

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, June 12th to 18th, 1901. The weather during the past week has been exceedingly fine and summer like, with three days of over 13 hours of bright sunshine registered at this office, and the change has been all the more appreciated owing to the cool and showery conditions of the earlier part of the month.

The week commenced on the 12th with a depressed area hovering over Cariboo, and high barometric pressure from California to Vancouver Island, while east of the Rocky Mountains another high area occupied the Northwest Territories. The weather was unseasonably cool, except in the valley of the Sacramento, and at night frost occurred again at Baker City, Central Oregon. These conditions remained unchanged during the 13th, but on the 14th the British Columbia low area moved eastward across the Rockies, causing a thunderstorm at Calgary and rainfall in the southern tier of the province. Cloudy weather with showers, prevailed over the district of the Straths. On the 15th the pressure rose throughout the province, light showers fell on the Upper Mainland and the coast, but on the 16th ocean disturbances developed on our coast, the barometer fell at all points, and during the remainder of the week the pressure was very irregular over the entire western section of the continent.

Bright, sunny weather has, however, prevailed, and the winds decreased. The 17th and 18th were especially warm days, reaching to 83 degrees at Kamloops and 74 at Barkerville. It is probable that a rise will occur again in the Fraser river, as the mountain snows are rapidly passing down from Cariboo and the Thompson valley, but it is not anticipated that any serious flood will ensue.

In the Northwest sections heavy rain has fallen, Minnesota reporting a fall of over 2 inches in 24 hours. Several thunderstorms also occurred.

Taken altogether, the weather during the week, both in British Columbia and the Northwest, has been most beneficial for all growing crops.

At Victoria 60 hours and 6 minutes of bright sunshine were registered; 0.2 inch of rain fell; the highest temperature was 74 on the 17th, and the lowest 47.2 on the 14th. New Westminster reports rainfall .22 inch; highest temperature 82 on 17th, and lowest 40 on 15th.

Kamloops reports rain .29 inch; highest temperature 88 on 17th and 18th, and lowest 46 on 15th and 16th.

Barkerville reports rainfall .20 inch; highest temperature 74 on 18th, and lowest 34 on 12th and 15th.



Local News.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A party of eight Victorians will be leaving for Princess Royal Island this week to construct a wagon road from the mines to the coast, on that island.

(News has been received in this city of the marriage of C. N. McDonald, formerly of this city, but now of New Westminster, and Mrs. McMillan, of Antigonish, N. S.)

The Chambers application in McKee v. Morrison Miss to continue an injunction, decision was given at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The application was dismissed, costs in cause.

D. W. Gardner writes from Claycoq as follows: "I wish to express through the columns of your valuable paper, my sincere thanks to the many kind friends of Claycoq, who so generously assisted during our beloved companion's illness."

The coroner's jury after examining into the circumstances surrounding the death of the Chinaman, who dropped dead at the B. C. Market Company's farm on Saturday, have returned a verdict that his death was due to natural causes, probably heart trouble.

As the result of a runaway, C. C. Welch, manager of the B. C. Cattle Company, has a broken arm and is otherwise shaken up. The shaft of the carriage broke through the bridle and struck the horse. The bit broke and the driver, losing control of the horse, was thrown out.

The fire chief, accompanied by Ald. Hall, yesterday afternoon drove out to the beach at the head of Cook street, where some careless party had left a open crossing on the E. & N. railway. The direction is patent, and campers and others are cautioned against leaving fires on the beach unattended.

A dispatch from Winnipeg says that hundreds of people were turned away from Grace church on Sunday night, where Rev. Solomon Cleaver, formerly pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church of this city, preached his farewell sermon. He left for Toronto yesterday, having been transferred to that city.

James Duzan, of Cobble Hill, yesterday interviewed the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works with respect to an open crossing on the E. & N. railway. He complains that the crossing is a menace to live stock, having had five cattle killed on it. He favors diverting the road, which by the expenditure could be shortened considerably and made safe.

The lighter case came up in the police court this morning, and was further remanded, on application of J. H. Lawson, jr., who is appearing for the defence. He pointed out the information had not yet been amended as contemplated by the prosecution and consequently the defence were left in uncertainty regarding the course to be pursued by them. The prosecuting counsel Mr. Powell, not objecting to the remand, adjourned until Tuesday morning next.

The remains of the late Mrs. John Bryden were laid at rest this afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Head Street, at 2 o'clock, and was attended by a large number of friends, both at the residence and at the church and at the large number of flowers and floral designs, which were in evidence, showed in a very striking manner the esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. The services were conducted at the church and grave by the Rev. Bishop

Perrin assisted by Rev. Canon Beaulieu and Rev. W. D. Barber. The following acted as pall bearers: Hon. C. P. O'Reilly, Hon. D. M. Eberts, Hon. C. P. Pooley, Major Jones, Hon. D. W. Higgins, and Hon. J. H. Turner.

