WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.
19th to 25th June, 1901.

For the greater portion of the week an area of high barometric pressure has been hovering off the coasts of Vancouver Island and the state of Washington, while across Northern British Columbia a number of ocean low barometer areas have been crossing to the Territories. These movements have caused almost incessant cool sea breezes along the Coast, often becoming fresh to strong over the Straits of Fuca. No measurable amount of rain fell in the vicinity of Victoria until the morning of the 24th, when the weather became gloomy and showery, continuing until the morning of the 25th.

On the Lower Mainland light showers occurred on the 22nd. Sunday, the 23rd, was fair throughout the province, then rain again set in on the Lower Mainland, and, with fair intervals, continued to the close of the week. In the Cariboo district rain has fallen nearly every day, while in Northern Kootenay rain fell upon three days.

The heaviest rainfall recorded throughout the Western portion of the continent occurred at Calgary and vicinity. It commenced during the afternoon of Sunday, 23rd, and rained both heavily and incessantly till Monday night, when the abnormal amount of 3.26 inches was recorded. This steady downpour has caused destructive washouts which have interfered with traffic.

The weather in the Territories and Manitoba during this week has been for the most part cool and showery, with thunderstorms upon several days. On Tuesday, the 25th, over an inch of rain fell at both Qu'Appelle and Winnipeg.

At Victoria 43 hours and 42 minutes of bright sunshine were recorded; .14 inch of rain; the highest temperature, 63, occurred on the 19th, and the lowest, 42, on the 23rd.

New Westminster had .83 inch of rain; highest temperature, 72, on the 19th, and the lowest, 42, on the 23rd.

Kamloops reported .48 inch of rain; highest temperature, 82, on the 20th, and the lowest, 46, on the 25th.

At Barkerville over an inch of rain fell; the highest temperature was 74 on the 19th, and the lowest was 32 on the 23rd.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The examinations for steam boiler inspectors has closed, and as a result the following have been granted certificates: Thomas Goldie, Westminster; S. Baxter, Victoria, and G. H. Maddigan, Victoria.

—The contract has been awarded to A. Cruikshank, of Chilliwack, for the road from Huck's farm to Silicia creek. The new road is nine miles long, and gives access to the mining districts on the international boundary. The contract price is $12,000.

—Still another merchantman has arrived to go on the ways for a cleaning and painting. She is the bark Highlands, which towed over from Port Townsend last evening and is going on the Esquimalt marine railway. She makes the fourth vessel here to go on the ways, the others being the Low Wood, Honolulu and Paltolloch.

—At a meeting held last night at the home of Rev. R. B. Blyth, 280 Yates street, the former residents of the county of Wellington, Ont., completed arrangements for a picnic at Kanaka ranch on the afternoon of July 13th. There are over 100 residents of the city who formerly lived in Wellington county, and a good time is predicted on the occasion of this picnic, when it is expected that nearly all of those in the city will be present.

—A rumor was current to-day that a settlement of the Indian reserve question had been arrived at. That a site for the reserve had been chosen about 20 miles from the city at Rocky Point. According to the arrangements in the matter the provincial government, who were to provide a site for the reserve, were said to have decided upon that location. Indian Agent Vowell, who was seen this morning regarding the matter, could not understand that such a step could be taken without his knowledge. He had not been consulted in the matter, and gave no credence to the report.

—It is said that the heirs of the Douglas estate, who will come into possession in the fall, contemplate erecting a magnificent hotel, which, in equipment and site, will eclipse anything on the Coast, not even excepting the Palace of San Francisco or the Portland hotel of Portland. The site will probably be on that portion of the estate facing Belleville street, which would be an unparalleled situation. The reclamation and filling in of the mud flats and the inauguration of a park thereon would lend charm and attractiveness to the vicinity. Such a hotel under capable management would give a great impetus to the business of this city.

—The signatures of the women of Canada which are to be presented with an address to Queen Alexandra have been bound in two volumes and are now almost ready to be forwarded. There are 25,000 signatures in all. The volumes have been enclosed in a leather case, handsomely ornamented in burnt work and fastened by a silver clasp. At the annual meeting of the National Council of Women, held in May, it was decided that the address should be presented to Her Majesty by the Countess of Aberdeen on the approval of Her Excellency the Countess of Minto. Miss Wilson, corresponding secretary of the National Council, will take the address with her when she leaves for England on the 28th inst. Before that date, if possible, it will be exhibited at the Government House Ottawa.

