

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 1804. The weather during this week has been to a large extent cool and showery throughout the province. The smallest amount of rain occurred in this immediate vicinity, while at Port Simpson rain fell every day and amounted to 1.82 inches. In Cariboo upon the last day of the week the temperature fell to the freezing point and over an inch of snow fell. The summer type of high barometric pressure which, to insure due warm weather in this province, should be centred over northern British Columbia, has remained obscure on the coast of Vancouver island. The prevailing winds therefore have been chiefly from the south and west, and upon several occasions have been moderately strong. Moderate northwesterly gales have occurred on the Washington coast upon several days. The weather in the Territories and Manitoba has been generally fair, though local thunderstorms occurred upon the 18th and 19th. There has been no hot weather in the Yukon Territory, and the average daily temperature was 46 degrees. Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 40 hours and 30 minutes; rainfall, 37 inch; highest temperature, 69.0 on 15th; and lowest, 50.2 on 21st. New Westminster—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 40 hours and 30 minutes; rainfall, 37 inch; highest temperature, 69.0 on 15th; and lowest, 50.2 on 21st. Kamloops—Rain, 72; highest temperature, 82 on 10th; lowest, 50 on 19th, 20th and 21st. Barkerville—Rain, 24 inch; snow, 12 inch; highest temperature, 60 on 18th; lowest, 32 on 21st. Port Simpson—Rain, 1.82 inches; highest temperature, 68 on 17th; lowest, 40 on 18th. Dawson—Highest temperature, 60 on 18th, 19th and 20th; lowest, 32 on 19th.



The plans and specifications for the tug boat and snag boat for use on the Fraser river by the department of public works may be seen at the office of Wm. Henderson, department of public works, post office building, city.

The election of a school trustee for Esquimalt school district, to take the place of J. Finmore, whose term expires, will take place next Saturday, commencing at 11 a.m. in Lampion street school house. Mr. Finmore stands for reelection.

Sir Henri Joly de Loziniere has been obliged to decline the invitation of the Vancouver celebration committee to attend the Dominion Day celebration in that city. The serious illness of Lady Joly de Loziniere precludes the Lieutenant Governor accepting the invitation.

Herbert Outbrett, secretary of the Tourist Association, left Tuesday night on a trip in the company of the most part of the party, who will travel through Montana, Idaho, Eastern Washington and the Canadian Northwest. Secretary Outbrett will be absent from the city about a month or six weeks.

During the paving operations on Yates street different quarters have been assigned to the hacks and express wagons. The hacks will take up their position on Government street, north of Johnson. The expressmen will occupy places on Langley street. These positions will only be temporary.

The Painters' Union elected the following officers at their meeting on Tuesday: G. Carven, president; F. Henskie, vice-president; J. Creed, treasurer; R. Ryan, secretary; J. Robson, financial secretary; G. Brown, auditor; W. Gibson, conductor. Delegates appointed to the labor council were Messrs. Ryan, Gilligan and Henskie. Messrs. Clark, McClellan and Gilligan were appointed auditors, and Messrs. Rivers, Otway, Halpeny, Carmichael and Willard a sick committee.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Society, Royal Jubilee hospital, is fixed to take place on Monday next, June 27th, at 3 p.m., at the city hall. All members of the society are cordially invited to attend. There will be some interesting reports and discussions, and the intelligent sympathy of the public in the continual well-being and the increasing usefulness of the hospital is earnestly sought by all who work in its interests. The annual fee is now due, and may be paid either to the district canvasser, or in cases where it is more convenient, or where the district has no canvasser, to Miss Stewart, care of Messrs. Hibben, who has kindly consented to receive them. As the income of the society depends largely upon these fees for its working fund, this appeal is made to all members, since many are not regularly canvassed, owing to a difficulty in securing enough volunteers for this work.

