Chief Deasy's Successor

Thomas Watson a Native Son Elected Chief of the Fire Brigade.

Sargeant the Toronto Man Was Second—The New Man's Record.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening in the committee room of the city hall. His Worship Mayor Hayward and all the aldermen were present. The business set down for the meeting was the election of a chief of the fire brigade and the consideration of the $30,000 school by-law.

The city clerk read the names of the applicants for fire chief as follows: P. W. Dempster, Frank Le Roy, H. P. McDowell, Clement Royds, Thos. Sergeant, W. P. Smith and Thomas Watson.

The council then proceeded to ballot. the result being as follows:

First ballot:
Watson, 4.
McDowell, 1.
Sargeant, 4.
Royds, 1.

The second and third ballots resulted exactly the same as the first. The fourth ballot, however, turned the scale and resulted in Thomas Watson's election on the following vote:

Watson, 6.
Sargeant, 4.

The Mayor accordingly announced Thomas Watson duly elected chief of the Victoria fire brigade.

The council then went into consultation with L. P. Duff, K.C., on one of the unsettled Point Ellice bridge cases, and the reporters were requested to retire for half an hour.

When the open session was resumed, the council went into committee on streets, bridges and sewers, and the Mayor announced that the consideration of the school by-law would be gone into on Friday evening.

THE NEW CHIEF.

Thomas Watson, the newly-appointed chief, is a native son of Victoria, being the second son of Mr. Alexander Watson, who has gained fame throughout the Northwest by the river steamers built by him and which are running on almost every Northern river.

The subject of this sketch was born just 36 years ago, and has spent the greater part of his life in his native city, leaving only once and then for a short time, when he entered the professional ranks as a long-distance foot racer. He first joined the fire department in the early eighties, as a member of the bucket brigade. As soon as his age allowed of it, he joined the old hook and ladder company of the volunteer department. of which he remained a member until it was merged into a paid department. He resigned in 1886 and went to California, but returned very shortly and again joined the department, when he was engaged on the staff of the truck company. Since then he has filled almost every post and acted in almost every capacity in the department, both as a permanent and call man. For a number of years he was electrician of the department, and in 1887 was appointed foreman of the truck company, which appointment he still holds. He has always been prominent in athletic circles, taking a keen interest in sport of every description. Since 1889 he has held the Pacific Coast championship as a long-distance runner. He has acted as trainer of the J. B. A. A. senior four for the past six years, and accompanied them on their successful trip to Winnipeg in 1898.

Judging from the expressions of satisfaction caused by the announcement of the result of the ballot, the appointment of Mr. Watson is a popular one not only with the members of the brigade, but with citizens generally. Quite a crowd had gathered about the city hall, and when the election was made public there was an incipient cheer. Then somebody said: "Let's go and tell him," and a number of Watson's more enthusiastic friends raced to the Central fire hall, each vieing with the other to be the first to announce the good news. When the Colonist man reached the hall the new chief was surrounded by a crowd of friends and admirers, showering him with congratulations and good wishes. He bore his honor modestly and, thanking his well-wishers, begged to be excused, as he wished to go home—the natural impulse of a manly man, to share his new joy with those whom he holds most dear.

OFFICIALS MAY VOTE.

Disenfranchisement Clause of the Semlin Election Act Repealed.

During the closing hours of the late session of the legislature, a bill was passed which means much to the civil servants throughout the province, as it restores to them their franchise. It will be remembered that the Semlin government had a clause inserted in the Provincial Election act as follows:

"(2). No judge of the supreme or county court, no sheriff or deputy sheriff, no employee of the Provincial government who is in receipt of salary of at least three hundred dollars per annum, no sailor, marine or soldier on full pay in the Imperial service, and no officer in the Imperial service on full pay, shall be entitled to have his name placed upon the register of voters for any electoral riding. This sub-section shall not apply to ministers of the crown, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislative assembly, or school teachers."

The last clause in Mr. Helmcken's bill to further amend the act, passed at the last session, repeals the disfranchisement clause of the Semlin government act, and now those who were deprived of their votes are again on an equal footing with other citizens.

ANOTHER HUGE STRIKE.

Negotiations for Settlement of Metal Workers Differences Fail.

Chicago, Ills., May 29.—All negotiations for a settlement by arbitration of the differences between the National Metal Trades association and the International association of Machinists, failed tonight, and a great strike throughout the country will be declared.

QUESTION OF PILOTAGE.

Government Notifies Pilotage Authority of Prospective Changes.