—The King's printer has been the recipient of many compliments upon the artistic and excellent character of the illustrated pamphlets printed for the government. R. L. Patterson, manager in Canada for Miller & Richards, the great Scotch type founders of Edinburgh, in a letter to a friend who forwarded him a copy of "British Columbia, the Mineral Province of Canada," makes the following remarks in connection therewith: "Many thanks for copy of report of Minister of Mines. It is not only a useful document from the standpoint of its contents, but as a specimen of printing it is exceedingly interesting to me. The manner in which the engravings have been executed would give credit to the most perfect printing office on the continent. I am especially pleased with the engraving of the legislative buildings at Victoria, which in my opinion are a perfect dream, and architecturally away ahead of any public buildings in the Dominion." It must be gratifying to Col. Wolfenden and his staff to learn that an expert authority holds so high an opinion of their work. As a matter of fact a comparison of the half-tone printing of the government printing office with that of the high class magazines and the special efforts of the trade journals, will show that they do not contain engravings superior in any respect to the government work.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—Last night and early this morning at Macaulay Point the volunteers now in camp there held gun practice, utilizing the 6-inch guns with aiming tube for the purpose. Gordon Hunter kindly loaned his launch for the purpose of towing the target.

—In the account of the meeting of the Navy League held last night we omitted to state that the membership of the league is placed at $2 a year, which includes subscription to the Navy League Journal, a monthly publication devoted to the interests of the organization and naval information.

—The electric light committee of the city council met the purchasing agent this morning to deal with the tenders for lighting facilities referred to their consideration at a recent meeting of the council. The tenders are for a 60 arc dynamo and an incandescent plant. The result of the committee's deliberations will be embodied in a report to be submitted to the city council on Monday evening next.

—Next Sunday afternoon is library day in connection with the Centennial Methodist church Sunday school. Friends are expected to bring a book each to replenish the Sunday school library. An open session will be held in the church. During the services the Rev. Mr. Osterhout, of Port Simpson, will address the children and Col. Reed will also deliver a speech. Special music is being prepared for the event by the young people.

—While driving across Fort street at the intersection of Cook yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meldram, sr., sustained a serious accident. They did not hear the bell of the down coming car and their phaeton was struck by the fender, the occupants being thrown out. Mr. Meldram received a cut on the head and was for a time unconscious. Mrs. Meldram had her shoulder blade broken, her wrist sprained and several other injuries.

—The annual picnic of the United Presbyterian Sunday schools will be held on Monday next at Albert Head. The steamer City of Nanaimo has been engaged, and will leave the C. P. N. wharf at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Returning the steamer will leave Albert Head at 5 and 8 o'clock p.m. The place is an ideal one for a picnic, and will be a pleasant change from Goldstream and other well known resorts. The tickets will be adults 50 cents and children 25 cents.

—A very enjoyable strawberry social was held in Knox Presbyterian church, Spring Ridge, last evening, the ladies of the congregation being responsible for the entertainment. An excellent programme was rendered in the first part of the evening, the musical and literary selections being followed by the gastronomic number in which all participated. Although the singing and recitations were fully appreciated, the strawberries and cream were accorded the honor of being the chief attraction.

—Ex-Chief of Police Meredith, who was killed in a shooting affray in Seattle yesterday by John Considine, is well-known in this city, especially in police circles. He visited Victoria about two years ago. He is a young man and reputed to have been very bright in his line. Considine, the man who killed him, is also well known on the coast, but his reputation is of the most unsavory character. He was compelled to make himself scarce from the Sound City several years ago.

—The death occurred this morning of John Ward, who for some time has been a resident of this city. Since coming to Victoria he has conducted a general grocery store on the corner of Quadra and North Park streets. He came here in 1887, and during his residence in the city has made a large circle of friends, to whom the news of his death will be received with general regret. Before coming West he resided in Winnipeg. He was 85 years of age and leaves a widow, three daughters and three sons. The funeral has not as yet been arranged.

—When in England last winter W. A. Ward made arrangements for the taking over by an English syndicate of the Oil Refinery at Ladners, which was operated last summer by a Fraser River Oil & Guano company. The new company, which is called the Canadian Pacific Fish Oil & Guano company, are preparing for an active season's operations on the river and where possible are making contracts for ten years with the canners for the offal from the respective canneries. The factory has a capacity of 500 tons of fish offal a day and an output of 1,500 or 2,000 tons of oil per annum, in addition to 1,800 barrels of salmon oil.

—Last evening the final meeting of the united board of the Methodist Sunday schools was held to complete arrangements in connection with the 1st of July picnic at Bazen Park. Everything was found to be in a very satisfactory condition and providing the weather is favorable the affair cannot fail to be a success. The sports committee have, in drawing up their programme, showed consideration for the enjoyment of the older people as well as the little ones. This becomes quite evident when in reading over the list of events a large number of the races are found to be for the older people. However, the children are not by any means omitted. There is as elaborate a programme of sports for them as ever before. Among the prizes offered is a five-pound box of tea, which will be awarded to the winner in a race between married ladies exclusively.