The concert given on Tuesday under the auspices of Knox Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid Society, Spring Hill, was a successful success in every way, a thoroughly appreciative audience filling the church to its doors. Every number was well received, as evidenced by the "Olive Twist" like demand for more, which in nearly every case was generously acceded to by the talented ladies and gentlemen whom J. G. Brown had induced to take part. The Petch Bros. (quartette) and G. H. Larrigan, instrumentalist, took the audience by storm, the latter gentleman having to respond twice to the vociferous appeal for the music of his piece, which not even the chairman's call to order for an attack on strawberries, cream and cake could arrest. All present did justice to the quality and abundance of the toothsome dainties provided by the ladies. The programme rendered was as follows: Chairman's address; song, J. G. Brown; recitation, Miss Macdonald; quartette, Petch Bros.; violin solo, Jesse Longfield; song, A. Petch; piccolo solo, G. H. Larrigan; quartette, Petch Bros.; song, W. D. Kinnaird; solo, A. Petch; song, Miss Howell; "God Save the King." Mrs. Lewis Hall acted as accompanist.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending June 21st were \$534,753.

The annual flower service at the Royal Jubilee hospital will take place on Sunday next at 3 p.m.—A musical programme is being prepared, of which particulars will appear later.

The marriage between Miss May Dunsmuir and Lieut. Arthur Bromley, which was indefinitely postponed owing to the illness of the bride, will take place on Friday, the 24th inst., at the same hour.

In the city police court Wednesday Thos. Mastill was fined \$5 for being drunk. Quock Sing, a Chinaman with a record as a chicken thief, was given three months' imprisonment for repeating the offence. The hearing of the charge against Delbert Roper, for assault, was remanded.

Every preparation is being made for the annual pound party at the Protestant Orphanage, Hillside avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, between 3 and 6 o'clock. A bus will be run from the car track on Douglas street to the home, and it is expected that the event will in every respect be successful.

The Centennial Methodist church has arranged to observe next Sunday as Flower Day. This has come to be an annual event in the church, and elaborate preparations have been made for this year's special services in connection with it. On Monday evening, following a strawberry social will be given by the young people on the lawn of W. H. Bone, Topaz avenue.

During the last few weeks a large number of hogs suffering from cholera have been destroyed in the Victoria district at the instigation of the acting inspector under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act. The disease has not been prevalent, but confined to a few big herds, one of which had just arrived from the north, and the others were kept in the pound; steps to stamp out the disease, and so far as known there is now no case of hog cholera on the island.

Tuesday night a quiet wedding took place at the Church of Our Lord, Reform Episcopal, when Mr. Thos. Geo. Jenkins and Miss Margaret Cummings, both of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. H. J. Wood in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. Miss Mary Owen acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Thos. Hutchison supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were the recipients of a large array of handsome presents, testifying to their popularity.

The position of secretary of the bureau of statistics and immigration, recently vacated by R. E. Gosnell, when that gentleman took over the editorship of the Colonist, is temporarily in charge of R. M. Palmer, commissioner of freight rates. The government has decided to make no permanent appointment to the position at present. Mr. Palmer is well qualified to give any information bearing on the subject of immigration, and it is along this line that a large percentage of the enquiries received have reference.

The league room of the Metropolitan Methodist church was crowded on Monday night and enthusiasm ran high over the debate on "Resolved that government ownership of the liquor traffic is preferable to total prohibition." The speakers on both sides made marked arguments, and advanced many excellent arguments. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. G. K. Adams, the judges being B. H. Ryan, M. P. P., Dr. Clarence and H. V. Jones, who, after a lengthy consultation, decided in favor of the negative. J. M. Campbell, Mrs. J. Cole and E. Lewis, respectively were the speakers on the affirmative, while Dr. Lewis Hall, Miss Jones and Wm. Ritchie upheld the negative.

A quiet wedding took place at New Westminster on Monday afternoon at the residence of the governor of the province, when Miss Rose Armstrong, sister of Mr. W. G. Armstrong, the governor of the jail, was united in marriage to Mr. James D. Brynner, one of the attendants at the institution, and brother of Mr. G. D. Brynner, manager of the Bank of Montreal in New Westminster. Rev. A. Shildrick performed the ceremony, and Mr. G. D. Brynner, Mr. Brynner, and Mr. Robert Brynner, of Craubrook, supported the groom. After the ceremony a short reception was held, at the conclusion of which Mr. and Mrs. Brynner left for Victoria, and the bride, where the honeymoon will be spent.

