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apt. Wado, who is going to super- vising the reconstruction of the four & Yukon railway from the C. P. arrived down from Vancouver last night and is looking after the building material and the engaging of men, principally ship carpenters. Over the last few days there has been a considerable agitation, an im- pression was being widely created by the men for the work were being hired on the American side. This, however, is contradicted, and it is ascertained that all available first-class men will be engaged on the Canadian side. Regarding the crews for the White Pass & Yukon railway, said this morning that a superintendent, who is a river and lake fleet would be engaged, who alone would have the supervision of the men. The work is expected to open about May 25th, or June 1st. The contractors for the rebuilding of the piers are Hofus & Co., of Seattle, and it is expected, the work will be carried upwards of 75 men, who will be engaged in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster. Already about \$200,000 has been invested here, lumber material for the contract being now prepared in the yards of Seward and Minibred in Mann's mills, and will be sent North with a number of men. One of the quantities of steamers, the Dawson, is to be launched at Vancouver next week and will be North by the Pioneer. On the 15th will there hitch on to another of the vessels. The White Pass & Yukon Railway Company will not formally take over the steamers until the contractors have completed their work and the vessels handed over to them at White Horse.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Shipments of Great Lake White Fish Arrive—Hay and Bran Decline. An innovation in the fish market this week will be the introduction of the white fish of the great lakes. A half ton consignment of the fish has just been received from Winnipeg, and will be placed on sale immediately. Great lake fish is a novelty in the market, and it will be a matter of interest to know what demand they meet. Hay has taken its first decline in price this week, and in view of the near approach of spring quotations is expected to still further depreciate. A small cut in bran is also reported. Oats remain steady and as a consequence the rolled article has advanced a cent on the price per pound. Another quotation on the ascending side is that on dressed flour, which is now given at from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Metecological Office, Victoria, February 29th to 28th, 1901. The week opened with a low barometer covering the northwestern part of the province, and an area of high pressure of great dimension to Ontario and central in the west. These conditions caused snow-falls throughout the district bordering on the Strait and Sound during the 29th and 30th. On the 27th extended over the entire coast Pacific slope. Fair bright weather prevailed until the evening of the 29th, when an ocean storm area appeared. This was followed by the barometer gradually falling and snow occurring at many points west of the range. The storm area passed on the 29th, and heavy rain fell over the coast. This was followed on Sunday by a wind becoming fresh and strong from east to the southwest. By evening another area of low pressure appeared over our coast, and the rain continued through the week. The distribution of atmospheric pressure has been irregular and disturbed, with intervals of bright sunshine during the day and rain at night. The barometer states and now over the Pacific slope of the province, these conditions being the normal type of winter weather on this coast. Temperatures have increased during the week, but are still below normal in some parts. At Victoria the highest temperature was 52 on 26th; lowest, 24, on 27th; total precipitation, including snow, was 2.28 inches. At Nanaimo the highest temperature was 50 on 26th; lowest, 10, on 22nd; total precipitation, .06 inch. At Barkerville the highest temperature was 40 on 26th and 20th; lowest, 10, on 21st; total precipitation (snow), 10.30 inch.

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CLEANING OF CITY AND DISTRICTS. (From Tuesday's Daily.)

The contract for Dr. Fraser's new residence on the corner of Douglas street and King's road has been awarded to W. D. McEwen, the contractor being \$7,000. A sub-contract for brick and stone work is held by Geo. McEwen.

Seven Japanese who embarked here for Seattle the other day and refused entry at the Sound City owing to their possession of thirty dollars each. It is stated yesterday that one of the men could read or write in any European language.

Next Friday evening the members of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute will hold a banquet at Agricultural hall, 21st street. The table will be under the management of the ladies of the district. A special train will leave Victoria at 7.30 o'clock.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society was held at the residence of Mr. W. D. Barber, when a paper was read by Capt. Walbran on Capt. Barkley's discovery of the fossil insect, which is a curious insect captured in the remains by Constable Halhed.

Mr. H. Fletcher and Miss Marion Jenkins were joined in matrimony last evening at the marriage took place at St. Andrew's church, Victoria West, and was solemnized by Rev. W. D. Barber. Miss Lily Jenkins was bridesmaid.

John Holland acted as best man. After the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride, 21 Catherine street. There was a large circle of friends gathered and showered their well wishes on the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher returned to Salt Spring Island, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Jack J. Dallain, who for seven years has been secretary-treasurer of the James Bay Athletic Association, and has seen the organization rise from a state of poor finances to its present healthy and healthy condition, has resigned the position. A meeting of the committee of management was held last evening for the purpose of considering applications for the position, and as a result D. Purcell Johnston was appointed to the position. Although Mr. Dallain has resigned the secretaryship, he will continue an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of the association, retaining his position on the board of management and trustees and will do the different committees.

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The death occurred yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Robt. Ward, corner of Catherine and Langford streets, Victoria West, of Margaret Jean, youngest daughter of A. W. Semple. She was only seven years and five months of age, and had been ill for some time, having been in the hospital a while. She was born in Victoria, and was very popular among her young playmates, her many winning child-like qualities endearing her to all who knew her. Her mother died in 1897. She leaves an elder sister and two younger brothers, besides her father, A. W. Semple. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the above residence.