—Word had been received from the superintendent of the Arctic Slope Hydraulic Company, Mason creek, Omineca, of work on the company's property progressing satisfactorily, and that a clean-up is expected to be made early in July. There are twenty men employed at the mines, and judging from prospects made the clean-up, which will be the first of the season, will be a very substantial one. Modern appliances for the treating of the auriferous gravel is now installed, and the work can therefore be expeditiously carried on. Heretofore the only tests which could be made, but which fully demonstrated the richness of the property, was by means of a hose and a sluice box.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—Detective Palmer left last evening for New Westminster, having in charge Geo. A. Leightiier, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment a few days ago.

—Last evening Amos Ross, a longshoreman, was found dead in his cabin. The remains were removed to the morgue until the decision of the doctors as to the cause of death.

—Tenders are being invited for the purchase of debentures, amounting to $268,500, of which $255,000 will run for 50 years and the remainder, the city's share, for ten years. All will bear interest at 4 per cent., payable half-yearly.

—In consequence of the richness of the ore in the new find on the Skeena a group of eight claims have been staked, to be known as the Golden Eagle group. The property is about half a mile north of the Golden Crown property, and promises to be very rich.

—It was decided last evening at a meeting in the schoolroom of the Reformed Episcopal church that the annual excursion of that church should be held on July 13th at Langford Plains in aid of the school. Trains will leave for the scene at 9 a. m. and at 3 p. m.

—Mayor Hayward has given notice that at the next meeting of the city council he will recommend a resolution to appoint five members of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. A special meeting of the city council will be held in the committee room of the city hall this afternoon.

—Last evening at the residence of J. A. Jessop, 102 Bay street, Rev. W. H. Barraclough united in marriage Rev. W. C. Fehlichter, of Duncans, and Miss Jennie Connor, of Belleville, Ontario. The mother of the bride, and the father and mother of the bridegroom, were among those present. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fehlichter will spend their honeymoon in the city, returning to Duncans in about a week.

—At Semple's hall last evening, Cedar Hill lodge, No. 3, I. O. G. T., paid a fraternal visit to Victoria West lodge, No. 29. Sister King acted as chief templer, while the other officers of the visiting lodge occupied their respective chairs. During the evening a pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, and after tendering a hearty vote of thanks to the visiting members refreshments of coffee and cake were served by members of the local lodge.

—At the residence of C. R. King, Queen's avenue, his daughter, Lilian Beatrice, and Mr. Berton Van Horne, of the C. P. R., were married last evening. The bride was attired in white satin surah with veil, while the bridesmaid, Miss Pauline Van Horne, sister of the groom, wore white organdie. Mr. R. Bertram King supported the groom, and Rev. J. F. Vichert performed the ceremony, which took place under a floral bell. They left for Vancouver this morning, and will after a trip East return to Revelstoke, where they will take up their residence.

—In order to give Victorians an opportunity of attending the Dominion Day festivities at Vancouver, the C. P. N. Company will inaugurate a special service between here and the Mainland, with excursion rates. The Yosemite will leave Victoria on Sunday at two o'clock a.m. and returning leave Vancouver at midnight on Monday. The round trip fare will be $2. Tickets will also be good on the Charmer on Saturday and Sunday nights, and on the Islander on Monday at 8 a.m., and will be available returning until July 3rd. The Islander will make a specially fast trip to Vancouver in order that her excursion passengers will reach the Terminal City in time for the afternoon sports of the celebration.

—The eleventh annual meeting of the donors and subscribers to the P.O. Home will be held in the city hall to-morrow at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Business: Receiving the annual report of the directors, the treasurer's statement for the year ending 31st May, 1901, and the election of directors. The four following directors retire, but are eligible for re-election: H. D. Helmcken, Joshua Davies, F. B. Pemberton, and Alexander Wilson. Donors and subscribers can vote for four members only. The city council nominate five (5), the local government three (3), and the French Benevolent Society three (3), making a total of fifteen (15) directors. All donors of money, and annual subscribers of $5 and upwards are eligible to vote for the election of directors.

—The following is the special committee appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of York; Mayor Hayward, Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart, Yates, Cooley and Hall, Senator Macdonald, Senator Templeman, Col. Prior, M. P., Thos. Earle, M. P., H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., Hon. J. H. Turner, M. P. P., Richard Hall, M. P. P., A. E. McPhillips, M. P. P., Lindley Crease, Herbert Cuthbert, Wm. Dalby, A. J. Dallain, Thos. Deasy, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, R. L. Drury, A. B. Fraser, sr., Ben Gordon, Col. Gregory, Dr. E. C. B. Hanington, Thos. Hooper, George Jeeves, John M. Langley, C. H. Lugrin, Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, Edward B. Paul, M. A., Joseph Peirson, W. H. Price, C. E. Redfern, Capt. Boyd, R. Seabrook, Noah Shakespeare, C. F. Todd, Thos. Watson.

Successful Pound Party

Large Number of Presents Given Children of Orphans' Home Yesterday.