A hearty reception was tendered Rev. Geo. K. B. Adams and Mrs. Adams in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church on Tuesday. A large number were in attendance, and an enjoyable programme was provided. Arthur Lee occupied the chair, and delivered an address of welcome, after which refreshments were served by the ladies of all departments of the church. Solos were contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks. The Sunday school orchestra gave several selections, and a recitation was given by Miss Foxall. In reply to the address, Rev. Mr. Adams expressed himself as highly pleased with Victoria, her surroundings and climate, with the kindness shown by the people here and the hearty welcome extended him.

William Alexander Fraser passed away on Tuesday at the family residence, 45 Menzies street. Deceased was a native of Westville, Nova Scotia, and 19 years of age. He was brought up in Victoria, and attended the South Park school for years, afterwards taking a position in the local office of the Northern Pacific railway, and later at the G. P. R. ticket office. For several years he was a valued member of the Boys' Brigade, and is well known throughout the province. He leaves a sister, Miss Francis Fraser, and an aunt to mourn his loss. His death was caused by consumption, from which he has been suffering for some time. The funeral is arranged to take place on this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. A. Ewing.

Forty-seven natives of Manila are expected on the steamer Shawmut. They form another colony for the St. Louis exposition.

The funeral of the late William Bell took place Wednesday morning at the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. J. P. Westman conducted services.

City workmen are engaged in paving operations on lower Yates street. The foundation for the blocks is being prepared, and in a short time the cement will be laid.

The children of the domestic school of science, of which Miss McKewen is principal, will hold their formal closing exercises on Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. Parents and those interested in the work are invited to attend.

The cause of church union had a striking exemplification on Sunday morning when the pastor of the Victoria West church having failed to put in an appearance the congregation adjourned in a hall on St. Paul's (Presbyterian) church, where they listened to an able sermon by Rev. D. McIlrae.

The Roman Catholic picnic to be given at Saanich on Dominion Day promises to be a most enjoyable event. Special transportation facilities are being provided by means of the Victoria and Saanich and block 62 at the corner of Michigan and Oswego streets.

The San Francisco Bulletin is conducting a contest to decide the most handsome woman in California. The first prize is \$500, the second and third prizes are also very valuable pieces of jewelry. The Bulletin is publishing half-tones of the society ladies competing, and the last issue to hand contains the fine picture of Miss Maude Goodwin.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney of Vancouver, sends the following report, being an abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending June 7th, 1904: During the week ending June 7th, 1904, there were issued 1884 patents, of which 22 were issued to citizens of the United States, 2 to Austria-Hungary, Canada 12, Chile 1, Denmark 1, Great Britain 19, France 5, Germany 11, Isle of Man 1, Italy 1, Mexico 1, Natal 1, New Zealand 1, Russia 1, Sweden 1, Switzerland 1 and Transvaal, South Africa, 1.

On the waterfront in the upper harbor, mounted on old fashioned log-boats, are two large and very powerful engines driven by the heavy timber floating around the Nitinat lake, on the West Coast. The boilers for the machines were constructed here in Gray's boiler shop, and the engines were built on the American side. Attached is all the gear necessary for the handling of big sticks of timber. The two plants are probably the largest of the kind ever shipped from Victoria.

A meeting of the Victoria Horticultural Society was held Monday evening, when it was decided to cut down the space in exhibit No. 1, class A, florists, from 150 square feet to 100 square feet. It was also decided that exhibitors not being members of the society would be charged 25 cents for each entry, and would have to pay for their admission to the show. Several committees were appointed to take in hand the arrangements for the show, which this year is to be held in one of the large halls near the centre of the city. A band consisting of each evening of the show will be provided.

