WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Meteorological Office, Victoria.
9th to 15th January, 1901.

During the first day of this week the barometer, which had been abnormally high over the province, gave way in advance of an important storm area centred off the Coast. By Thursday, the 10th, this disturbance had spread to Vancouver Island and neighboring Coast, where it caused milder weather, high winds and rain, extending southward to California, while inland a general snowfall occurred from Northern Washington to the Sacramento valley. Owing to the sudden appearance of a high barometer area over Cariboo, which slowly spread to the Kootenay district, this extensive storm was prevented from continuing its normal eastward course across the Dominion, consequently it hovered for several days in this vicinity and caused both heavy and almost incessant rains along the North Pacific Coast. On the morning of Saturday, the 12th, at Victoria, one inch of rain fell in seven hours. At the same time the heavy rains on the Lower Mainland, in conjunction with the deep snow on the buildings, caused the collapse of some roofs and threatened others.

By Saturday night the high barometer barrier over the mountains gave way and allowed this storm to travel rapidly eastward to Alberta, where it caused high winds and a mild spell. During the 13th another storm appeared off the Coast, which, like its predecessor, was prevented by a barrier of high pressure over the mountains from travelling eastward; it therefore hovered over the Coast, causing high winds and heavy rains, until the 15th, when it also crossed to Alberta.

This disturbance was followed by a vast high barometer area, which, at the close of the week, covered the entire western portion of the continent, where it will probably cause a general fair spell.

As the first storm mentioned above spread eastward from Alberta it caused a general snowstorm extending to Winnipeg.

At Victoria only 4 hours and 36 minutes of bright sunshine was recorded. Rain fell on six days out of the seven, the amount being 3.16 inches. The highest temperature was 52 on the 12th, and the lowest was 23 on the 9th.

At New Westminster the total rain and snowfall (melted) was 3.16 inches. The highest temperature (46) occurred on the 13th, and the lowest (10) on the 9th.

At Kamloops there was no precipitation. The highest temperature was 50 on the 13th, and the lowest was 14 below zero on the 9th and 10th.

At Barkerville over two feet of snow fell. The highest temperature (36) occurred on the 13th, and the lowest (20) below zero on the 9th.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The totals of the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending January 15th, were $893,984; balances, $393,567.

—The funeral of the late Edward Kane took place this morning from the parlors of W. J. Hanna at 9.30, and later from the Roman Catholic cathedral, Rev. Father Althoff conducted the services.

—The figures representing the losses by fire during the past year in Tacoma, Seattle and Victoria reflects credit upon this city and upon Chief Deasy's department. The following are the losses for 1900: Tacoma, $87,000; Seattle, $82,179, and Victoria, $11,400. This year Seattle has already had two fires aggregating $100,000.

—W. Charles, a Japanese who arrived in the city on yesterday's Sehome, was the first of the class aimed at in the Immigration Act to comply with the conditions imposed by the statute. When confronted by Officer Ellis yesterday with the printed schedule, Charles promptly signed it and filled in the blanks in English. He is a blacksmith by trade and during the fishing season is employed on the Skeena.

—A quiet wedding was celebrated this morning at the Catholic cathedral, the contracting parties being Mary Agnes Gray and Michael Goulding, both of this city. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Father Althoff, and only the immediate friends of the bride and bridegroom were present. The bridegroom was attended by D. Gray, brother of the bride, while the bridesmaid was Miss Lucy Gray, sister of the bride. The happy couple will take up their residence in this city.

—News has been received here of the death of Walter E. Shaddick, brother of Thomas Shaddick, a resident of Cowichan, at Standerton, South Africa. His death resulted from a stroke of lightning. He was well known to many Victorians, having at one time been a member of the Fifth Regiment. At the time of his death he was serving with the famous Devonshire Regiment. He had been with Gen. Buller's brigade from Capetown to Ladysmith, and also saw active service in the Soudan, under Gen. Kitchener.