Building Was Thronged With Visitors During Afternoon—List of Donors.

The Protestant Orphans' Home presented a very animated appearance yesterday afternoon, when the annual "Pound Party" of that institution was held. The home was thronged with people from early in the afternoon, and the overladen condition of the tables in the dining room attested the generosity of the visitors. Guests commenced arriving at 2 o'clock, and all carried something that would add to the comfort or in other way help the orphans. The home was inspected by visitors from top to bottom, and all who attended gained an idea of how the orphan children are cared for. The dining room was very prettily decorated, but what perhaps was the most delightful sight in the eyes of the children were the tables, which were covered with eatables and other necessities.

The Cecilian orchestra supplied music, and five little girls sang. The members of the ladies' committee were very successful in entertaining the visitors, and a most pleasant afternoon was spent. The list of donors follows:

Loan of piano, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton; tuning of piano, Mr. W. Parsell; cartage of piano, Mr. Alexander; music, the Cecilian Orchestra and the Misses Blackwood, Going and McElhinny; Mrs. H. C. Brett, 2 lbs. tea; Mrs. Jackson, sack potatoes and green onions; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, sack flour and cakes; Mrs. Mugridge, cake; Mrs. Berridge, dripping pan, cake and cash, $1; Mrs. Gordon Hunter, 2 boxes sodas and 1 lb. tea; Mrs. Nelson, sack oatmeal; Mrs. Johnston, salt fish; Albert Johnson, sugar; Neil Grant, sugar; Roy Butler, cakes; Willie Horn, 2 pakages washing powder; Reggie Willsie, figs, 6 lbs.; Chas. Flewin, 8 lbs. sweet potatoes; Mr. W. J. Pendray, box of white Swan soap; Lieut.-Col. Gregory, sack Japan rice; Mrs. Lewis Marks, sack flour; Mrs. Capt. Newby, ham; Mrs. S. Doncaster, can of marmalade and two bars Castile soap; Mrs. C. Smith, tapioca and sago; Eskine, Wall & Co., box tea; Miss Chase Going, jam; Miss Edythe McElhinny, jam; Miss Etheldred McElhinny, jam; Mrs. Dr. Milne, 2 sacks flour; Mrs. Esther Riley, 1 sack flour; Mrs. Becker, box sodas; Mrs. J. W. Devlin, 12 lbs. strawberries; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bone, sack of flour; 2 friends, tea, coffee and 4 lbs. butter; Mrs. Geo. Jay, corn starch, tea and cocoa; Mr. A. Jack, 2 pies, doughnuts, tarts, scones, cakes, vegetables and dripping; Deaville, Sons & Co. three lbs. tea; Mrs. T. Earle, sack of rice and clothing; Mrs. E. B. Jones, sack of flour; Mrs. J. A. Mara, box of tea; Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, cake; Mrs. R. Finlayson, box of tea and sack of rice; Mr. John Ward, sack of flour; Rev. J. F. Vichert, sack of flour; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, sack of flour; Mrs. Erb, 6 jars jam, sugar and flowers; Miss Poppea, sack of oatmeal; Col. Holmes, sack of flour; Mrs. Shotbolt, sack of flour; Miss Carr, milk, butter and cash, $5; Mrs. Richards, milk; Mrs. A. Tate, cream and milk; Mr. Geo. Carter 6 lbs. pineapple marmalade, 12 lbs. pineapple jam; Mrs. W. Franklin; Mrs. W. H. Lowe, 2 packages Wheatine, cakes, box strawberries; Henry Cousins, raisins; Alex. McKenzie, jam; Mrs. Wm. Atkins, tea and cheese; Miss Maggie McKenzie, raisins; Mrs. R. Jones, sack of rolled oats; Mrs. F. W. Volleau, sugar; Mrs. H. A. S. Morley, box tea and sweater; Mrs. H. Stadthagen, boys' caps; Mrs. McMartin, 2 lbs. butter; Mrs. Durham, sack flour; Mrs. R. Croft, 