An Eastern exchange publishes the following "A" telegram which has been received in Ottawa from British Columbia, saying that the local government have appointed a delegation to proceed to England to meet the Hon. Mr. McKinnon, which they have been treated by the Dominion government. The news has created much excitement in political circles generally. The Hon. Mr. McKinnon was nominated with in the matter to-day. The item was "news" to him. He had no knowledge of any such action being adopted. As Premier no such action could be taken without his sanction.

Tenders are being called by the Dominion government for the construction of a tug boat for use on the Fraser river. One is to be a steel tug and the other a snag boat. Plans and specifications for the two vessels may be seen at the Victoria post office. Tenders must all be in by July 14th, and accompanying each must be sent a cheque on some chartered bank, payable to the order of the minister of public works, Ottawa. For the steel tug and its tender, which is also to be built, a cheque for \$5,500 must be forwarded, and with the tender for the snag boat \$3,000.

In the course of a lengthy article, appearing in the June number of The Author, entitled "From Far Eastern Canada," Bernard McElroy says: "The newspaper press is far better than could be expected in British Columbia. There is Clive Phillips-Wolley a poet who, in his 'Songs of an Englishman,' has shown that he possesses the divine gift in no small measure, and who has also written a number of clever novels. Mrs. L. A. Lefevre has written a creditable little book of verse, and she appears also on the pages of Lord Dufferin's very interesting volume to the memory of his talented mother. Mrs. Julia W. Henshaw has written several novels besides many magazine articles. R. E. Gosnell, formerly government librarian and late secretary of the bureau of provincial information, is the author of the most important current standard work on the position and resources of the province, as well as many cogent articles. He is also engaged on a life of Sir James Douglas, the first governor of the province, which has been undertaken by Messrs. Isobel A. R. Maclean and Gordon Smith, are on the list of those British Columbians who are doing honorable service with their pens."

A very enjoyable social was given by Victoria Aerie No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at Eagle hall Wednesday. An excellent programme was rendered, and all present enjoyed themselves.

The Congregational church Sunday school have arranged to hold their annual picnic on July 1st. The committee have arranged for a full programme of sports and pastime for the scholars, and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

As the request of a number of friends John R. Saunders, of the Esquimalt water works, has decided to resign his name to be placed in nomination for school trustee for Esquimalt district. The election will be held on Saturday, the 25th inst., at Lampon street school.

Poundkeeper Craig on Tuesday made away with some forty odd canines. These dogs were, having been seized at the auction sale conducted on Monday, but found no buyers, and so had to be destroyed. This morning half a dozen more dogs were added to the collection at the pound.

Chief Langley expects that the patrol wagon will be ready for service in about a week. It is now being completed at Matie's carriage factory, and promises to be a very satisfactory conveyance. It will be equipped in the most complete manner, and undoubtedly will meet most thoroughly the demands upon it.

The Reformed Episcopal Sunday school will hold their annual picnic at Sidney on Saturday. This will be a grand opportunity for tourists to visit the charming little town, with its splendid beach and lots of fresh air. A nice spot could not be found to pass an afternoon. The best of refreshments will be available on the grounds.

As a result of the discovery of infected Indian corn being landed here, the steamer Oregon has been ordered to be carried back to Australia, whence it came. It arrived on the steamer Maunika the other day, and infection was discovered by Thos. Cunningham, provincial inspector. The corn had fortunately never left the docks, so that little trouble will be experienced.

Since the steamer Princess Victoria was placed on the Victoria and Sound route a customs officer has been stationed aboard, so that all baggage for this route is now checked before the steamer arrives in the early morning. This has been done in order that passengers may not be disturbed in the morning. The officer is being performed by S. W. Edwards.

The steamship Portland is again causing some uneasiness, according to the Seattle Times, it is feared in that city she has drifted with the ice floes off her course and into the Arctic. The vessel was reported to have returned to the Sound from Nome, reached Seattle yesterday morning with \$268,000 in bullion. The Oregon reports that the gold clip up at Nome during the last week in the neighborhood of "one million dollars."