—Pte. Anderton of the first contingent, is expected to arrive in the city to-night. Although no intimation to that effect has been received from him, his acquaintances believe that he wishes to reach the city without any demonstration. However, as his ticket expires today, he will in all probability reach home this evening. Should he do so the Y. M. I., of which he is a member, will hold a concert and reception for him on Thursday evening, when a presentation will be made to him on behalf of his companions in the Institute.

—The funeral of the late James Flett took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence at 2 o'clock, and later from the First Presbyterian church. A large number of friends were in attendance, and the casket was covered with floral designs. The great esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him was plainly evinced by the number who attended the church and the length of the funeral procession which followed the remains to their last resting place at Ross Bay cemetery. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Fraser. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Thornton Fell, Alex. Wilson, Walter Walker, W. F. Fullerton, W. D. Kinnaird and W. Rockett.

—The transfer of the C. P. N. to the C. P. R. continues to form the paramount subject of discussion among shipping men. Rumor has been busy to-day with new developments in the case, it being stated that the big railway is conducting negotiations for the acquirement of the outer wharf and the Driard hotel. A probable air is given to the report by the fact that the Hudson's Bay Co. is the owner of much of the wharf used by the C. P. N. Co., and that the C. P. R. will be forced to find fresh anchorage facilities for their ships.

—Comment was frequently made during the progress of the sittings of the Full court yesterday by counsel of the excellent appointments of the Chamber. The Chamber was used for the first time yesterday, and the harmony of all the fittings of the room reflected all the more credit on Usher Bland, owing to the fact that work proceeded on it almost up to the hour that the judges took their places on the bench. Mr. Bland was the recipient of congratulations from members of the bench upon the good taste which had been displayed in selecting the carpets and drapings of the room.

—Sydney Toy, manager of the Golden Eagle mine, at Alberni, arrived on the noon train from there. He intended coming down on the Queen City, but was unable to wait for her, as she was loading ore at the Monitor mine. He was obliged to close down operations in the mines two weeks ago, owing to the heavy snow storm prevailing. The snow along the West Coast, he states, is very deep. Mr. Toy has just completed a trip up the coast looking for desirable properties. Work is being actively prosecuted on the Hayes and Monitor mines, and on the iron property which Pittsburg capitalists have lately bonded.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—The case of Strickland v. the K. M. T. & T. Co. was disposed of in Chambers this morning. Fred. Peters, Q.C., moved for judgment on defendant's counter claim. No opposition was offered to this and judgment was accordingly rendered for $2,277 and costs.

—Rev. Father Althoff officiated at the ceremony of Uniting Joseph Fullmire and Winnifred Dougherty in the holy bonds of matrimony. Both the bride and bridegroom are from Atlin. They arrived in the city a few days ago, having come out from Atlin over the snow.

—The sitting of the Full court is uninterfering with the police court, and adjournment of hearings were in order this morning. The charges against the Savoy will come up for hearing on Monday, January 21st; the charge against Wm. Thiemson for having stolen money from Tom Netis is remanded to Friday, the 18th; the charges against Jas. Hastie and Lionel Dickinson, in connection with the trading stamp case, will come up on Monday, the 23rd.

—An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at 4.38 in the Metropolitan Methodist church, when H. B. Middleton and Agnes Pauline Mansell were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, Miss L. Mansell, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Spragge was best man. After the ceremony the newly married couple held a reception at the residence of the bride's parents, 96 Pandora street. They embarked on the steamer Rosalie last evening on their honeymoon trip.

—The road leading to Work Point barracks has become almost impassable of late owing to the rains and to the heavy freight which is being transported over it to the site of the barracks now in course of erection at the Point. The chief commissioner of lands and works was waited upon yesterday and asked to give some attention to the thoroughfare in view of the fact that the Imperial government is expending about $150,000 at the Point, thus furnishing employment to a large number of local workmen. The chief commissioner promised to attend to the matter without delay.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The winning number for the grand prize drawing is 94; the holder of this ticket is requested to come to the Caledonia Bakery and get the 104 pound cake at their earliest convenience, and oblige J. C. Darling, proprietor. *

—A letter found on Douglas street by Sergt. Redgrave is in the police station awaiting the owner. It has no postage stamp attached. The envelope is official size and sealed. It bears the following address: "Capt. D. Boynton—addresses."