1 lb. coffee, 1 lb. arrowroot; Mrs. W. J. Dowler, roll of butter and Pearline; Hon. W. Hamley, ham, 3 boxes biscuit; Chas. Flewin, 8 lbs. sweet potatoes; Reggie Willsie, figs; Mrs. West Wilson, box pilot bread, 2 cakes; Mrs. B. F. Shepherd, sack of oatmeal; Mrs. Kermode, 2 lbs. butter; Mrs. W. Walker, cakes; Mrs. McCulloch, cakes; Mrs. M. Andrews, cakes; Master Malcom Walker, flowers; Mrs. Davis, beans, butter and clothing; Miss S. Carroll, 1 sack potatoes, 1 sack flour, prunes, beans, candy, soap, nuts, biscuts, butter, sugar, syrup; Mrs. J. E. McMillen, sack flour, 6 jars jam; Mrs. W. G. Cameron, sack flour; Mrs. Wm. Munsie, sack flour; Mrs. S. A. Stoddart, clothing; Mrs. E. B. Marvin, sack of flour; Mowat & Wallace, box tea; Mrs. Mr. McNeil, sack rolled oats; Mrs. M. J. McDonald, cash, $1; Rev R. B. and Miss Blyth, corn starch, cake and sack of flour; Mrs. Kelly, tea; Mrs. and Miss Bailey, corn starch; Mrs. Fred. Carne, 5 lb. sack oatmeal; Miss Jameson, 3 large cans fruit; Mr. D. Spragg, sack of oatmeal and 1 pie; "Innocents Abroad," McAuley Point, box of pilot bread; Mrs. Withfield, 2 boxes toilet soap; Mrs. W. A. Jones, tea and butter; Rev. Elliot, S. and Mrs. Rowe, sack of flour; Mrs. S. Leiser, 3 tins sardines, cocoa and 3 cans lobsters, 3 cans fruit; Mrs. J. Hutcheson, pair pillows and cakes; Mrs. D. Miller, 2 lbs. coffee; Miss Hunter, rice; Mrs. Houston, rice; Mrs. Dr. Milne, cakes; Miss Daisy Salmon, box biscuits; Mrs. Blair, raisins; Miss Marie Blair, coffee; Mrs. Brock, butter; Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Helmcken, cash, $5; Mrs. Pelletier, box strawberries; Mrs. Steitz, lb. tea; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, sack flour; Mr. H. Hector; 3 doz. handkerchiefs; The Hutcheson Co., 2 doz. linen towels, 1 doz. bath towels; Mrs. Aikman, 3 lbs. white Castile soap; Mrs. C. Kent, candies; Mrs. Lange, tea; Miss Lange, oranges; Mrs. L. Moffat, soap; Mrs. S. A. Spencer, 6 tins cocoa; Mrs. Walsh, tea; Mrs. Jackson, cocoa; Mrs. —— jam; Mrs. J. T. McDonald, tea and coffee; Mrs. and Mr. Denny, cash, $5; Mrs. Lowen, sack of flour; Judge Irving, 2 sacks flour, box honey, 2 sacks rolled oats and box tea; Mrs. Goepel, rolled wheat; Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, box tea and tennis balls; Mrs. W. McNeill, candy and rolled oats; Miss Munsie, cakes; Mrs. Jay, sr., tea; Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, sack potatoes; Dr. Helmcken, cash, $5; Mrs. Laundy, corn starch and health food; Miss Cridge, cocoa; Miss Dorothy McTavish, tea; Mrs. McTavish, cake and jam; Mrs. Sylvester, crackers; Master Gordon Reed, candy; Mrs. S. Reed, sack rolled oats; Mrs. Purdy, tea and biscuits; Mrs. F. Walker, rice, corn starch and raisins; Miss McDonell, raisins; Miss McDonell, box biscuits; A Friend, 10 cents; Mrs. Frank Adams, butter; Mrs. Mitchell, preserves and sugar; Mrs. J. W. Williams, 2 sacks corn meal; Mrs. W. J. Hanna, sack flour; Mrs. Dr. Carter, sack flour; Mrs. J. P. Elford, sack flour; Mrs. S. A. Stoddart, cake; Mrs. Dungan, cake; Mrs. Galligher, sweets; Miss Jennings, cash, 50 cents; Mrs. Jesse, currants; Miss Morrison, starch and butter; Miss Claudie Hall, rice; Miss Kinsman, sack oatmeal; Mrs. Ella, cake; Mrs. Bickford, 2 doz. towels; Mrs. Carne, flannelette; Mrs. Page, tea; Mrs. W. Jensen, butter; Mrs. Henry Wilson, cash, $5; Mrs. Henry Rutland, 20 caps; A Friend, bread and pickles; Mrs. A. A. Davis, coffee; Mrs. Cooley, crackers; Mrs. J. B. Lovell, sack flour; Mrs. Hitt, oatmeal; Mrs. McRae, arrowroot; Miss