This afternoon a couple of young men engaged in combat on the street in front of the Times office, presumably for the edification of members of the staff. About three rounds and as many falls took place, during which it became evident that neither the combatants knew any more about the many art than a Fiji Islander. Several gentlemen who witnessed the encounter stopped it when they saw that, as an exposition of the art, the bout was a lamentable failure.

A procession of men, women and children, between seven and eight o'clock last evening, somewhat aroused the curiosity of onlookers, many of whom at first thought it was a basket picnic up the George. As a matter of fact, it was a general turn-out of the members of the local Christian Catholic church to tender a send off to some of the brethren who left last night for Zion, on Commercial street, bound by boat. The members gave the departing ones a hearty farewell with many good wishes for their welfare.

The general committee, Memorial Day celebration, met in I. O. O. F. library last night, representatives from Sons of England, Sons of St. George, Knights of Pythias and others were present. It was decided that the parade will assemble on Yates street at 2:30 p. m. (Sunday 23rd inst.), start down Yates to Government street, turn up Fort to Cook, to Fairfield road to the cemetery. Bro. T. Fox, Columbia lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., will have full charge of the parade, each society will appoint sub-masters and arrange for floral tributes. The City band will head the procession.

Yesterday at the residence of the bride's mother, North Park street, J. G. Hastings, united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Rose Matthews, of this city, and Mr. R. Engles, of Nanaimo. Miss O. Anderson acted as bridesmaid, while M. Drayton served as the groom. The popularity of the young couple, especially in the district of Spring Ridge, was strongly attested by the large number of guests who were invited. After the wedding ceremony a reception was held and the newly married couple received the congratulations of their many friends. They left on their honeymoon trip by the steamer Rosalie last evening.

That energetic official, the sanitary officer, is on the war path after sound fruit, several specimens of peaches from the east having been condemned. Some of these were consigned to wholesale agents and others to retailers, who immediately shipped them back again. Samples were sent by the sanitary inspector to Dr. Fagan, of the provincial board of health, who upon examination found them grossly decomposed. Both the eastern and southern exporters will some day realize that anything in the fruit line will not do for Victoria, and the sanitary officer stands ready to help any one on fruit imported here. Altogether, about one hundred and fifty cases were condemned.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The management of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada is to be assumed by G. A. Taylor, who for the past year has had charge of the Vancouver branch. E. A. Earle, who has occupied the position acting manager of the local branch, will go to the Terminal City for the purpose of assuming the management of the branch there.

This morning the Small Debts court a number gathered in expectation of hearing Mayor Hayward's suit against Seymour Hastings' O'Dell for the recovery of \$300. The plaintiff to the suit was O'Dell in transportation from Halifax at the time of the return of the latter from South Africa. At the request of Geo. Powell, solicitor for the defendant, the case was remanded until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Mayor Hayward is represented by City Solicitor Bradburn.

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Members of secret societies will, as announced elsewhere in this issue, decorate the graves of their departed brethren on Sunday afternoon. The procession will start at 2:30 sharp in the following order: Band, I. O. O. F., the Sons of England and Sons of St. George, who will form on Broad street, north of Yates, and join the procession in front of the Sons of St. George. Each 500 feet to be formed in four columns, route is down Yates, along Government street, up Fort, along Cook to Fairfield road. On arriving at the cemetery the ranks will open order and counter-march. The return will be in reverse order. G. T. Fox, the chief marshal, requests all the department marshals to meet at 78 Government street on Saturday evening to receive final instructions.

As briefly mentioned in last evening's Times an event of particular interest to Victorians, in that it concerns one who for years was a popular resident of this city, took place last Monday at Vancouver. Charles N. Macdonald, accountant of the Dominion public works department, at New Westminster, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mrs. Alice Macdonald, of Antigonish, N. S., by Rev. Dr. McLaren, at the residence of H. V. Youdall. The ceremony was very quiet, only the relatives of the contracting parties being present. Miss Jessie Murray, daughter of Rev. Mr. Murray, of Nicola, and niece of the

brought up by the stretcher company. Over three hundred men were in line, and they were all in heavy marching order. They looked fit for a march to Nanaimo. A large crowd witnessed the march.

The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 18th inst. were \$643,129, balance \$229,131.

The eighth annual meeting of the Board of Trade Building Association will be held to-morrow afternoon at the board of trade rooms at 11 o'clock. The reports of the directors will be received and the election of directors will take place.

The opening public meeting of the local branch of the Navy League will be held, as previously stated, in Pioneer hall on Tuesday evening next, at which Lieut. Gov. Sir Henri Joly, Capt. Barkley, R. E. Dewdney and other gentlemen of note are expected to be present. As Capt. Barkley is a veteran of the Royal Navy, his presence is of great interest and service to the league.