—Douglas Hunter, son of Joseph Hunter, M. P. P., superintendent of the E. & N. railway, has passed his Christmas examination in biology at McGill University, Montreal.

—The annual reports from the health and sanitary officers came before the local board of health yesterday, and were ordered to be printed, with those from the other departments of the city.

—The remains of the late Mrs. Moritz Gutmann were laid at rest this afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Pandora street, at two o'clock, and later at the Jewish cemetery.

—An arrival from the East to-day explains the delay of last Monday's train as due to the filling in of a tunnel east of Hope. Around this the passengers had to walk the distance of a number of blocks in order to board another train sent to meet them. The track, he says, is now being built around the tunnel.

—Pte. Anderton did not arrive last night. A number of people met the Charmer expecting to greet him. A private letter received from him states that he is spending an enjoyable time in Pennsylvania, and will not be home until the end of the month.

—The naval garrison in port, accompanied by the flagship band, had a route march this morning from Esquimalt to the city. Victorians are accustomed to the appearance of the R. A. and R. E. and of A Co., R. C. R., in our streets, but the members of the navy do not often march city roads. The "handy men" on parade this morning presented a fine appearance as they swung through the streets with the stride peculiar to Jack ashore. There were about two hundred bluejackets, together with a small detachment of red and blue marines. As they passed through the city the Warspite band played enlivening airs.

—A Vancouver man has recently purchased from McLennan & McFeeley, of the Terminal City, the lot at the corner of Broad and Pandora streets. The same party has bought the lot on Broad street south of Spencer's Arcade, held for some time past by the B. C. Land and Investment Agency.

—Owing to the sittings of the Full court, only one case was disposed of in the County court this morning. This was the case of Landberg vs. Gordon, and judgment was given for the plaintiff for $97.86 and costs. Mr. Justice Drake presided. L. C. Smith appeared for the plaintiff. The defendant was unrepresented by counsel.

—An Associated Press dispatch from Ottawa to the Times states that a bearer company is to be formed in connection with the Fifth Regiment of this city. This is the second departure from the regular order in connection with the Regiment, No. 5 Company having been converted into a company of sub-marine miners some time ago.

—At the regular meeting of Victoria Trades and Labor Council last night the following officers were elected: A. S. Emery, president; A. J. Mortimer, vice-president; J. D. McNiven, corresponding secretary; T. Masters, recording secretary; Levi Long, treasurer; S. Colis, sergt.-at-arms. The organization committee reported that two new unions had been organized during the month, and that several other unorganized trades in the city would soon be brought into line.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Styles took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Craigflower road, at 2 o'clock, and from the St. Saviour's church at 2.30. Rev. D. W. Barber conducted the religious services both at the church and grave. The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. C. W. Jenkinson, G. Stirtan, J. Finmore, W. Green, T. Redding and A. Adam. Mr. Styles wishes to convey his thanks to a number of friends, including the following, for sympathetic expressions and acts in his bereavement: F. J. Sehl, expressmen, of Victoria, Miss Saunders, Mrs. J. Finnimore, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jenkinson, Miss A. Adam, Mrs. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. S. Matson, Mrs. T. Nicholson.

HOW TO CURE CROUP.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup, and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

Sporting News

CHESS.

NEW CLUB PROPOSED.

It is proposed by Mr. Piper and some of the high-class players of this city to establish a club independent of the Victoria Chess Club. The reason they assign for this move is that the handicaps which they have to give in the Victoria Chess Club handicap matches make it almost impossible for them to win any of the prizes offered.

GOLF.

THE MEDAL COMPETITION ON MONDAY LAST.

Owing to the heavy rain on Saturday last very few gentlemen took part in the medal competition of the Victoria Golf Club at the Oak Bay links. On Monday the ladies carried out their competition, the medal being won by Mrs. Coombes, with a scratch score of 51. Mrs. Burton was second with a score of 65—10, 55.