Loat, box tea; Miss B. Loat, box biscuits; Master N. Coldwell, tea; Miss E. S. Shrapnel, cocoanut; Miss Annie Phillips, tea; Miss Marie Whalen, cash, 50 cents; Mrs. Glover, sago; Mrs. Keeler, tea; Miss Effie J. Henderson, cash, $5; Mrs. Wm. Henderson, cash, $5; Mrs. Frank and Alice Turner, cakes; Miss Ellen Dumbleton, jam; Miss Lorna Dumbleton, cakes; Mrs. Wm. Broderick, cash, $5; Mrs. Toller, cakes; Mrs. Spratt, wheat flakes; Mrs. Partridge, 2 sacks conrmeal; Mrs. Relkort, cans tomatoes; Rev. J. D. Wilson, sugar; Hardress Clarke, box tea and macaroni; F. C. Smith, coffee; Mrs. C. Flewin, sugar; Mrs. Jas. Foreman, sugar; Mrs. Levy, biscuits; Mrs. Dean, syrup; Mrs. B. R. Seabrook, sack flour; Mrs. Preston Wilson, 2 sacks cornmeal, 2 sacks rolled oats; Mrs. H. Clay, cakes; Mrs. J. H. Todd, cash, $1; Mrs. Wrickton (Oak Bay per H. Clarke), corn starch, 2 sacks rolled oats, 2 boxes sodas; Mrs. Scowcroft, 1 sack flour and cakes; Dr. O. M. Jones, sack potatoes; Mrs. Heisterman, sack flour; Mrs. P. J. Ridden, sugar; Mrs. Sargison, soap and biscuits; Mrs. Andrews, counterpane; A Friend, 5 Graham biscuits and 2 jars marmalade; Mrs. St. Clair, tea and jam; Mrs. J. B. Clarke, tea; Mr. and Mrs. H., cash, $5; Mrs. McKeon, tea; Mrs. Fraser, rolled oats; Mr. Prebber, rolled oats; Master Henry Cousins, raisins; Mrs. Ledingham, rolled oats; Mrs. G. G. F. Lindsay, K. C., Toronto, cash, $5; Mrs. Wilson, sr., rolled oats, dish-pan and cakes; Mrs. McIntyre, plum jam; Mrs. Mary, butter; Mrs. Wilkins, tea; Mrs. A. J. Morley, pearly tapioca; Mrs. Newby, cakes, Rev. and Mrs. Miller, tea and lemons; Mrs. Watkins, cakes; Mrs. F. Kermode, butter; Mrs. Goodhall, white soap; Mrs. Proctor, tea; Mrs. Hacket, sugar; Mrs. A. C. McDonald, sugar; Mrs. Rudd, plums and sugar; Mrs. Stemler, cocoa and sugar; Master Gerald Leishman, cakes; Mrs. H. Cooley, biscuits; Mrs. Gooley, butter; Master Wm. Cooley, candy; Mrs. Schwengers, sugar; Hon. A. E. and Mrs. Smith, cash, $5; Mrs. T. S. Wilson, cash, $1; Mrs. W. R. Wilson, cakes; Mrs. Barham, tea; Mrs. Helen Barham, cocoa; Mrs. G. Blackstall, cakes; Miss Thoburn, box toilet soap; The Hon. the Lieut.-Governor, cash, $5; Senator and Mrs. Templeman, cash, $5; Mrs. Gordon Grant, tea; Miss Spencer, cash, $5; Mrs. Spofford, tea; Miss Goward, chocolates; Miss Deane, cakes; Mrs. Cuthbert, tea; Mrs. E. B. Clark, tea; Rev. and Mrs. Barraclough, raisins; Mrs. Wm. Humphreys, tea; A Friend, cake, tea and sugar; Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, cash, $5; Mrs. E. E. Wootten, 2 jars jam; Miss Robertson, tea; Mrs. Campbell, rice; Mrs. Williams, biscuits; Mrs. A. Baker, lemons; Miss Gladys Hewlings, cash, $2.50; Miss Williams, cash, 50 cents and apricots; Mayor and Mrs. Hayward, 1 lb. nickels; Mrs. Reade, cherries; A Friend, corn starch and tea; Mrs. Blythe, cakes; Mrs. Goodacre, print; Mrs. F. J. Hall, raisins; Mrs. Reynolds, butter; Mrs. Keast, raisins; Mrs. Brady, rice; Johns Bros. $10 cash; Mrs. Andrews, rolled oats; Miss Carr, rice; Master Jack Nicholles, sack turnips; Mrs. A. J. Morley, box groceries (spices, cocoa, tea, sugar and soda); Miss Wigley, currants; Miss Scott, tea; Mrs. C. F. Todd, cash, $5; Mrs. H. Charlesworth, chocolates and strawberries; Mrs. E. C. Redfern, box tea; Miss Colquhoun, tea and coffee; A Friend, bread and pickles; Miss A. L. Johnson, crackers and rice; Mrs. A. H. Hartley, rice; Mr. Hanson, sugar; T. N. Hibben, slates; Mrs. McTavish, jam; Miss Sorby, jam; Mrs. Sorby, sugar and balls; Mrs. Rithet, linen towels and 2 doz. handkerchiefs.