W. R. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, at the head of a party, intends starting on a visit to the mines of the head waters of the Kettle river, Rock creek and Boundary country. They will return through the Similkameen, Hope Mountain country and the Fraser valley. The party will consist of the provincial mineralogist, a packer, a cook and two McGill students, who will travel with him for the advantage of experience.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Ellen Whitehead at the family residence, No. 1 May street. Deceased was 29 years of age and a native of Over Stoney, Eng. She came to Victoria six months ago. Previous to that she resided in Winnipeg for some time, having moved there from Toronto, where she was brought up. She leaves a husband, four small children—three sons and one daughter—the latter six months old. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Friday afternoon.

The steamer City of Nanaimo has been chartered to make three trips to Port Angeles on the Fourth of July, a couple of delegates from the city across the Straits, one of whom was Thomas Bradley, son of the mayor of Port Angeles. The steamer is chartered to hold there on the United States national holiday. They interviewed the baseball people, Mr. Finn, of the Fifth Regiment, a strong suggestion of being intentional. D. Burnett, of Sooke, was walking home on Saturday evening, about 8:30 o'clock, after attending to his cattle. He was on one side of a fence, when he heard the crack of a rifle on the other side. At the time he had his left hand raised to his face, and just as the rifle exploded let it drop. The bullet took a finger completely off his hand. Mr. Burnett did not see the man who fired the shot, but he heard somebody running away.

A new firm of commission agents, etc., Roys & Deasy, has opened out a business office in the city. The members of the firm, Capt. C. Roys and Thomas Deasy, are well known in the city. The office is located at the corner of Yates street, and in addition to fire, life, marine and accident insurance and general commission business the firm will deal in fire department apparatus. The office is undoubtedly expensive, in view of the years of service at the head of the Victoria fire department places ex-Chief Deasy in a splendid position in handling such goods. The new firm is expected to receive good patronage from the public in the various lines of commission business in which they are engaged.

The Esquimalt Water Company are increasing their storage capacity by the construction of a large reservoir in the vicinity of Goldstream lake. Operations have been under way for some time, and the work has been carried on expeditiously. About thirty men are employed and it is expected that the reservoir will be doubled in the near future. This will make the third reservoir in the Esquimalt system, the latter being about three miles back of the first reservoir to be encountered after leaving the Goldstream power house. Unlike this latter reservoir, the new one is situated in a high position, and its construction is its inaccessibility, it being difficult to reach it except by crossing the lake.

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The condition of affairs in Brazil is scarcely better. The only exploring done has been carried on by the States. There are large tracts in the northern part of Brazil, which have never been crossed, as far as is known, by any white man.

Mrs. Jas. Lafferty, aged about 70, was struck by a trolley car, at Guelph yesterday and instantly killed.

Personal.

Mr. Pearson, speaking of the two strikes reported to have been made in the new vicinity of Mount Sicker on Richmond mountain, by Richard Bros., stated that the reports were undoubtedly true. He stated that the Mount Sicker belt of ore ran all through that country, and it was nothing surprising if ore similar to that being mined at Mount Sicker was found. The statement made by a Mount Sicker miner in the Times a few days ago to the effect that he traced the Mount Sicker belt for 17 miles, Mr. Pearson said was not only possible but undoubtedly true. Mr. Pearson came to the city for a holiday, as his health is not very good.

June certainly appears to be a favorite month for those who wish to enter the bonds of matrimony. Three bridal couples arrived in the city from Vancouver by the Charmer last evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Smith. They are here spending the first part of their honeymoon trip. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are on their way to the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Smith are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Ralph Smith, M. P., is registered at the Dominion. He is making a tour of his constituency during the recess, holding private conferences with many of his constituents to arrive at the needs of those whom he represents. His next meeting will be held at North Saanich.

A Victorian, Miss Sophia Pemberton, has distinguished herself in London. At the opening of the Royal Academy her picture "Interested," was highly praised by critics. This is gratifying, when it is remembered that the productions of the great artists of the United Kingdom and a native of Over Stoney, mestic, contemplates finishing in Germany.

Hon. J. H. Turner, minister of finance, will be absent for about two weeks on a visit to Toronto. While East he will go to Ottawa to confer on provincial matters with Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

F. W. McCrady, managing superintendent at Texada Island, formerly manager of the Tramway Company, is in the city. He is registered at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Brown, a bridal couple from Quilmea, Wash., are spending their honeymoon in the city. They are guests at the Dominion.

T. D. Conway and wife, of Chemainus, and A. R. Johnson, of Nanaimo, are guests at the Victoria hotel.

Mr. Geo. Glover leaves for Dawson tonight. He will look over the field with a view to remaining.

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