YACHTING.

THE SHAMROCK II.

Glasgow, Jan. 15.—The keel of the Shamrock II, challenger for the America cup, was run while the Dennys' yard was closed on New Year's Day.

Since then a score of the side frames have been set up to port and starboard.

Work on the challenger is now all done at night. Everything, even the waste and scraps of metal, is locked up in a shed and sealed before the yard is opened for the day workmen. Ninety-five tons of lead were melted for the keel. The finished blocks weigh within a few pounds of ninety tons.

BASKET BALL.

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCH.

The J. B. A. A. basketball players held another practice last evening in preparation for the match to be played on Saturday evening in the drill hall with the Shamrocks, of Nanaimo. A practice will be held this evening, after which the team to represent Victoria in Saturday's game will be chosen. The players will be taken from the following: Finlaison, Lorimer, Stephen, Cuzner, Schwengers, Jesse, A. E. Belfry and Janion. The match will be played under the Canadian rules, the number of players a side being seven. This was found necessary because of the Nanaimo boys not being very well acquainted with the newly introduced rules for the game. The Shamrocks have some men included in their team known to be expert players, and the Bays will have to put up their best game to defeat them. D. O'Sullivan will act as referee and S. Lowe as umpire.

"LOVE LAUGHS AT LOCKSMITHS" as South American Kidney Cure laughs at disease. It's the seemingly impossible doors to disease that it unlocks that makes its cures almost incredible. But for every cure there is a proof if you care to investigate. It is a liquid kidney specific and it never fails. Makes and keeps men "fit" and well. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—142.

J. Martin, M.P.P., is now able to leave the hospital and is receiving congratulations from his many friends on his recovery.

Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Fire destroyed the residence of W. N. Smith, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The loss is about $2,000.

REVELSTOKE.

Thomas Kilpatrick and W. J. Law were nominated for mayor yesterday. The following were nominations for aldermen: Ward 1, W. S. Newman and F. McCarty, by acclamation; Ward 2, T. J. Graham, T. E. L. Taylor and H. J. Bourne; Ward 3, Wm. Noele and John Abrahamson, by acclamation.

ASHCROFT.

At the annual meeting of the Cariboo Protective Association held here on the 9th inst., as a Freighters' Union, M. P. Stewart was elected president, and Stuart Henderson, secretary.

Thomas R. Mortimer was recently married at 121 Mile house, to Miss Annie Nason, the daughter of a well known old timer, by the Rev. Mr. Brunton, of Quesnelle.

KAMLOOPS.

On Saturday night last at 10 o'clock, Miss Nettie Guerin, the youngest daughter of the late James Guerin, passed away at the residence of her brother, Ed. Guerin, of this city. The deceased, who was in her fifteenth year, had been a sufferer from consumption for some considerable time, and fell a victim to the disease.

Civic elections take place to-day. The candidates are as follows: For mayor, M. P. Gordon and D. H. Campbell. For aldermen, Ward I., G. D. Brown, W. H. Brown and J. R. Mitchell, Ward II., J. A. Gill, D. C. McLaren and C. S. Stevens. Ward III., J. L. Brown, W. H. Evans and George Munro.

NANAIMO.

The municipal nominations which took place yesterday were as follows: For mayor, Mark Bate and William Manson; aldermen, South Ward, George Johnston, miner; J. W. Grahame, miner; C. Wilson, carpenter; J. H. Cocking, liveryman. Middle Ward, W. Woodman, engine driver; J. S. Knarston, book-keeper; Robert Brown, miner. North Ward, C. McCutcheon, merchant; A. R. Corfield, miner; A. E. Planta, insurance agent; J. Hodgkinson, teamster. School trustees, E. Quennell, butcher; A. Manifold, miner; W. H. Wall, engineer; T. Bryant, storekeeper; E. C. Barnes, carpenter.

Gus Klimano, a Russian Finn, was yesterday sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Harrison, for stabbing a man at Extension on December 26th.

MOYIE.