A few days ago, like a bolt from the blue, came instructions from the government at Ottawa to the pilotage authority for Nanaimo district, to revise and amend their rules so that pilotage in the waters of that district would thereafter be non-compulsory instead of compulsory, as it has been and is up to the present time. The orders came without warning, being given in a letter addressed to the Nanaimo pilotage authority, and was worded to the effect that petitions in that regard having been received from British Columbia merchants, the government had decided to abolish compulsory pilotage in those waters in the near future, and the pilotage authority was instructed to revise and amend its by-laws accordingly. The news came as a great surprise to the pilots. As is known, the question has been discussed from time to time, but with the intricate waters through which vessels going to and from the mills and mines of Ladysmith, Chemainus, Nanaimo and Comox had to pass, the pilots thought that no change would be made. When the government wrote of their intention to abolish compulsory pilotage, protests were made, a strong one coming from the marine underwriters, and Ralph Smith, M. P. P., wired to the Dominion government asking that they withhold their decision in this matter. Thus the matter now stands, and a meeting was held at Nanaimo last night, at which the commissioners of the pilotage authority and Ralph Smith, M. P. P. were present, to fully discuss the question of whether the old time compulsory pilotage should be continued or abolished.

No word in this connection has been received by the Victoria pilotage authority, but that they are interested in the question is patent, for it is hardly likely that the Dominion government will make a change in one district without taking action in the others of Victoria and Vancouver. They, and local shipping men generally, regard the action of the government as a most strange one, in notifying the Nanaimo authority of the proposed change, and sending no word of any change to the local commissioners.

The pilots under the Nanaimo pilotage authority are Capt. Christensen, Capt. Butler, Capt. Bendrodt, Capt. Owens, and Capt. Yates.

THE AMUR SAILS.

Loaded With General Merchandise and Full Complement of Passengers.

Steamer Amur, which sailed for Skagway last night, was well filled with freight, and when she leaves Vancouver this afternoon she will have as much cargo as she can carry. She would have been loaded to her capacity here, but owing to the fact that some of her cargo space was alotted to Vancouver shippers, she left cargo offering for her behind. The greater portion of the freight consisted of the usual shipments of groceries from local houses, together with general merchandise for Dawson and interior points. The passenger list was a large one, there being as many travellers as the steamer could accommodate. Those who sailed from here included Capt. Meyer, C. H. Gray, Mrs. T. Shaw, who goes to Dawson to join her husband, who has an iron working establishment at the Klondike capital; J. H. Frank, W. Dobie, W. Higgs, Z. Kawhain, W. K. Whitmore, J. D. Haggerty and C. C. Begg. The contingent to embark at Vancouver will with these take up all the passenger accommodation of the steamer. All were booked at the $10 rate, for none of the companies have met the recent cut made by the Pacific Coast S. S. Co., who have now lowered the fare to $5, or $10 for the round trip, a figure which is so low that it does not pay for the passengers food on board the steamer, much less for his berth accommodation and transportation.

The White Pass & Yukon Railway company has issued a tariff on ores shipped from the Yukon valley to British Columbia and Sound points, as follows:

On ores not exceeding a valuation of $200 per ton—From Lake Bennett, $7 per ton; Caribou, $8 per ton; White Horse, $9 per ton; Teku and other lake points, $9 per ton; Atlin, $11 per ton.

On ores exceeding a valuation of $200 per ton the rate is on an average $4 in excess of the figures given in the foregoing. The development of the copper and gold mines of the Upper Yukon this year will result, it is believed in heavy shipments to the smelters at Everett and Tacoma.

Piles To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. See testimonials in the daily papers and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if not cured. 60c a box, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Ointment

LOCAL NEWS.

Personal.—If the lady who lost her purse on the E. & N. train on the afternoon of the 24th inst., will communicate with the Colonist office, she will confer a favor.

No Quorum.—The Victoria Typographical Union was to have nominated officers at the meeting on Sunday, but there being no quorum the meeting was adjourned for a week.

Discussed Organization.—The draymen and teamsters of the city met on Sunday afternoon and discussed the question of organizing a union in affiliation with the international body. Another meeting will be held a week from Wednesday evening.

Meet Today.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary society, Royal Jubilee hospital, will take place today at the Driard hotel, promptly at 2:30 p. m. The Daughters of Pity will meet on Friday next at 3:30 p. m. at the Jubilee hospital.

Got Four Months.—J. Davis, arrested on Thursday evening for stealing a diamond locket from C. E. Redfern, was yesterday sentenced to four months with hard labor. He was not prosecuted on the charge of stealing a gold chain from Mr. Wenger. The watch and other chain he had the police are satisfied, he brought here with him. Davis has the appearance and manner of a professional crook.

Season's Greetings.—As usual Mr. Edwin Hobbs, of Cadboro Bay, has the first local grown strawberries on the market. He brought a box of them to the Colonist office yesterday afternoon: big, fat ones, juicy and red. The happy man who received them enjoyed a "scoop" on the rest of the staff, and as the berries were too good to keep, told the other fellows all about them afterwards.