CLOSING DAY.

City Schools Will Have Final Exercises for Term To-morrow—Reopening on August 12th.

To-morrow will be closing day in the various schools of the city. In most of them the proceedings will be somewhat out of the usual line. They will be closed for summer holidays until August 12th.

The High school will give an appropriate programme at 2.30 in the gymnasium, to which all are invited.

At North Ward school the various rooms will be open to the parents and visitors from 10 to 11 in the forenoon. During that hour an opportunity will be afforded the public to see the manual training department of the school at work. At 1.30 in the afternoon the closing exercises will commence. These will be of the usual character, including a programme. The promotion lists will also be read.

At Hillside avenue the pupils will be engaged in their regular work during the morning. At 10.45 the closing exercises will be held and a programme given by the children.

The teachers of the Boys' Central school have decided not to hold any elaborate closing exercises. The pupils will meet in their own rooms and the teachers will read the promotion lists, after which the scholars will disperse for the summer holidays. In some cases, however, short programmes have been arranged by the pupils of the different rooms, which will be rendered.

The closing exercises of the Girls' Central will also take place to-morrow morning, and will be something of the same nature as the Boys' Central.

LEGAL NEWS.

Cases Disposed of in Chambers By Mr. Justice Irving This Morning.

Mr. Justice Irving heard in Chambers this morning the following applications:

Bank of B. N. A. v. Shmermerhorn et al—Application to issue concurrent writ was granted.

Bank of B. N. A. v. Shmermerhorn—Application to issue writ of service out of jurisdiction was granted.

Mr. Justice Irving gave decision in Wheatley v. Thompson this morning. In this case a petition against the decision of Leonard Norris, assistant commissioner, as to the boundary of farms in Beaver Creek, county of Yale, was heard. In deciding the case His Lordship designated the boundaries of the farm. Security to be paid back to the petitioner.

PROGRESS AT MINES.

Bridge Across Chemainus River to Be Constructed at Once.

W. A. Dier, managing director of the Mount Sicker and Brenton mines, returned from the scene of operations on the noon train to-day. He reports considerable progress both in the mining and work of constructing headquarters.

The government engineer is at Mount Sicker surveying for the road from Mount Sicker townsite to the bridge which will be shortly constructed across the Chemainus river between the Victoria and Copper canyon properties. Lumber for the building is being brought from the Lenora, H. Kease having the contract for delivery.

In regard to the mining operations it is interesting to note that one day's labor in putting drift in Copper canyon resulted in the disclosure of a vein across the face of the tunnel fully four feet wide.

LODGE POINTERS.

Next Week Fraternal Societies Will Be Busy Installing Officers.

Next week will mark one of the busiest periods of the year amongst the fraternal societies. The first part of July is always set aside by a number of the lodges of the city for the semi-annual installation of officers.

A meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., will be held this evening, when the report of the memorial committee will be received. Work in the second rank will be performed. Far West Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will hold their regular weekly meeting to-morrow evening, when the report of the memorial committee will also be received. All members are requested to attend.

At the first meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., after the new term, the amalgamation of Victoria and Peerless, No. 33, lodges will be effected. As stated in these columns heretofore, when these two lodges have amalgamated one of the strongest lodges, both financially and numerically, in the province will be formed. The lodge will be called Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

Last evening Victoria Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W., held their regular meeting, when two candidates were initiated.

MAY BUILD A RAILWAY.

Georgian Mill Owners Said to Have Logging Road in Contemplation.

As a result of the trip around the Island completed by the tug Alarm recently, a railway extending from Nitinat, on the West Coast, to Cowichan lake, a distance of eighteen miles, will, it is said, be probably built. The project, it is stated, is contemplated by the Georgian Sawmill Company, of Cowichan, and is calculated to facilitate the handling of the company's timber from the West Coast point.

Around Nitinat the company owns extensive timber rights, and in order to avail itself of these, a sawmill on the coast or a railway connecting waters on the east and west coasts of the Island is regarded as imperative. Connecting Nitinat lake with salt water is a body of water that is exceedingly swift and altogether impracticable for the navigation of logs, so that a mill situated on the lake would always have this serious handicap to contend with. But with a railway stretching across the narrow belt of land separating the lake from Cowichan lake one of the finest timber belts in British Columbia would be brought within workable distance of one of the largest and best equipped mills on the Coast.

The timber in this district is noted for its tremendous size, and there is an abundance of it all along the coast.

THE LADNER TRAGEDY.

W. H. Ladner Tells of Taking Depositions of a Dying Chinaman.

Details of the horrible tragedy at Ladner are told by W. H. Ladner, justice of the peace at that place, who is in the city.

Mr. Ladner says that a constable came to his house early in the morning before he got up and told him of the occurrence, receiving a warrant authorizing him to keep the perpetrator of the murders in custody. Shortly after the coroner arrived and requested him to go to the scene of the tragedy and take the deposition of the Chinaman who, as mentioned, was believed to be dying and who has since succumbed to the effects of his wounds. The deposition was taken through an interpreter. The house in which the murders took place is a frame structure two stories high.