Moyie was visited by a disastrous fire on Saturday morning. The Lake Shore hotel, Union restaurant and Foisey's barber shop were burned to the ground and two adjoining buildings were torn down to prevent the spreading of the fire. Joe Millett, porter at the Lake Shore, after lighting a gasoline lamp in the washroom went up stairs, and on returning to the washroom a few minutes later found everything in flames. He immediately gave the alarm, but the guests had barely time to escape in their night clothes. Nearly all on the second and third floors had to jump from the window. Several persons were injured. Nothing was saved. Mr. and Mrs. Frith, who were running the house, lost everything and nearly five hundred dollars in money, which was in Frith's pockets. The building was owned by J. M. Lindsay, of Moyie, and Charles J. Clayton, of Nelson. The loss was about five thousand dollars.

GREENWOOD.

One of the largest deals ever attempted in the Boundary district was closed on Thursday in the consolidation of three mercantile houses, backed by ample capital. The new corporation is the Russell-Law-Caulfield Company, Limited. It will have a capital of $100,000, divided into 100,000 shares of a par value of $1. The whole amount has been subscribed for locally. The firm has purchased three lots fronting on the main business thoroughfare, Copper street, and early in the spring will commence the erection of a handsome brick block. The plans call for a frontage of 75 feet, with a depth of 100 feet. Large cellars, running nearly the whole length of the building, are to be excavated. The block will be two stories high. Work on the retaining wall, foundations and cellars is to be started at once. A general mercantile business, both wholesale and retail, will be carried on in dry goods, hardware and groceries.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

In 1862, the first fire engine bought by the city of New Westminster was brought to the city. It was a hand engine, and was operated by the members of the "Hy-ack" volunteer fire brigade. At that time the little hand engine, now obsolete, and for years laid away to rust in forgotten storehouses, was considered a pretty good fire fighting machine, and it did service for a number of years. The growth of the city and the great advance and improvement in the manufacture of fire machines soon caused the little hand engine to be discarded, and it has for years lain in disuse and stored away. Mr. A. G. Long, of Portland, Oregon, a dealer in fire department materials and supplies, spent Friday in the city, and was shown round the fire halls and the city by Chief Watson, and the old machine coming under his notice, it resulted in the sale being made. Mr. Long did not say where it will go, but no doubt he will place it in some of the smaller towns on the coast, and the old "Hy-ack," which is in good repair, and by no means worn out, will again "hurry up" to prevent fires, as it was wont to do a generation ago.—Columbian.

NELSON.

Nelson's council was returned by acclamation as follows: Mayor, Frank Fletcher; aldermen East Ward, John Paterson, W. G. Gillet and John A. Irving; West Ward, Harold Selous, Jno. Hamilton and Thos. Madden.

The cottage addition to the general hospital will be turned over to the management before the first of the month. As the demand for room in the main building continues unabated, it is probable that the cottage wil be utilized as early as possible.

Nelson is to have a High school at once. Dr. Arthur, secretary of the school board, received information to this effect from the department of education on Saturday. Only the bare statement was made and nothing further is known. It does not mean, however, that a High school building will be erected here at once, as for some time all the pupils who will attend will be able to be accommodated in quarters to be rented in existing buildings.

Thomas McAllister, who was up before Magistrate Crease on Saturday charged with carrying an offensive weapon in the shape of a 38-calibre revolver for the purpose of killing Constable Chas. G. Hislop, of the local police force, again appeared at the Police court on Saturday morning. Before the case was proceeded with the charge was amended and made to read that the prisoner was carrying the offensive weapon for the purpose of doing injury to Mr. Hislop. To this charge the prisoner pleaded guilty and was fined $100 and costs or two months in the provincial jail.

VANCOUVER.