On Tuesday evening a pleasing event took place at the regular meeting of Princess Alexandra lodge, Daughters of England. District Deputy E. Haynes visited the lodge, and in a few well chosen words presented a check for \$100.00 in recognition of the increase of membership effected by the organization. Bro. Gladding suitably supported the speaker, and the newly-married couple have left on a honeymoon tour, and will afterwards reside at 49 Third street.

This afternoon a special general meeting of the Victoria board of trade will be held, when a number of matters of importance will come up for consideration. The board was very much interested some weeks ago to investigate the charges made by A. J. Morley against the secretary will submit a complete report on the matter.

A number of members of different local athletic organizations have organized a camp on the Gorge just above Craigflower bridge. It will be known as the "Yip Yip" camp, and will be held at any time, and all will be accorded a hearty welcome. Any outside athletic team is challenged to compete with the campers in any of the sports mentioned. It is likely that before the summer is far advanced similar camps will have been established at different points on the Arm.

The First Presbyterian church schoolroom was well filled Wednesday at the annual strawberry festival under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the church. The chair was occupied by J. G. Brown. The following programme was rendered, and very much appreciated: Piano solo, Miss Kane; recitation, Miss Woodward; song, Mrs. Gresson; song, W. D. Kinnaird; selection by ladies' orchestra; song, Miss Howell; quartette, Petch Bros.; piano solo, Miss Henderson; song, J. G. Brown. Where all did well it is hard to particularize, but it is only just to point out that the singing of Mrs. Gresson and Miss Howell was a musical treat. The last named lady is a pupil of Mrs. W. E. Green, and is rapidly becoming known as a soloist of ability. The Bros. Petch also achieved a big success in their quartette, as did Miss Iva Henderson in her piano solo. Mrs. Gresson has played the organ for many years, and all praise for Foot Elm because their customers all tell them about the wonderful comfort it gives them. Sweaty, swollen, inflamed, tender feet are instantly relieved by Foot Elm, 25 cents a box at Drug Stores, or by mail, postpaid, D. V. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

FOUR JUNE WEDDINGS TOOK PLACE WEDNESDAY

Mr. Frank Stevenson and Miss N. E. Gray United in Matrimony—Other Happy Events.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Four weddings were solemnized in Victoria yesterday. Up to a few days ago the month of June, usually the occasion of many of these happy events, was unmarked by more than the average number of marriages. The record established yesterday, however, demonstrates that June still retains its popularity among those who contemplate entering the state of matrimonial bliss.

Since the announcement of the engagement of Mr. F. W. Stevenson and Miss Nellie E. Gray, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Gray, the wedding has been looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation by the many friends of the contracting parties, and the ceremony, which took place yesterday at the residence of the bride's mother, 113 Fignard street, was attended by relatives and a large number of acquaintances. The room in which the young couple were married was prettily decorated with a profusion of flowers, which, combined with the effect of the elaborate costumes of the bride and bridesmaids, made a most pleasing scene. Travelling attire of reseda with hat to match was worn by the bride, who was attended by Miss Mabel Spence. She was given away by her brother, Mr. Bert Gray. Mr. Walter Murphy, of Seattle, acted as groomsmen. Rev. J. P. Westman conducted the ceremony.

A wedding supper was afterwards served, when friends and acquaintances took advantage of the opportunity to extend the newly married couple all kinds of congratulations and well wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson left by the steamer Princess Victoria last evening on a honeymoon tour of Sound cities. On their return they will take up their residence on the corner of Fort street and Pemberton road.

About 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Miss Maude Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, of Esquimalt road, Victoria, West, and Mr. Earl Brown, of late of Warwickshire, England, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. W. D. Barber, rector of St. Saviour's church, before an assemblage of relatives and intimate friends. Misses Greta, Alice and Carrie Brown, acted as bridesmaids, and Misses Maudie of honor, and Master Gerald Berry performed the duties of page. After the ceremony refreshments were served partaken of by the newly-married couple and acquaintances present. The latter all extended their congratulations in appropriate terms, which were replied to in a few well chosen words by the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth will make a honeymoon tour of the Sound cities, and will afterwards reside in Victoria.