King's Daughters.—Special attention is called to an "at home" to be given by the Ministering Circle of King's Daughters at 18 Michigan street on Tuesday afternoon. An exceptionally good programme has been provided and tea and cake will be dispensed without extra charge. As these yearly affairs are usually noted for the sociable manner in which they are conducted, all attending are assured a pleasantly spent afternoon.

Patti's Accompanist.—Mr. Frank T. Watkis, who was accompanist to Madame Albani during her recent tour through Canada, was so charmed with Victoria that he has returned to spend the summer months here. He has taken up his quarters at the Driard, and during his stay will take a few select pupils in singing and the piano. That he is a musician of great merit goes without saying, as he has been accompanist to Adelina Patti for the past eight years. This is his first visit to Canada, and it is no small compliment to Victoria that of all the many beauty spots for "summering" Victoria has been picked out by Mr. Watkis as his choice.

The Boys' Drill.—The report of this event last Saturday, as appearing in Sunday's issue of the Colonist, was incorrect in that it stated "the judges were Colonel Gregory and Major Sargison." The former alone acted as judge, and awarded the marks, the latter having at Colonel Gregory's request assisted in keeping tally of the marks. The point specially emphasized by the colonel, when addressing the boys after the drill, is also lost sight of in the item referred to. This was that the drilling of all the companies was equally good, the loss of marks being for faults on the part of the officers. In connection with this drill, and the enthusiasm displayed, it has been suggested that all four companies be brought together shortly for a battalion drill.

Open for Business.—Yesterday there opened at No. 16 Trounce avenue, a new firm, styled the Victoria Commission company, who will be incorporated to do a general commission business. Direct telegraphic communication will be had with the New York Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade, the company operating through Messrs. Cullison & Co., of Portland, an old established and strong firm. Stocks, grain and provisions may be purchased either outright or on margin. Continuous telegraphic quotations of prices will be posted on the board from 7 a. m. to 12 noon, corresponding with the hours of the Stock Exchange (10 a. m. to 3 p. m.) The new firm will be under the management of Mr. Wm. Christie, who for 17 years has been connected with the Dominion government and C. P. R. telegraph service in this city, he, for the past ten years having been manager for the latter company, who will, no doubt regret the loss of the services of a tried and faithful employee. His connection with the new company should bespeak for it a good share of any business which may offer.

Minto-Condron.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Steffan, 340 Johnson street, Rev. W. Leslie Clay yesterday united in marriage Mr. John Minto, news editor of the Times, and Mrs. Clara B. Condron, daughter of the late S. Hague of Nanaimo. The groom was supported by Mr. B. C. Nicholas and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Hague. The bride was attired in a gray travelling dress, trimmed with point lace and hat to match, and the bridesmaid wore a dress of green foulard. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Minto were driven to the steamer Utopia, on which they embarked on their way to Portland, where they will spend their honeymoon. They were the recipients of a great many presents. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch, and to the bridesmaid, a necklace of pearls.

Victoria Clearing House. The totals of the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending May 28, were $724,671, balances $284,412.

Colony Decreasing.—The City Health Officer Dr. Fraser, and Sanitary Inspector Wilson went to Darcy island on the tug Sadie last Sunday afternoon, in order to take provisions to the unfortunate lepers. Only three men are now on the island, and one of them has lost his voice and is not expected to live long.

Lodge Meeting—Columbia lodge No. 2 I. O. O. F., will confer the third degree this evening, and the team competition of last Wednesday night will be discussed during a social repast by the judges. A suggestion is on the tapis for a picked team from the two tried Victoria teams to contest a team picked from Vancouver.

Two Drunks.—The only offenders in the city police court yesterday were two drunks. One forfeited his bail of $10, and the other paid $2.50 into the municipal treasury. The cases against a couple of men who failed to pay their revenue tax were remanded as the officer who served the summonses was not present to prove service, without which warrants could not be issued.

First Social.—Last evening Rev. Mr. Blyth and Miss Blyth gave their first social at the pastor's residence, 280 Yates street. An attractive impromptu programme, consisting of songs, readings and instrumental solos made the time pass all too quickly. Ice-cream was served during the evening and a number of games added greatly to the enjoyment of all who were present.

Shipping Clams.—J. L. Leeson, of Winter harbor, on the northern end of the island, is enlarging his plant for canning clams. The clams are to be prepared for the New York market, and they will be bought as quickly as they are produced. They will be put up in four-gallon tins, and in this way shipped to their destination. In New York they will be placed in glass and white jars of different sizes, using the new Phoenix Patent cap.