Texada Island iron mines, owned by the Puget Sound Iron Co., of San Francisco, have been at last transferred under lease to the Pittsburg Iron Works syndicate, on a royalty basis. The Puget Sound people have held this property for 17 years, shipping small quantities of ore from time to time. It is considered by experts one of the finest propositions on the continent, being virtually a mountain of iron, surmounted or set in white limestone. This iron mountain is two miles long and half a mile wide. The ore is very rich, being 50 per cent. iron. By the terms of the present agreement after ten years, unless other arrangements are made, the property will revert to the Puget Sound Iron Co. The terms of the lease are that operations shall commence on the 1st of February, and that thereafter for ten years the following stipulated tonnage shall be shipped from the mine to the Washington and California smelters: For the first year, 80 tons per day; for the second year, 200 tons per day; for the next eight years, 800 tons daily. The new company will construct a railway at once to Gillis Bay, four miles distant, to deep water, where big bunkers will be built and where ships will call to load. A large number of men will be employed and the new camp started.

The report has been received here that the C. P. R. were surveying a route for a railway between Vancouver and Chilliwack, the surveyors being busy near Abbotsford.

The very sudden death is reported of Henry Davis, of Langley. He was 52 years of age and a native of Ontario. He leaves a widow and two children.

The benefit for the Alpha survivors has been arranged for Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Vancouver opera house. The programme will be made as varied and attractive as it is possible to make it.

The police received instructions from Mayor Townley on Tuesday to observe a strict prohibition against nickel in the slot instruments, in the operation of which the element of chance is involved. As a result several shop keepers were advised of the order, and prepared to comply with it.

At Monday night's council meeting before His Worship Mayor Garden finally vacated the chair, Mayor-elect T. O. Townley stepped forward and, on behalf of the aldermen, city hall officials and members of all civic departments, asked Mayor Garden to accept a handsome gold watch and chain as a token of the sincere affection and esteem of all those who had the privilege of being connected with the city's executive during his term of office.

The two McDonald manual training schools are to be opened in this city on February 1st. The school board has received word that the benches and equipment are now en route from the East and H. Dunnell, who has charge of the McDonald schools in British Columbia, expects the four instructors will arrive here before the end of the month.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Christ church on Monday morning, at 10.30 o'clock when Peter Fowler, fourth engineer of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan was united in marriage to Miss Janette Thompson of Howe street. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. She was given away by Captain Soule. Miss Stella Soule acted as bridesmaid, William Adam, of Victoria, acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Norman Tucker.

There is another epidemic of burglary in Vancouver. The dwellings of W. Thompson, J. M. McGregor and E. Mahon were entered on Sunday night. The thieves secured about $400 in jewellery and money.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Monday evening. The officers and directors for 1901 were elected as follows: President, J. A. McNair, re-elected; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. W. Keenleyside and A. E. Carter; treasurer, G. J. Telfer; recording secretary, J. T. Little, re-elected; board of directors, Messrs. R. W. Clark, Dr. H. W. Rigg, G. Drysdale, F. M. Black, A. H. Skey, F. S. Green, J. F. Malkin, J. Beveridge, G. J. Telfer, A. E. Carter, R. Armstrong, J. McQueen and Captain J. J. Logan. The secretary's report was submitted, giving a resume of the progress and work of the association for the year and showing a net increase in membership of 162. It also pointed out that of the $379.25 received as special donations, only $1.25 of this sum was received outside of the membership. In concluding he briefly touched upon the work of the present year for which he estimated $2,500 would be required to successfully carry the association through.

The Chinese Empire Reform Association of Canada sent a long petition forward from Vancouver on Tuesday. It sets forth that as the powers have not recognized the Empress Dowager as the official head of the government she should be put on an island near China and kept there. The petition says that the Dowager is the most hated person in the empire, and is restraining at this moment the Emperor, who wishes to return to Pekin, and many of the decrees issued under the Emperor's name were rank forgeries; that the Emperor wished to reign as a modern reformer, but was prevented by the Empress Dowager. There were no blood ties whatever between the Empress Dowager and the Emperor, and there was no affection between them. The Boxers were the backers of, and compose the whole party, of the Empress Dowager. The Boxers' trouble was precipitated by the Empress Dowager. The petition also refers to several cablegrams in which the Reform party is mentioned disparagingly. The subject matter cablegrams are denied seriatim. The petition concludes by warning Her Majesty of the double game being played by Prince Tung, Fu Tsang, Yung Lu and Kang Yi, who, with viceroys Chang Chi Tung and Li Quin Yih, are planning still further troubles for the foreigners in China. Then follows a translation of a petition sent by these Chinese politicians to the Emperor, asking him to remove the government from Pekin, and promising to squeeze all foreigners to the very death, so that when the time arrives to make peace, the foreigners will be obliged to ask China to dictate terms of peace.