At the manse last evening Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Miss Helen Gordon Thompson, both of Victoria. Miss Jessie D. Fairclough acted as bridesmaid, and D. McG. Carmichael supported the groom. The newly-married couple have left on a honeymoon tour, and will afterwards reside at 49 Third street.

The afternoon of Rev. J. P. Hicks and Miss Elele Margaret Grant Benjafield, stopdaughter of Mr. D. J. Gilm, which took place yesterday at the residence of Mrs. S. S. Brown, was a very quiet affair. Only a number of relatives were in attendance during the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks left by the steamer Princess Victoria for Vancouver last evening. They will be away about three weeks.

Yesterday morning two popular young people of Nanaimo, Mr. C. A. Van Houten, of Messrs. E. Finbury & Co., and Miss May Dawson, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Dawson, were united in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. C. E. Cooper, M. A., conducted the ceremony, which took place at the St. Paul's church. The bride was given away by her brother and attended by her sister. Mrs. J. S. Henderson united the happy couple. Miss M. Hansen, sister of the bride, attended her, while Mr. S. Brown supported the groom. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to Vancouver, from which place the boat was taken to Victoria. The honeymoon will be spent among the coast cities.

INTER-VARSITY RACE. Illness of Stroke of Harvard Four Considerably Weakens That Crew.

Harvard Quarters, Gales Ferry, Conn., June 23.—Brownell, stroke of the Harvard crew, will row no more this season, as Dr. Bennett, who had him sent to a hospital in New London, last night, decided that the oarsman has appendicitis. Herebefore the Harvard oarsmen have felt absolute confidence that the crimson substitute boat would win easily, but now they realize that it will be a hard race against the Yale four.

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J. Piercy & Co., WHOLESALE DRY GOODS VICTORIA, B. C. Manufacturers of the Celebrated Brand of "Ironclad" Overalls, Top Shirts, Etc.

Table listing various goods and prices: West India Lime Juice, 25c Bottle; Guinness' Stout, Quart, 25c Bottle; Claret, 25c Bottle; Niagara Port, 25c Bottle; Catawba Wine, 50c Bottle; White Wine, 50c Bottle.

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Mason's Fruit Jars FOR PRESERVING PINTS, per dozen 75c; QUARTS, per dozen 90c; HALF GALLONS, per dozen \$1.10. We have the Fruit and Sugar to fill them. Reduction in Creamery Butter. Victoria, Cowichan and Delta Butter per lb. 25c.

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LARGE SHIPBUILDING WORKS CONTEMPLATED. Distinguished Builder Visits Victoria and May Start an Important Business Here.

Richard L. Newman, a distinguished naval architect and engineer of New York, and a member of the British Institute of Naval Architects and the Society of Naval Engineers, who has been in the city for some days, a guest of C. J. V. Spratt, left for home Wednesday impressed with the possibilities for business here to an extent that in September next he will return to Victoria and probably take up his residence in the British Columbia capital.

During his stay here Mr. Newman foresees a great future for this city. With an abundance of coal, coke and iron to be found on this island, there is no reason, he thinks, why this city should not become the great manufacturing centre of the Pacific Coast. Ships of any size could be built here and he was surprised to find that under the conditions existing some enterprising firm had not embarked in the business already.

When he returns to Victoria shipbuilding works will doubtless be started here of a character heretofore not attempted. It will be the intention of the company, with which Mr. Newman will be associated, to construct vessels of any dimensions and to be in a position to handle business in competition with any shipbuilding firm in America. Negotiations with this object in view are in progress and within a year an important announcement will, it is expected, be made.

It is expected that the iron and steel industry has not yet been undertaken on the island. At least some effort, he thinks, should be made to ship the pig iron that is here to be found. There is plenty of demand for this, and the fact that steel rails will shortly be required for the building of another railway across the continent should be an inducement for someone to enter the industry. The material for the rails to be laid west of Winnipeg could well come from Vancouver Island.