The dying Chinaman stated that in the night he heard a noise in the upper story, and, thinking that it might be a fire, he got out of his bunk and ran up the stairs. On reaching the top he was stopped by the murderer, who struck him on the arm with his axe. He turned and commenced running down stairs. This gave the murderer his opportunity. Raising his axe he struck the fleeing Chinaman full on the back, making a frightful and fatal gash. He identified the prisoner as the man who had struck him.

Mr. Ladner said that the scene which met his eyes in stepping into the room was something horrible. Two or three bodies lay about the room, and pools of blood were on the floor.

Mr. Ladner is registered at the Dominion.

CUBAN RAILWAYS.

Montreal, June 26.—Sir William Van Horne, who returned this morning from Cuba, where he has 3,500 men at work on railway schemes, said he never put his hand to a project in which he had met less obstruction or opposition.

POLL TAX CASE.

Judgment of Chief Justice McColl Delivered at Vancouver.

As previously stated Chief Justice McColl on Tuesday gave judgment for defendants in the provincial government against the United Canners. The judgment follows:

So far as appears by the evidence before me, there was no agreement or arrangement between the appellants and any of the persons in respect of whom the revenue tax is claimed for the supply of any fish.

On the contrary, it was sworn distinctly that the boats and nets obtained by these persons from the appellants were sold outright at the time of delivery though not then paid for, and that although the appellants hoped to have the indebtedness thus incurred by the sale to them of fish to be caught by means of the apparatus so bought, yet the purchasers remained at perfect liberty to dispose of their entire catch if they thought fit.

It was urged by counsel for the respondent that such a transaction was so one-sided that I ought to find an implied agreement on the part of the purchasers to supply enough fish, if caught, to wipe out the indebtedness; and certain circumstances, as that the persons occupied without rent cabins owned by the appellants, were relied upon in support.

There being no conflict upon the evidence, I cannot disregard the positive testimony given.

The recent history of the canning industry on the Fraser river is common knowledge and need not be discussed here, but it affords reasons why the canners may perhaps think it expedient to deal with some of the fishermen in this way, which indeed was stated to be a practice common among the canners on the river. Even if the practice was adopted to avoid coming under the act, of which there is no evidence, nor was this even suggested, the sole question I have to determine would still remain, are the appellants, in the circumstances mentioned, still within the act?

The answer depends upon the construction of R. S. B. C. c 167, s 2, s s 4, as amended by 62 Vic., c 66, 3 2.

The former provides (1) the furnishing of a boat, etc., by a canner to a fisherman or other person in return for a portion of the fish to be caught, in which case the parties take the chance of the catch being large or small or an average one; and (2) an agreement for the sale to the canner of all or a portion of the fish at a certain price in consideration of the furnishing of the boat, etc., when the price of the fish is of course set off against the indebtedness of the fishermen or other person.

The amendment extends the liability of the canner to persons employed by him indirectly through a contractor for labor.

It was strongly urged that the words "or in connection with his business," make the canner liable in the circumstances stated whenever the fish or a portion of them are afterwards sold to him. But in my judgment the words mean some relationship between the parties entitling the canner to share in the fish caught upon some terms.

Here any benefits he may derive depends upon the honesty or goodwill of the fisherman, or his view of what is best for his own future advantage.

The contention is too wide, for it would make the canner liable for the tax payable by all persons who share in the work of catching any fish bought by the canner.

The mere circumstance that the fisherman bought some of the apparatus from the canner without paying for it cannot in reason make any distinction.

The appeal is allowed with costs.

A. J. McCOLL.
Vancouver, June 25th, 1901.

BUSY COMMITTEE.

Members of the City Council Have Considerable in Hand.

The electric light committee of the city council are being kept busy these days. Some time ago the council invited tenders for a plant to be utilized in lighting the municipal buildings. The British Columbia Electric Railway Company then came forward with an offer, which was published in these columns, and referred to the committee. This was followed by an offer from the Gas Company, also published, and also referred to the same committee.

The aldermen composing this body have consequently had three things to consider. First, the batch of tenders for the plant, which were opened yesterday; secondly, the offer of the Electric Railway Company, this was considered to-day; thirdly, the offer of the Gas Company, which will be dealt with to-morrow. The idea is to take the step which will be the most advantageous to the city, financially and otherwise.

BIRTHS.

HARLOW—At Slocan, on June 16th, the wife of A. Harlow, of a son.

HENDERSON—At Slocan, on June 15th, the wife of R. G. Henderson, of a son.

M'MAHON—At Revelstoke, on June 16th, the wife of Thos. McMahon, of a son.

FRASER—At Revelstoke, on June 14th, the wife of Fred. Fraser, of a daughter.

KINMAN—At Trout Lake, on June 12th, the wife of E. L. Kinman, of a daughter.

STANLEY—At Vernon, on June 14th, the wife of T. R. Stanley of a daughter.

MARRIED.

ANDREWS-DIAMOND—