Pickpockets Remanded.—Smith and Hyslop, the two men arrested on the E. & N. train on the way from the Gorge on Friday on suspicion of having been engaged in the business of picking pockets, were arraigned in the provincial police court yesterday, but their case was remanded until Friday. The police are endeavoring to locate the lady who lost her purse on the train, she being a material witness.

Scottish Entertainment.—Next Tuesday evening in the hall of the First Presbyterian church, the music-loving people of Victoria will have an opportunity or hearing Flora MacDonald and Gavin Spence, of Edinburgh, Scotland, in their Scottish entertainment. These artists come with the highest recommendations from the press of America, and their native country. The affair will be under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the church.

Direct Legislation.—As Mr. Pomeroy's recent lecture on "Direct Legislation" created a very favorable impression in the minds of the audience who listened to him, and as several expressed a desire to give the subject further consideration, a public meeting for that purpose will be held at 28 Broad street next Tuesday evening. Opinions expressed by English, Swiss and American statesmen, editors, reformers and business men will be quoted; also the writings of Mr. Pomeroy on "Direct Legislation and the Politician."

Both Are Prisoners.—Anita Winterhalter, the fourteen-year-old girl, for having carnal knowledge of whom Robert Currie, her uncle, is to be tried before a judge in the speedy trial court on Friday, is herself a prisoner in the city lockup, she being charged with vagrancy. Since the preliminary hearing of Currie, she has been leading a terrible life for one of her age, and was recently taken out of a house of ill-fame by the police. Her case was called in the police court yesterday, but remanded until Friday. After the Currie trial it is the hope of the authorities to find a home for her.

King's Daughters.—Yesterday afternoon, the King's Daughters held an entertainment at 18 Michigan street, James Bay. The rooms were prettily decorated in purple and silver, the colors of the society. Tea and cake were served during the afternoon. A large number of people attended and spent a delightful time. The following attractive programme was given: Mandolin solo, Mrs. D. Harris; song, Mrs. H. Kent; solo, Mandolin club; song, Miss McNiffe; song, Miss Hibben; violin solo, Mr. Fawcett; song, Miss Newling; song, Miss Saunders; song, Miss Haughton; song, Miss Violet Powell; song, Mr. Russell.

Handed Over.—Smith and Hyslop, arrested on the E. & N. train on Friday by the city detectives, on suspicion of being pickpockets, have been handed over to the provincial police to be dealt with.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.—A meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Refuge Home, Cormorant street.

Sacred Concerts.—There were large crowds at Oak Bay and Beacon Hill on Sunday to hear the concerts by the Fifth Regiment and City bands, respectively.

Texada Property Bonded.—An option has been secured on the Lorndale property on Texada island, owned by Mayor Hayward and Mr. Henry Saunders of this city, by Harry McCluskey. Development work will be commenced next week.

Church Parade.—The Sons of England held their annual church parade on Sunday, meeting at their hall and marching to the First Congregational church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. Blyth. There was a good attendance of members.

Seattle Pleased.—A telegram from Seattle last evening states that the Kneisel Quartette, which will be heard this evening in Institute hall, was enthusiastically received by a brilliant audience, which taxed the capacity of the Grand opera house.

Botanical Students.—About fifty scientists and students of Minnesota will leave Minneapolis on June 15 to spend several weeks at the botanical station established by them at Port Renfrew on the West Coast of this island. They will come over the C. P. R., stopping at Banff coming west, and at Glacier on the east-bound trip. Port Renfrew was selected for the station, as it is considered to afford the best facilities for studying marine life on this coast.

Birthday Party.—Tregew House, Menzies street, was the scene of a pleasant birthday party in honor of Mrs. Thomas Trounce, last evening. The guests included: Rev. R. Hughes, Miss Sampson, Capt. and Mrs. Warren, Capt. and Mrs. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer and Mr. Chris. Spencer. Congratulations were freely offered to the hostess on her being able to leave her room for the occasion. A severe operation was performed last January, which was attended with grave fears for her recovery; but now hopes are expressed by her many friends that the work of recovery may go on, and her life spared for some years to come.

Great Dog.—In the list of special prizes offered at the recent dog show, a mistake was made in connection with the Canadian Kennel club's bronze medal. This medal was for the best setter of any breed or sex in the show, and was won by Mr. Charles Minor's Roy Montez. In connection with this dog it is interesting to know that Judge Jarrett stated that Oakley Hill, the setter by whom Roy was defeated in Chicago, was not the equal of Roy, as the latter dog was shown here, he being much out of condition in Chicago. As Mr. Jarrett judged Oakley Hill at San Francisco, he is in a position to know the merits of the two dogs. Roy is therefore entitled to be placed second to Barton Tory, the great English dog who won first at Chicago, and before coming to American won 124 first prizes, 5 championships, 2 challenge cups, 12 specials for the best sporting dog in the show, and 38 specials for the best dog of any breed in the show. When Barton Tory was originally imported, he was defeated by the American dog Knicht Errant, but since the imported dog has got acclimatized Knight Errant has not been shown against him, and it is not likely that he will be.

