. She stated that he committee recommended that the Samaritan relief fund be adopted by the Hive. After considerable discussion it was decided to join the Samaritan if a sufficient membership could be secured. Communications from Mrs. Thompson, president, and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, corresponding secretary of the National Council of Women of Canada, were read by Mrs. Myers. The communications were in acknowledgment of the gift of a gavel, encased in a handsome box of British Columbia native maple, presented by the Hive to the Women of Canada a short time ago. After the business had been disposed of the members gave themselves up to the social portion of the evening, which was in charge of Mrs. Peden and Mrs. Frost. These ladies had prepared a series of shadow pictures, which were highly appreciated by the audience. The order is steadily advancing, and is most beneficial to women desirous of protecting their families and themselves.

—Under the auspices of the Young People of the First Congregational church, an observation social was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Scowcroft, Burdette avenue. A large number of guests attended, and were treated to several novel features in the way of entertainment, among which was a test of the observing powers of the guests. A pianoforte solo was given by Miss Bernice Scowcroft, and a recitation by Mr. Semple, of Victoria West, and heartily encored. Refreshments served by the committee in charge brought to a close a very pleasant evening's recreation.

—At the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening last a sacred concert was given by the choir, assisted by other vocalists. There was a fair attendance, and the programme was appreciated. Among those taking part were Madame Laird, Miss Stanehand, Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Messrs. F. Waddingham, J. Longfield, Gideon Hicks, E. Cave and E. Howard Russell. The choruses were well rendered, and the vocal selection, "Nearer My God to Thee," by Madame Laird, was much enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks delighted those present with some excellently rendered solos, and Jesse Longfield's violin solo elicited deserved applause. Messrs. Brown and Cave were in excellent voice. To the former is largely attributed the success of the concert.

—The following ladies and gentlemen were invited to dine with His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Joly de Lotbiniere at Government House Wednesday: Mrs. Boswell, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. A. K. Bickford, Miss Bickford, Mrs. W. Templeman, Lt.-Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Capt. and Mrs. Colin Keppel, Commander and Mrs. Parry, Staff Surgeon and Mrs. Hume, Mr. R. Clutton Baker, R. N., Major Gurdon, R. G. A., Miss Phipps, Miss Laura Loewen, Miss Strange, Miss Boswell, Capt. B. W. Bowdler, R. E., Lieut. G. V. Knox, R. N., Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Mr. Robert Ward, Mr. E. O. Scholefield, Mr. E. Langworthy, Capt. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, and Mr. R. B. Powell, private secretary. Music was provided by the Fifth Regiment orchestra during the evening.

## CANADA'S PROSPECTS

As Reported on by United States Consul-General Bittinger at Montreal.

Washington, April 28.—In a report to the United States state department, Consul-General Bittinger, at Montreal, says that never before in the history of Canada has the industrial outlook been so bright as to-day. American capital promises to make the present year memorable by the establishment of new and immense industries, and the enlargement of many of those now existing. American capitalists have started new railroads and banks, and vast tracts of timber have been purchased by a new company, composed principally of American capitalists. Different companies have begun to mine coal, copper, nickel and gold, and a large company has purchased a tract of land in Montreal on which to erect a paint factory. Syndicates have been formed for the purpose of manufacturing pulp, timber, seeding machinery, aluminum, iron, steel and asbestos. Valuable mica properties in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and recently purchased, are owned by United States capitalists. An American transportation company has begun to build ships to be operated between Duluth and Quebec, and many other investments have been made of American capital.

Justice Davis, of the Supreme court, New York, on Wednesday denied the application of Camille Weidenfeld for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange to restore him to membership. Mr. Weidenfeld was suspended for one year from the exchange for his connection with the Peter Power case.

## HOW TO GAIN HEALTH.

A Simple Plan That Should Be Followed by All Who Are Sick.