Mrs. J. C. McLeod, wife of Captain McLeod, died at St. Paul's hospital on Sunday night after a short illness, in the 46th year of her age. The deceased was a sister-in-law to Norman McLean and a sister of E. S. Busby, superintendent of Canadian customs at Skagway.

Two Californians last week came to town to buy the Britannia mine. They were told it was not for sale. A man named Grey took the Californians to Howe Sound and showed them an enormous copper deposit and a tunnel 100 feet in. He asked a price for the property, which he called the Eastern Dawn. The Californians closed on the spot, and paid him $500 to bind the bargain. When they returned to the city they looked into the title, and found that the mine Grey had represented as the Eastern Dawn was the western half of the Britannia mines. They cannot find Grey.

From Abbotsford the World learns that active work on railway construction has begun there. For a period of two weeks the C. P. R. company has had a staff of surveyors in the field, surveying and locating a route for a line eastward as far as Chilliwack. The route having been located, engineers are now at work on the laying out of the work and preparing profiles and bills of quantities. No delay will then intervene in commencing grading, track laying etc., the determination being to have the line complete and in operation before the next high water is expected to set in.

ROSSLAND.

Four of the aldermen of the present council are standing for re-election, Messrs. Clute, Dean, McKenzie and Hamilton. Messrs. Talbot and McRae have decided to retire. The following are the nominations, which took place yesterday: Mayor, C. O. Lalonde and Henry Daniel; aldermen, Ward 1, Chas. Robert Hamilton, Thos. Armstrong, John Dean; Ward 2, Alexander A. McKenzie, James Foit, John Joseph McKinnon; Ward 3, John Stilwell Clute, Thomas Embleton, Angus J. McDonald, M. Munroe, Samuel Forteath.

E. V. Bremner, Dominion labor commissioner, in conversation on Wednesday with a Miner representative admitted that part of his business in the Kootenays on this occasion was in reference to the importation of aliens, and the employment of them in certain portions of the district. He was glad to see, he said, matters between employers and employees throughout the Kootenays in general were quite as harmonious as they had been in the past. "There is no indication, I would say," he continued, "that any break in these happy conditions ought to be expected. Throughout the Slocan and Nelson divisions all is working between the two as well as could be desired. This state of affairs must always be the case where a conciliatory spirit on both sides is kept well in view." In speaking of the labor conditions in Rossland, he said: "I have not found any material change since my last visit. There may be something yet to desire—a more unquestioning and less merely formal feeling of trust and friendship between the two great classes. I would willingly do all in my power to bring this about. But this is a condition which only a mutual agreement can produce. I have noticed a feeling throughout the country that questions of labor should be dealt with here as they have in the country to the south, and I wish to disabuse the minds of all of such an opinion. The methods that have been adopted by both employers and employees in the United States shall not prevail within the borders of Canada. Here difficulties must be settled as becomes rational beings, without resort to such extreme measures as obtain there. On a basis only of equity and justice can they expect the adjustment of their difficulties, which cannot be secured as a result of either mob or military rule. I would be pleased at all times to see them come to agreements without my intervention. I should be only too delighted to have them report such progress—for it would mean true progress in every sense of the word."

The local police report this year fairly free from serious crime. Most convictions were for drunkenness. Fines collected during the year amounted to $5,530.85, mostly levied in respect of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. There were 80 convictions for drunkenness and 64 for keeping disorderly houses, whilst 50 people were convicted of vagrancy. Gambling convictions were 49, in addition to which there were 20 convictions for assault and five for theft. One man was convicted for unlawful wounding.