Natural History Society.—At the meeting of the Natural History Society last evening there was a good attendance and a large bill of fare for consideration. The report of the committee on nature studies was read and received and laid over for further consideration. Mr. Ashdown Green, who had been absent for sometime in the interior, gave some interesting notes on fish observed. The paper of the evening by Mr. O. C. Hastings, and read in his absence by Mr. Sylvester, dealt with the ideas of the Thlingit Indians of Alaska with reference to a future state. The paper gave rise to a spirited discussion, the principal contributor to which was Rev. Canon Newton, a pioneer clergyman of the Alberta district, N. W. T. Rev. Canon Newton, in addition to his familiar knowledge of the Crees and Stony Indians of that country, is a student of comparative religion, and his views were received with deep interest. He pointed to the close association which existed in dialect and tradition between the Indians of North America and the Orient, suggesting an origin which extended through Siberia and Japan and other nations, even as far as Persia, the cradle of beliefs. The question of dredging expeditions, the purchase of a microscope suggested by Mr. Robinson, and the immense number of dog fish observed by Mr. Anderson in Saanich Inlet, were also discussed among other things.

CANADIAN RAILWAYS.

The following table shows the growth of Canadian railways from year to year since the opening of the first line in 1836:

	Mileage.		Mileage.
1835	0	1868	2,278
1836	16	1869	2,524
1837	16	1871	2,695
1838	16	1872	2,817
1839	16	1872	2,890
1840	16	1873	3,613
1841	16	1874	3,832
1842	16	1875	4,231
1843	16	1876	4,804
1844	16	1877	5,218
1845	16	1878	5,782
1846	16	1879	6,126
1847	54	1880	6,858
1848	54	1881	7,194
1849	54	1882	7,331
1850	66	1883	7,607
1851	159	1884	9,577
1852	205	1885	10,273
1853	506	1886	10,773
1854	764	1887	11,793
1855	877	1888	12,184
1856	1,414	1889	12,585
1857	1,414	1890	13,151
1858	1,869	1891	13,836
1859	1,994	1892	14,564
1860	2,065	1893	15,005
1861	2,146	1894	15,627
1862	2,189	1895	15,977
1863	2,189	1896	16,270
1864	2,189	1897	16,550
1865	2,240	1898	16,718
1866	2,278	1899	17,250
1867	2,278	1900	17,657

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Two electric cars came together while running at a rapid rate on the Albany & Hudson Electric railway on Sunday, resulting in five deaths and sixty people wounded. Both motor men were killed, and the cars were torn almost to splinters.

The Presbyterian General Assembly at Philadelphia yesterday adopted the revision committee's report. Next years the meeting will be in New York.

Santoi won the great Whitsuntide handicap of 1,000 sovereigns at the Hurst Park club Whitsuntide yesterday. Rambling Katie was second and St. Moritz 3rd.

Prof. Dewit C. Goodrich, of Wisconsin, and Prof. Stonehouse, of the Guelph experimental station, Canada, have been added to the staff of Superintendent Van Amstin of the model dairy at the Pan-American exposition.

Lieutenant-Governor M. F. Allen, vice-president and director of the Farmers' National Bank, which recently suspended at Vergennes, Vermont, and J. W. Ketch, representative to the legislature from this place, were arrested yesterday by United States officers under indictment charging them with complicity with Cashier D. O. Lewis in wrecking the bank.

"Better out than in"—that humor that you notice. To be sure it is out and all out, take Hood's Sarasaparilla.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Abbreviated Sitting Last Night to Deal With Educational Affairs.

The session of the School Board last night was a short one, the business of the evening having been exhausted and adjournment reached by 9 o'clock. Chairman Hall was unable to attend, so Trustee Belyea was voted to the chair, and the work of the evening was taken up.

A communication from the principal was read, asking permission to accept the following prizes, which had been offered to the High school, viz: A medal for English history, offered by C. E. Redfern, Esq.; a prize for Canadian history offered by Trustee Drury, and a third for English subjects by a donor who did not wish his name to be made public. This last named prize would be a complete edition of Stephenson's works.

Superintendent Eaton pointed out that a rule had been adopted some years ago, that individual prizes be discouraged in favor of class prizes, but last year this rule had been ignored. It would be well for the board to decide on a line of conduct in this connection. It would be impossible, however, to have class competition in the High school. In connection with the prize offered sometime ago for competition in Canadian history, it had been decided to award this on the results of the showing by the papers at the High school examinations. It was now found that English and Canadian history would be combined, so that the prize could not be awarded in this manner. He proposed, with Mrs. Watts' permission, to offer the prize for competition in Canadian history in the High school. It was resolved to accept all the prizes offered as proposed.