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IN CHAMBERS. Four Applications Disposed of by Mr. Justice Drake This Morning. In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following cases: Urquhart vs. Urquhart. Application was made for further affidavits of documents. Judgment reserved. Anderson for plaintiff, Mills for defendant. Waterland vs. Greenwood City. Application was granted for one week's adjournment. Judgment reserved. Anderson for plaintiff, Lawson for defendant. Victoria vs. Bowes. Permission was asked to strike out parts of statement of claim. Permission was given. Certain amendments, certain paragraphs, costs in case; Mason for plaintiff, Martin for defendant. Ward vs. Bank of B. N. A., et al. On application, postponement of trial was granted till 12th March. Costs of application and consequent adjournment to be plaintiffs in any event; Cross for plaintiff, Taylor for the defendant.

MONTHLY FIRE RETURNS. For February—There were Several Blazes of More Than Ordinary Proportions. The monthly report of the fire department for February includes the following: February 4th, 3 a.m.—Fire at one storey frame building, 52 Eas street; cause, sparks on shingle roof; loss estimated at \$15. February 4th, 8.30 p.m.—Box 34, chimney fire; no loss. February 4th, 4 a.m.—Telephone call; fire at two-story frame dwelling, corner of Erie street and Dallas road; cause, unknown; loss estimated at \$1,300. February 8 a.m.—Box 43; fire in two-story frame residence, 14 Caledonia avenue, cause, sparks on roof; loss, \$600. February 9th, 11.35 a.m.—Telephone alarm; fire at out-warehouse, cause unknown, loss, \$500. February 9th, 1 p.m.—Box 42; fire on roof of one-story frame building, 177 Blanchard street; cause, unknown; loss, \$5. February 7th, 2 p.m.—Box 41; fire on roof of two-story frame building, 105 Quadra street; loss, \$10.

Passed Resolutions of Sympathy to King Edward VII and Bereaved at Cumberland. The Presbytery of Victoria met in Nanaimo on Tuesday and transacted a great deal of business. The reports of home missions, foreign missions, Sabbath schools and church life and work were on the whole very encouraging. All the home mission fields in the Presbytery receive grants from the Home Mission fund, which enables them to have preaching all the year. There are four workers among the Chinese, two in Victoria, one at Vancouver, and one at Union. Among the Indians there are seven who are stationed at Alberni, Ahousset, Dodge's Cove and Uclulet. The industrial home at Alberni, under the supervision of Mr. Motion, is doing excellent work, not only in education, but also in industrial work among both boys and girls. The home at present is taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large number of pupils who continue in this direction. The report of the president of the ladies' committee is particularly gratifying, and with many interesting matters in connection with the internal management of the home, and is very thorough. Grateful reference is made to the large contributions of the ladies, and the work done during the year, which has enabled us to carry on the work with so small an expenditure of cash, and which, together with the energetic and successful cooperation of the ladies in collecting arrears, has, for the first time in many years, permitted a substantial reduction of \$2,000 of our mortgage debt, which now stands at \$7,500.

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We would like again to draw attention to some of the work of the home, and some decision be arrived at in connection with a measure being taken for the better protection and adoption of our children. One branch of the work we would very much like to enlarge, is the monthly cash subscriptions collected by different ladies from friends and others in their districts, who, in this way, become regular subscribers to the home. During the past year \$118.35 has been collected in this way and handed in to Mrs. E. L. Higgins, the treasurer of our committee, by the following ladies: Mrs. Toller, Miss Goward, Miss Stewart and Miss Lovell. This is most gratifying acknowledgment of their services and in the hope of enlisting the help of others who would be willing to give a little of their time and money to this branch of the work. To any such we would be pleased to issue a subscription book which we have for the purpose. However small the amount subscribed by each, the total for the year is gratifying and a real aid to the home.

We most gratefully again mention the Stonyhouse Working Party for its donation and work during the year, the generous gift of coal from Mr. S. A. Robins; the support given by the ladies of the home, and the hearty and sympathetic response to invitations to the "Pound Party" held at the home on June 26th, which enabled the committee to have a very successful year. We have reason to believe that this offer, gratefully received, and has, without doubt, done something to relieve the widows' poverty, and to the Royal Jubilee hospital and Dr. O. M. Jones, Milne, Carter, Fraser and Lewis Hall, for medical services; the Scandinavian Ladies' Society; the various ladies of the home, and at least one of our "Home Working Boys"—Neil Grant, Roy Butler and Albert Johnson—at Christmas time.

The committee would like very much to have a pole erected on the grounds of the home, and a suitable flag secured, as a source of pride and inspiration to the sixty young people in the home, under their own sovereignty. In connection with our annual Christmas tree entertainment held on December 27th, the ladies' committee arranged competitions in bread making, darning, plain needlework and art work, among the older girls in the home, and awarded suitable prizes to the girls doing the best work in each of these branches. The work of the girls was most gratifying, and we hope to make this a regular feature of the annual entertainment.

In conclusion, the committee appeals for a continuance of support, and wishes to place on record its high appreciation of help given in the past. JENNIE F. MCCULLOCH, President, Ladies' Committee, B.C.P.O.H.

The report was adopted amid applause. The report of the treasurer was then submitted by the official, who clearly and concisely made interpolations, explanatory of the various details incidental to a financial department. The statement was as follows:

Receipts. Balance on hand from last year, \$ 855 04 Annual subscriptions, 1,146 37 Subscriptions from lady collectors, 120 35 Donations, 392 06 Total receipts, 2,513 76 Expenditure. Heard of ladies, 10 mos. to Jan. 31 1,985 45 Net amount received from rents, 245 75 Rstate Mrs. E. Miles, bequest, 40 00 Sundry refunds on accounts, 8 40 Dr. Davis, bonus for collection, 10 00 with water main, 20 00 A. Sinclair, refund of advances, 22 15 Cash and sale of work at home, 8 70 Total, 2,002 61