If you could buy back your health on the instalment plan—say 50 cents a week, for a limited number of weeks until cured—would you do it? Here is a plan worth trying: Taking into account their power to cure, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the most economical medicine, without exception. These pills have effected cures in cases of rheumatism, partial paralysis, St. Vitus dance, indigestion, kidney trouble, anaemia, and other serious diseases of the blood and nerves. They have cured hundreds of cases where ordinary medicine had been tried and failed. They have restored helpless invalids to full use of limbs that had long been powerless. That is the best guarantee that these pills will not disappoint when used for similar ailments. Taking one pill after each meal (as required for minor troubles) a fifty-cent box of pills gives nearly two weeks' treatment. For chronic diseases, when the larger dose is required, the cost of treatment does not usually exceed fifty cents a week. If you are sick or ailing, is it not worth your while to give so effective a medicine as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial? What the pills have done for other people they can do for you. Every dose makes the new rich red blood that brings robust health and strength. They are the best tonic medicine to take at this time of the year when the blood is sluggish and impoverished.

Do not waste money on ordinary medicines, or substitutes; see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent postpaid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Miss Mabel Dickinson, who has been visiting in California for some weeks past, has returned to the city.

## SEEKING SETTLEMENT.

Delegates From the Different Unions Are Reticent as to the Purpose of Visit.

The delegation representing the miners of Cumberland, Nanaimo and Extension is still in the city. The members composing it have little to say on the objects of their visit. Unions affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners exist at each of these places, and they thus have a united feeling in the way of affecting a settlement.

It is to be inferred from the delegation that their visit is not taken with the specific object in view of having an interview with Jas. Dunsmuir. They apparently have other objects in view, and are seeking the best means of restoring peace.

Members of the government are being sought out by them and also members of the legislature for the purpose of bringing about a conciliation in the matter.

Members of the delegation are free to admit that they are seeking conciliation if such can be arranged on conditions agreeable to them.

## SITUATION AT LADYSMITH.

Method of Distributing Relief Is Causing Trouble Which May Break Up the Union.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, April 30.—James Baker, of the Western Federation of Miners, went to Ladysmith yesterday afternoon with the necessary funds for the relief of the locked-out miners, which he put in the bank to the credit of the secretary. The secretary then proceeded to distribute $5 among those who were really in distress, while those who were in better circumstances and could possibly get along at all, got nothing. This has caused no end of trouble. The men are voicing their sentiments very freely on the streets of Ladysmith to-night. They declare it is a direct violation of the rule adopted at the last meeting of the union. It is also said, however, that the money taken up by Mr. Baker is not near sufficient for the present needs of the camp. The men insist that the money should be equally divided. Several brawls have already taken place among the foreign element, general dissatisfaction and disappointment predominate, and it is not at all unlikely, from present appearances, to lead to a disruption of the union. The news that the deputation sent to Victoria some days ago had left the matter in the hands of Hon. Mr. McInnes was received at Ladysmith with great surprise. Only two weeks ago a letter was received from that gentleman by the union offering his services to bring about a settlement, but it was received and filed without comment. The fact that the committee have asked him to take the matter up has caused considerable amusement. The ultra-Socialists are very much disgusted over the affair, and openly state that Hon. Mr. McInnes can do nothing for them, and that Mr. Dunsmuir will regard this as a sure sign of weakness on the part of the union. It would be better to throw up the sponge and have done with it at once. It is rumored on the streets that the committee proposed that all further trouble be avoided by entering into a contract for several years. This proposal is received with much favor by the married men especially, who would be glad of any kind of a settlement that would not sacrifice their right to organize and insure settled conditions for a term of years.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICERS ELECTED

### A Large and Enthusiastic Gathering of Victoria Liberals Was Held Last Night.

The annual meting of the Victoria Liberal Association was held Wednesday in Pioneer hall, and was presided over by John Taylor. The representation of members was large and enthusiastic, the keenest interest being manifested in the election of officers as shown by the close balloting for some of the positions. The association was never in a stronger condition, and with the new officers chosen last night good work is looked for during the present year.

The first business disposed of was the notice of motion moved at the last meeting:

"That no person can hold membership in this association who is a member of any other Liberal association in the province," which was carried, and now becomes part of the constitution.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, John Piercy; 1st vice-president, John Taylor; 2nd vice-president, Joshua Kingham; secretary, A. B. Fraser, jr.; treasurer, Dr. G. L. Milne.

Executive.—W. E. Ditchburn, Capt. J. G. Cox, James Bell, A. Sheret, Richard Hall, Dr. T. J. Jones, A. B. McNeill, Col. F. B. Gregory, James Tagg, P. C. MacGregor, John Bell, John Nicholles, William Humphreys, C. H. Lugrin, James Paterson.