The city's revenue for last year came to $91,316.70, including proceeds of sale of debentures. Expenditure was less than this total by $510.90. The waterworks revenue meanwhile amounted to $26,133.

MARRIED.

MALINS-OAKES—At New Westminster, on Jan. 10th, by Rev. Mr. Shildrick, E. Owen Malins and Miss Anna Oakes.

FOWLER-THOMPSON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 14th, by Rev. L. Norman Tucker, Peter Fowler and Miss Janette Thompson.

DIED.

LANG—At his residence at Los Angeles, on Dec. 9th, 1900, John Lang, aged 76 years, a native of Devonshire, Eng., and a resident of Victoria from 1858 to 1870. A widow and two sons survive him.

GUTMANN—At the family residence, No. 171 Pandora avenue, on the 14th inst., Adelaide Rosetta, the beloved wife of Moritz Gutmann, a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, aged 28 years.

The Final Meet

Candidates Explain Their tions and Policies to Ele of Victoria.

Aspirants For Seats at the manic and Trustee Boa Speak.

The meeting called by the m night in order to give the cand opportunity to make their appe electorate was fairly well atten motion Mayor Hayward took and outlined the programme evening. The candidates for s tees were first called upon to s were followed by the alderma dates.

Mr. Huggett said that had Candless been in the field he have been a candidate. He that greater attention should to the fundamental subject school in order that the boy life better prepared. None of up to Third Reader should work; advanced classes m enough to occupy an hour or a a half. Too many books were the government should be with the object of limiting th A new High school was nee public school course should qu for commercial pursuits. Par pay for pupils taking a Colle tute course to fit them for callings.

Mr. Boggs referred to the making the High school pa supporting, as explained by letter to the Times yesterd He believed the school hours enough. The buildings and grounds in Victoria West s insufficient.

Mrs. Gordon Grant believe sides of the home should be upon the school board. Th come when Victoria must me tion of a High school, in second to none in point of edu was pleased with the McDo school. Under present co did not believe in levying ta tendance at High school, compel some to take their c the school. The standard should be raised. The trust responsible for changes in favored getting the best reasonable salaries.

Dr. Lewis Hall said that believe in a fee for the Hig der present conditions w standard in our public s should raise the standard i school, but the school bo power except in bringing p the council of instruction. work undertaken by the could be given in the publ public school pupil should b books and do business wo education beyond that the for. The state had no r prepare for the teaching pr for any other. The best te be put in the lower divis High school pupils shoul follow along lines of stud fit them for the work the pursue.

Mr. Jay appeared for th ask the suffrages of the believed that the present were long enough. Many were pursuing other cour music, which took additi study.

Jos. York, one of the al didates, thought the gove have had pressure brought it to put the roads to the in order. He believed in labor for public works, a little more.

Mr. Bragg said that as of the ten members of t would be returned, the largely be the same as las present council had reap did not sow. A permanent be put up at Point Ellice

Ald. Kinsman referred letter, and set himself matters referred to the of fare outlined for next good, but he doubted whe would be forthcoming.

Ald. Cameron went in of the past year, pointing works which had been un council. He referred to undertaken in advertising appropriation which p copies of different kind The ferry connection he have a marked effect up cial activities of the city hoped to see the reserve by the government in t and believed that its s have an effect upon the bridge, which may be Johnson street.

Ald. Bryden favored th tem for public works Vancouver, where the is in vogue, Victoria's p per square yard, while $2.79 per yard. He say Sorby scheme which favored laying the ma at Johnston street befo railway. Esquimalt w and more into importa and by Johnston street to it.

Ald. Hall referred to changes made in it.

Ald. Beckwith advoc improvements. He hope tral part of the city so greater attention could outlying parts. Vict near future to play a commerce than she had public library should The grant of $1,200 wa by-law would be nece creased grant. The o be turned into a commo reading room. The Ho and Infirm must receiv favored a joint home men.

The chairman was a thanks and the meeting singing of the Nation