The buildings and grounds committee handed in a report in connection with the repairs to the Kingston street school. It was ordered that the work be carried out during the coming holidays.

The superintendent was authorized to provide a suitable stand for the school trophies won by the classes on various occasions.

The board then went into committee on the question of the suggestions of the architect with reference to the various school buildings. The various items, which were mostly for small repairs, were passed and the building and grounds committee were given authority to carry out the work.

Further time was granted the special committee on by-laws, to prepare their report.

There being nothing further on the lists, the board adjourned.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, 22nd to 28th May, 1901.

The chief feature of the weather during the week was the pronounced hot wave which prevailed throughout the province during the 24th, 25th and 26th. For the first two days of the week the weather was cool and showery on the coast and the lower mainland. This was caused by the hovering of a low barometer area over British Columbia, while off the coast the barometer was high. By the night of the 23rd this low area gave place to the Pacific area of high pressure which in conjunction with a still more extensive area covering the Territories caused the phenomenal fine and hot spell above mentioned. During this period the sky became cloudless, and the winds which were chiefly light or moderate blew from the heated interior toward the coast. This abnormal and continuous heat caused a rapid melting of the snow upon the mountain slopes, which has occasioned snowslides, washouts and a pronounced and rapid rising of the Fraser river. During the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, the temperature at Kamloops rose to 86, 88, 92 and 86 respectively. On Monday the 27th the temperature began to fall along the coast, due to the winds blowing from another area of high pressure on the Pacific towards the heated interior, where the air was lighter. Upon Tuesday, the 28th, the difference of pressure between the Coast and the Rocky Mountains became increased considerably, so also did the velocity of the winds, particularly over the Straits of Fuca, where it reached 28 miles from the west at Neah and 35 miles (in gusts) from southwest at Victoria.

The first few days of this week were showery in the Territories, then fine and hot, the daily maximum temperature often being above 90 degrees. On the American coast the weather has been generally unsettled, and on the California coast showers have been of almost daily occurrence. At San Francisco the cold summer sea breezes have commenced. These are due to the comparatively heavy air over the cold waters of the adjacent ocean moving inland to the Sacramento valley, where the air has become heated and consequently lighter.

At Victoria 72 hours and 56 minutes of bright sunshine was recorded, only a trace of rain, highest temperature was 76.6 on the 25th, and the lowest temperature was 44.1 on the 23rd.

New Westminster reported .11 inch of rain, highest temperature was 78 on the 25th and the lowest was 42 on the 23rd.

At Kamloops there was not any rain, the highest temperature was 92 on the 26th and the lowest 42 on the 23rd.

At Barkerville there was .20 inch of rain, highest temperature 76 on the 25th, and the lowest 36 on the 22nd.

NEW BRUNSWICK ENTERPRISE.

Steps Taken to Encourage Immigration from England.

The London correspondent of the Montreal Star says:

New Brunswick is awakening to a sense of its own future possibilities with an energy which might well be emulated by some of the wealthier Canadian provinces. For some time past they have had a special commissioner in this country in the person of Mr. W. A. Hickman, who, by means of lectures and a press campaign, has done a great deal to make the province better known. That his work has not been without effect may be judged from the fact that by a recent boat he sent between twenty-five and thirty settlers to the province, the majority of whom had a little capital and some a very considerable amount. Since then further batches of settlers of a first-class type, a few with comfortable incomes, have been sent out. To further assist this movement a novel scheme has been devised. Mr. Hickman, on behalf of the New Brunswick government, has made arrangements with the Furness line to issue return tickets to intending settlers at £17 17s. first-class, and £12 second-class, between London and St. John. When the settlers arrive in St. John they will be assisted by the government officials in every possible way in seeing the best and most important portions of the province. Of course, the arrangement is not meant to be used by ordinary holiday-seekers, but at the same time it is difficult to see how this can be prevented. Mr. Hickman tells me that he expects good results from the experiment. A good number of the better class of English farmers would, he thinks, go to Canada, if they were thoroughly satisfied as to the existing conditions. There is no doubt that they would, and New Brunswick should find her enterprise will be plentifully rewarded.

A CLOSED CHURCH

Whose Office Bearers Still Draw Comfortable Salaries.

From London Leader.

Rector drawing £600 a year.
Parish clerk drawing £40 a year.
Beadle drawing £30 a year.
Sextoness drawing £45 a year.
Organ blower drawing £12 a year.