Auditors.—P. C. MacGregor, A. B. McNeill.

Provision has been made to hold periodical meetings throughout the year, by which means members will be kept more in touch with the association and its work.

Miss Emily Rhodes is making a visit to the Mainland.

## HOW A SPRAIN DOES HURT!

But it isn't the pain alone that is dreaded, just think of the loss of time and wages. Sprains without number have been cured by rubbing Polson's Nerviline well into the pores of the skin surrounding the joint. No matter whether it is a sprained wrist, ankle, knee or back, just try Nerviline on it, and see how quickly it will cure. There is only one liniment that can be depended upon to cure sprains, strains and swellings, and that is Polson's Nerviline. Large bottle 25 cents.

# RECITES THE TRUE FACTS OF CASE

## MR. BODWELL REPLIES TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL

### Says Mr. Eberts's Explanation in Ludgate Matter Is Very Misleading—What Really Occurred.

Mr. Bodwell was seen Tuesday in reference to the explanation given in the House yesterday by the Attorney-General in the Ludgate matter. In answer to a question by the Times reporter, Mr. Bodwell said:

"The Attorney-General has made a very misleading statement. The facts of the case are these:

"The firm of Bodwell & Duff was retained in the Ludgate suit by the Cotton-Semlin government on the 2nd of June, 1899. The case was conducted by Mr. Duff, and involved a great amount of preliminary work, the questions of law and fact which arose in the trial were serious, and the decision was a matter of great importance to the province.

"The trial occupied twelve days, and was heard before Hon. Mr. Justice Martin. On the 20th of February, 1901, some time after the trial, our firm wrote a letter to the Attorney-General enclosing a bill of our fees. The total amount charged was $2,079, and although this sum looks large, the fee was actually a very moderate one, having regard to the amount and character of the work done. It appears that a few days afterwards Mr. Maclean had an interview with Mr. Duff with reference to the amount of our bill, and in pursuance of that meeting Mr. Duff wrote the following letter to the Attorney-General on the 28th of February, 1901:

"'Referring to the conversation between the writer and Mr. Maclean yesterday we have considered the question of our counsel fee herein, and we do not think that in view of the nature of the work in the case our fee should be any less than that mentioned in our bill. If you prefer, we are willing that the question of the reasonableness of the counsel fee should be submitted in an informal way to any one or two counsel of experience in Victoria—say, Mr. Hunter, or Mr. McPhillips, or both of them. We are willing to accept whatever they think a reasonable fee, to be paid immediately on their report being made.'

"No reply was received to this letter, and on the 19th of March we wrote another letter asking for an answer. No answer was returned to this letter, and on the 30th of March we wrote again. We received no direct reply from the Attorney-General, but on the 2nd of April a letter was written by Mr. Smith, of the treasury department, enclosing us a cheque for $310, less than the amount of our bill, without any explanation whatever. This was a piece of great discourtesy on the part of the Attorney-General, and you will see he had reduced our charges according to his own ideas, without further reference to our firm or to any other person. I did not wish a repetition of this state of affairs, and when the case was ready for appeal to the Full court I thought it wise to have an understanding on the question of fees before we did the work. Accordingly, on the 8th of November, 1902, the following letter was written to the Attorney-General:

"'The appeal in the above named action is set for hearing at the Vancouver session of the Full court, which meets on the 13th instant. We think it is well to have an understanding with reference to our charges, which will be as follows: $150, with brief, and $100 per day, exclusive of expenses. We should be glad to receive your cheque for $500 on account of the above fee before proceeding further.'

"Shortly after the dispatch of this letter, the Attorney-General called me up on the telephone and asked why the letter had been written. I said that they had taken a large amount off our previous bill without any good reason. The Attorney-General said he thought there was a reason for it, and I stated that I did not think so. He said he did not care anything about the matter, meaning that the government were not anxious to retain our services, and I replied that it was also a matter of comparative indifference to me whether we acted for the government or not. He then got angry and directed that we send in our brief, which was done.