Mr. Newman has been general manager of the Globe Iron Works, Cleveland, Ohio; district manager of the American Shipbuilding Company of Cleveland (consolidation of all lake building yards), and general manager of the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, New Jersey, and has also been associated with the Crampton building firm of Philadelphia. It was he who designed and built the big yard at Camden, where the Manchuria and Mongolia were built.

TRUSTEES SOLVE VEXED QUESTIONS AFFECTS PUPILS OF THE PRIMARY GRADE Will Attend School Only Half Time Important Meeting of the Board.

At the meeting of the board of trustees yesterday the question of providing additional accommodation in the primary grades was again considered. It was introduced requiring that the school be sure to occupy the full half time. This was done by the board, all contending that children should just as much if not more receive shorter hours as under the present system. The change would also be for the overflow in the primary schools required for a new term.

Chairman Jay presided, and were present Trustees Mrs. A. Hall, Mowat, Lewis, Boggs and others. After the meeting had been ordered, Superintendent Eaton's minutes, which were adopted, usual budget of communications was considered.

Miss Winnifred McGill, of Forks, wrote applying for a position on the local staff. Received and filed in application was a request from P. Dickard for the janitorship Spring Ridge school. This was filed.

Leave of absence was granted to Grande MacFarlane and Maclean to attend Normal school cover.

A. J. Pines, of the High school, applied for the approval of the board of formation of classes to receive the curriculum in subjects to be given at work entirely with had the proposal in hand, and gestions was approved by the Victoria College.

Trustee Hall moved that a committee of the board be appointed to look into the matter and report before the next meeting. Others of those present, however, saw the advantage of such action favored the granting of the request. It was finally agreed that the matter would be placed in the hands of the Pines, and that every satisfactory the full consent of the board would be forthcoming.

The Victoria Laborers' Union communicated with the board of trustees of Chinamen school grounds. Trustee Boggs, chairman of the board, and others, were present. The board was informed that no Chinaman had been employed on the school grounds, directly or indirectly. It was noted that the board had been observed at work there at the knowledge of the trustees, and that they were not paid from the school funds.

On motion of Trustee Hall, the board was instructed to instruct the Laborers' Union of the circumstances of the case. This was carried. The board was instructed to advise the trustees of the board, and to be approved by the finance committee and ordered paid.

A somewhat lengthy report was submitted by the building and grounds committee dealing in detail with proposed improvements to the different public schools. In addition to the recommendations of the committee, the meeting of the board, it was decided the whole of the report of the Board's school be printed. Tenders were submitted by the board, and the contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder.

The appended motion was that the board be instructed to advise the trustees of the board, and to be approved by the finance committee and ordered paid.

In introducing this resolution, Hall explained that it would have a beneficial effect. Probably the most important result was the fact that it would overcome the proposed question of accommodation in the primary grades. In the second place, it would make it unnecessary to the staff of teachers, thereby saving money, and thirdly it would give the board a more complete knowledge of the situation, although time was curtailed, it would be smaller and each individual would receive more attention. Continuing Trustee Hall said that the board of the junior school in the morning and in the afternoon had been tried in the past, and had proved satisfactory. Under any circumstances he was of opinion that the limit to the age of pupils could be admitted to the school should be raised from 6 years to 8 years. It had been absolutely that children entering school at that age were just as far advanced as those who started at 6 years. Besides the former were advanced better off from a physical standpoint. Supt. Eaton was in favor of this. It was practically the only one on which the board had agreed and if proved satisfactory would be the emergency for the ensuing year.

DEED. KENNEDY—At Craubrook, on June 11th, Thomas Kennedy, aged 74 years. PANNIN—At the residence of Mr. F. Bedford, 37 Bismarck street, Victoria, on the 20th instant, John Pannin, ex-husband of Mrs. Pannin, a native of Kempenfle, Ontario, aged 67 years.