This is not a bad salary list for a church which has been barred and bolted for ten years. Yet it is no myth, according to a letter from Mr. G. W. Neatby, printed in the City Press. The church in question, Mr. Neatby told a Morning Leader representative yesterday, is St. George's, Botolph lane, and the rector (who has been drawing £12 a week for services in a closed house of worship) is no less a person than Canon McColl; the other overworked functionaries of the church need no special mention.

According to Mr. Neatby, the canon performed his duties actively enough up till the year 1891. Then the roof of the church was suddenly discovered to be unsafe. The Bishop of London (Dr. Temple) ordered the church to be closed, and appointed a commission to inquire into the advisability of a union with St Mary-at-Hill and St. Andrew Hubbard. This scheme fell through, however, and St. George's has consequently remained closed till this day.

The church has an interesting history, says The Leader informant. In the first place, it is one of the score and more churches built by the immortal Wren, and still standing (a great number have been taken down).

Secondly, it was constructed out of the scanty funds of the parishoners, who had suffered untold loss in the "Great Fire." Mr. Neatby therefore wants the church to be restored and reopened for service. Given the correctness of his story, the spectacle of this city church, closed for ten years and forgotten, because the roof became unsafe one day, is strange not to say comical.

FILL OR ABOLISH.

From Military Gazette.

It is now some 10 months since Lt.-Col. F. G. Stone, R. A., took his departure from Canada, after resigning the position of inspector-general of artillery, a position worth $3,200 per annum that was made for him at the urgent request of Major-General Hutton, at that time D. O. C. The reason given for calling in the services of an outsider—not a member of the Canadian force—was, it was understood at the time, on account of there not being a member of the Canadian militia capable of satisfactorily performing the duties.

Since that time, however, things have changed to a considerable extent, and it is now admitted that Canada possesses gunners able to hold their own with any that Great Britain can produce. There are a number of officers in the permanent force who are perfectly capable of filling the position, and if it is not intended to abolish it, there are many who think that the time is ripe for appointing some qualified Canadian to the place, that is, if the intention is to in any measure encourage the men who have spent their lives in the service of the Dominion. The feeling is rapidly growing that Canada is able to stand on her own feet and that the day for importing British officers to fill all the "fat" offices has passed.

VICTORIA CREAMERY.

General Meeting of the Association Held Yesterday Afternoon—Election of Officers.

A general meeting of the Victoria Creamery association was held yesterday afternoon when arrangements were made for the opening of the new creamery for business on Monday. The election of officers also took place. Mr. J. R. Carmichael was re-elected president; Mr. J. Shopland, vice-president, and Messrs. S. Deans, Edwin Johns, Sr., H. Buckle, Tanner and C. Brooks, board of directors. Several propositions were made by local dealers to handle the product of the creamery, some on a 4½ per cent. basis, and others on the basis of a cent a pound. It was decided to handle the product direct from the creamery for three months at least.

A LAST ATTEMPT.

Boers Making a Final Effort to Get Intervention.

Berlin, May 28.—Special despatches from St. Petersburg assert that Dr. Hendrik Muller and Dr. Leyds, representing the former Boer republics, have appealed formally to The Hague arbitration court promising to abide by the decision of the tribunal regarding issues involved in the South African war, pointing out that several of the paragraphs of the constitution of the arbitration court signed by the powers represented at the peace conference, bear directly upon the South African case.

COULD NOT TRAVEL.

Missionary Going to Lu Lu Forced to Return Home.

London, May 28.—"Four thousand insurgents from the province of Kwei Chau have invaded the province of Sho Chaun," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, wiring yesterday, "causing a widespread panic. It is said that three thousand Yunnanes are about to join them."

"The Boxers are again active in all districts where there are no foreign troops," says a despatch to the Standard from Tien Tsin, dated May 27. "Yesterday a missionary who was going to Lu Lu, on the Grand canal, was forced to return to Tien Tsin, on account of a fierce fight raging between Boxers and Catholic converts. There was heavy fighting on both sides."

CIGARETTES IN HALIFAX.

The School Boy of the Effete East Has Learned to Smoke.

Halifax is awakening to the necessity of separating the small boy from the demoralizing cigarette according to the following from the Halifax Chronicle.

On March 6th last, in consequence of a resolution of the school board, Supervisor McKay sent a circular to the city teachers asking for information regarding the prevalence, effects and best methods of suppressing the cigarette habit among school children and he received about seventy replies. Some of the replies represented a whole school so that he had the opinions of nearly all the teachers. They reported:

Number who have used tobacco at any time 940
Number who use it occasionally .. 367
Number who use it habitually 91

It was understood the information obtained from the pupils should be given voluntarily. It could not therefore be expected, says the supervisor in his report, that it would be full and accurate, for many of the pupils did not wish to acknowledge that they were addicted to the use of tobacco. From some schools the information was more fuller and more nearly accurate than from others:

The supervisor continues in his report:

"My estimate founded on my knowledge of the pupils, would be:

Number who at any time used.....
tobacco ..... 2'500
Number using it occasionally now. 1,500
Number using it habitually 160

"Others of good judgment whom I have consulted would place the estimate higher.