"The only complaint which the Attorney-General has against our firm is that on the occasion in question we took the precaution of settling the amount to be paid us before we began our work. We also asked for a payment in advance, which is not an unusual proceeding, and having regard to the trouble which we had with the government before, was wise from a business point of view. The amount of fee which we proposed to charge was very moderate, having regard to the character of the case, and we have not the slightest doubt but that when the accounts are presented it will appear that the government have paid counsel who were engaged as much, if not more, than the fee which we proposed to charge."

## CHARGED BY POLICE.

Marseilles, April 28.—A number of persons who attempted to rescue the prisoners arrested during yesterday's disorders stoned a commissiary of police, and the police thereupon charged with drawn revolvers and fired about twenty shots in the air, to intimidate the rioters. Strong reinforcements were then called. A protest was made by an official of that quarter of Marseilles against the insufficient protection afforded by the central authorities, and notified the prefect that unless a strong guard was furnished to the inmates of the convent the Friars would defend themselves by all the means in their power. Later in the day traffic was suspended in all the surrounding streets.

## TWO WEDDINGS.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church yesterday Miss G. Luscombe and Mr. A. Knight were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. Miss E. Luscombe, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Walter Knight supported the groom. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the bride looked charming in her wedding costume. A number of friends were present, and after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Knight were the recipients of many congratulations.

Yesterday afternoon at Centennial Methodist church Rev. J. Westman united in marriage Mr. A. V. C. McPherson, general manager for J. J. Bottger, of Vancouver, and Miss G. A. Hoskings, of this city. The wedding was strictly private, only the parties immediately concerned being present. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson are registered at the Victoria hotel, but will leave by to-night's boat for Vancouver, from whence they will take a honeymoon trip as far as Winnipeg.

## ATLIN MINERS' PROTEST.

To the Editor:—Under the head of Atlin Miners' Protest, I see in your issue a long resolution practically condemning the action of the Atlin delegates, who attended the miners' convention. As one of those delegates, I beg to refute the entire argument set forth in the preamble of that resolution.

The resolutions received by the delegates from various mass meetings of Atlin miners were duly submitted at the miners' convention, and passed on to the committee on resolutions, and the executive committee, for final adoption or otherwise, by the Provincial Miners' Association. I may mention that nearly everyone of those resolutions, containing some forty remedial propositions, referred to the revision and improvement of the Placer Mining Act, and yet we are now coolly informed that it would be "inexpedient and injurious" to make "any alterations in the amendments of the said act."

No doubt a considerable number of placer miners are laboring under the impression that their interests would be jeopardized by the Crown granting of leases. But for myself and many friends in Atlin, I may say that we are not oppose to Crown granting leases, provided that the rights and interests of prospectors and placer claimholders are duly and fairly protected, and in no possible manner infringed upon. That any erroneous ideas should be held in this matter is much to be regretted. We have able law officers of the Crown, well capable of framing laws to meet the requirements of the case, whereby leaseholders and placer claimholders can obtain secure titles to their properties, and be equally well protected in their respective mining operations.

Certainly unless we can obtain such laws, it is useless to deceive ourselves in the belief that the mining industry can possibly promote the prosperity of the province.

WM. C. S. HATHORN,
Late Mining Delegate from Atlin.


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## BORN.

COLE—At Rossland, on April 25th, the wife of A. A. Cole, of a son.

BRUNDRETT—At Revelstoke, on April 22st, the wife of Arthur Brundrett, of a son.

CURTIS—At Revelstoke, on April 23rd, the wife of Joseph Curtis, of a son.

RICHARDSON—At Kamloops, on April 24th, the wife of A. W. Richardson, of a son.

## DIED.

BODLEY—At the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, on the 28th inst., Alfred Bodley, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, aged 44 years and 7 months.

LISSETT—At the family residence, No. 56 Michigan street, on the 28th instant, Sophia, the beloved wife of James Lissett, a native of West Bromwich, England, aged 52 years.

DEVEREUX—At Comaplix, on April 21st, Mary Francis Gwendoline, aged 8 months, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Deverenx.

TOWERS—At Trail, on March 20th, Mrs. Walter Towers, aged 21 years.

ROACH—At New Westminster, on April 28th, Sidney H. Roach, aged 36 years.

WRIGHT—At the family residence, North Saanich, on the 29th inst., Alexander Wright, aged 62 years, and a native of Findhorn, Scotland.


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