"The teachers are all but unanimous in asserting that the children who use tobacco are much injured by it, mentally nad morally, and to some extent physically. Such pupils are said to exhibit 'unnatural pallor,' 'unsteady nerves,' and 'laziness. But it is of their mental deterioration, as affecting school work, that the teachers most complain. This is described by such words and phrases as 'inattention,' 'dullness of comprehension,' 'want of ambition,' 'stupidity,' etc. The teachers are also emphatic regarding the injury done to the morals of all the children by the use of tobacco. They find that at first the pupil loses his natural candor, then he becomes untruthful, loses his self-respect, prefers low company, uses bad language, occasionally plays truant, becomes untidy in his habits, selfish and regardless of the comfort of others.

"In many cases the money given to him for Sunday school or the church collecton or for the purchase of school supplies is spent for cigarettes. The next steps are easy—borrowing cents without knowing how he is going to pay, stealing money from home, stealing junk, etc.

"The general opinion is that the habit is largely on the increase throughout the city. For this increase three causes are assigned: (1.) Boys think it manly to imitate their fathers and men occupying high positions. They see such men smoking, perhaps more generally and more in public than formerly. (2.) Small boys are gradually initiated into the habit by being able to purchase one or two cents worth as well as a whole package of cigarettes in very many shops throughout the city. There seems to be almost no restriction on the sale of tobacco to minors. (3.) Boys are allowed to smoke on the streets as freely as their seniors, as freely as if there was no law against it.

"A few teachers report a decided improvement among the boys of their own department, as a result of honest teaching and great watchfulness, and there are two or three teachers who give it as their opinion that such teaching only aggravates the evil.

Two Clubs Amalgamate

Victorias and the Amities Join Hands to Advance Baseball Interests.

Crews Which Are to Represent This City in the July Regatta.

The Victoria and Amity Baseball clubs have decided to amalgamate, and Victoria may now expect to have a team that will uphold the past record of the city as the leader in this popular form of sport. It was the only way in which Victoria could hope to compete with success with the ball teams organized in the other cities of the province. The preliminary arrangements for the amalgamation were made last evening, but a meeting has been called for Friday evening to further the arrangements. The team which is to represent the new club, which it is expected will be named Victoria, will play their first game against the University of Washington team on Saturday at Oak Bay Park, taking the place of the Amities who made the arrangements for the game, and they will also take the place of the Victorias in the amateur league. They will have an opportunity of showing their metal on Saturday, as the University of Washington team is a strong one and they have had lots of practice, having been on a tour of Oregon and Washington. They are the best strictly amateur team in the Northwest. The next game of the Victorias will probably be with the Wenatchee club's team, that club having applied for a date. The local club will put a strong team in the field, having the following men to select their team from: Schwengers, Copeland, Widdowson, Potts, Burnes, McConnell, Haynes, Holness, Jesse, Harrison, Smith, Rogers, Lenfesty, Huxtable and Gowen, and probably others. Mr. O. K. Fitzsimmons, an old National League man, will coach the team, which should go a long way to bring them up to the mark. In a few weeks, too, they will have the assistance of Wrigglesworth and Smith of last year's Victorias, and Rithet, who played short stop for the Amities. The club will hold a practice every evening this week.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

First of the Season to Be Held at Clover Point Today.

There will be a league rifle shoot at Clover Point rifle range this afternoon, commencing at 3 p. m., and also on Saturday morning at 6 a. m., and in the afternoon at 2 p. m. The Saturday morning shoot is specially intended for those who can not attend on the afternoons of either day. The teams will be selected from the following list, all of whom are requested to attend. This does not debar anyone whose name may have been omitted: Gr. A. Fleming Co. Sergt.-Major McDougall, Lieut. A. W. Currie, Co. Sergt.-Major F. Richardson, Sergt. Bodley, Co. Sergt.-Major H. Lettice, Gr. Butler, Gr. Duncan, Co. Sergeant-Major Bailey, Sergt. W. P. Winsby, Bons. G. Caven, Br. Pumfrey, Corp. Winsby, Gr. A. Brayshaw, Major Hibben, Sergt. Futcher, Corp. Keeting, Sergt. Harris, Br. Burgess, Gr. J. Webb, Sergt. McTavish, O. R. C. A. McLean, Capt. Alexis Martin, Capt. D. B. McConnan, Gr. Little, Gr. Mackenzie, Corp. Gartler, Gr. Bucket, Lieut. J. C. Thomson, Corp. Savory, Sergt.-Major Mulcahy, Gr.