WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
26th April to 2nd May, 1905.

The weather during this week was abnormally fine, and little rain fell both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, while to the northward about Port Simpson over an inch and a half of rain fell. The barometer has been comparatively high over this portion of the province, while both to the northward and southward several ocean low barometer areas spread inland accompanied by rain. In Cariboo the early morning temperatures were considerably below the freezing point, and upon the 29th a snowfall amounting to five inches occurred.

There have been no high winds reported this week, and the general direction was from the north and west. The temperature at Dawson has been higher than in Cariboo during the past week, and in the Territories light rains have occurred upon several days, also maximum temperatures ranging from 60 to 87 degrees.

Victoria—Total bright sunshine recorded was 57 hours and 6 minutes; rain, .04 inch; highest temperature, 59.2 on 1st; lowest, 37.2 on 30th.

New Westminster—Rain, .12 inch; highest temperature, 64 on 2nd; lowest, 36 on 26th and 30th.

Kamloops—Rain, .04 inch; highest temperature, 64 on 29th and 2nd; lowest, 32 on 2nd.

Barkerville—Rain, .40 inch; snow, five inches; highest temperature, 54 on 2nd; lowest, 18 on 26th and 28th.

Port Simpson—Rain, 1.70 inch; highest temperature, 52 on 30th and 2nd; lowest, 26 on 2nd.

Dawson—Rain, .50 inch; highest temperature, 54 on 2nd; lowest, 26 on 2nd.

Local News.

CLEARINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—The clearings for the week ending May 2nd at the Victoria clearing house show a total of $811,113.

—The legal firm of Fell & Gregory will leave their offices in the board of trade building on June 1st, and will move to the new Chancery Chamber building on Langley street.

—Margaret Penny, relict of the late Thomas J. Penny, passed away Wednesday morning. Deceased was a native of Ireland and 70 years of age.

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't wash clothes. 25

—On Sunday night the premises of the city pound were broken into and about twenty dogs allowed to go free. The keeper, D. C. Green, is anxious to ascertain who committed the crime.

—The attention of those holding free miners' certificates is called to the fact that all licenses expire on the 31st inst., and in order to retain their mining interests they must renew their licenses on or before that date.

—James Shearon, an old pensioner, who has resided in this city since pioneer days, died at the Jubilee hospital Wednesday. Mr. Shearon was 71 years of age and a native of Ireland.

—The executive of the Victoria Day celebration met on Tuesday for the purpose of discussing finances. Collectors, it was shown, were not meeting with encouraging success, and it was decided to call another meeting for Friday evening.

—The premises of Smith & Champion on Douglas street were entered a few nights ago. The thieves got nothing, as the till had been emptied earlier in the evening. The back window had been forced open in gaining an entrance.

—A splendid bouquet of red roses is on exhibition in the windows of the Tourist Association. The roses were raised in the open air on a vine cultivated by Mrs. A. T. Watts, of Williams Head, which has been in full bloom since the middle of April.

—It is announced that J. G. Elliott, secretary of the Vancouver Island Underwriters' Association, will leave Victoria to take a more responsible position as a result of the recent formation of a provincial body. A. W. Ross, of Vancouver, has been appointed to take over the duties hitherto performed by Mr. Elliott.

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—T. Mower Martin, R. C. A., has left by the Canadian Pacific steamer Erie for London, to arrange for an exhibition of his Canadian pictures. Having spent the last few years in the Rockies and British Columbia, he has had a splendid opportunity of studying the wild sheep and goats in their natural haunts, and his exhibition will include several large canvases of Rocky Mountain scenery, with the native animals.

—Arrangements for the Eagles' memorial service in the Victoria theatre on Sunday afternoon are advancing apace. The service will be opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Westman, and among those who will assist will be Premier McBride, Dr. Elliott S. Rowe, Hon. J. H. Shively, of Olympia, Wash.; Mrs. D. E. Campbell, the Misses E. and D. Sehl, Messrs. Gideon Hicks, E. H. Russell and Frank Sehl. Invitations have been extended to the Mayor and council to attend, and will also be given to the members of the Presbyterian synod, which convenes here to-night. The benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

—In the police court Wednesday several cases were disposed of. Fred McHimeyl was fined $15 for assaulting a small boy. The police magistrate in convicting him took into account the fact that the accused had acted on the impulse of the moment, having been struck by clay thrown by boys. This, however, could not be an excuse for taking the law into his own hands. His solicitor, F. Higgins, contended that the prosecution of the defendant was purely vindictive. An Indian from the United States who was found drunk was fined $6. A frequented of a house of ill-fame forfeited his bail of $50. Louis Hathaway, accused of assaulting a woman he claimed was his wife, was fined $13.50, and received a warning that he had better get out of the city.

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$5,000 Reward will be paid by Lever Brothers Limited, Toronto, to any person who can prove that this soap contains any form of adulteration whatsoever, or contains any injurious chemicals.

Ask for the Octagon Bar. 275

—The death occurred on Monday of Mrs. E. N. Cannell at the Jubilee hospital. Deceased was a native of Victoria and 22 years of age. Her death will be deeply deplored by a host of friends. She leaves a husband and mother, Mrs. M. Rudd, both of Rock Bay, to mourn her loss.

—The funeral of Mrs. Anderson took place on Tuesday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. D. McRae, of Victoria West, conducted the services, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. L. Dickinson, A. M. Ego, H. W. Rabey, Joseph Wachter, G. Stokes and J. North. A large number attended, and beautiful floral offerings were presented.

—Dr. Anderson, assistant health officer at the Dominion quarantine station, occasioned his friends some anxiety Tuesday. He started for the city in the quarantine launch, and something going wrong with the engines. Peder Bay was headed for, where the night was spent. In the meanwhile friends not knowing what could have happened, secured the steamer Maude and went in search.

—At Dawson recently Mr. Arthur F. Engelhardt, bookkeeper for the Yukon Mont Co., and Mrs. Maude Pope, were married by Rev. W. H. Barraclough, of the Methodist church. A wedding supper was given, and the intimate friends of the bride and groom being present. Mr. and Mrs. Engelhardt will reside on Third avenue. The groom is well-known in Victoria, having been for a number of years a customs broker on Wharf street.

EVEN THE DOCTORS SAY SO.

Ask them about your corns—the prescription is invariably one bottle of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Fifty years in use, certain and prompt. Use only "Putnam's."

—The total fire loss in Victoria during the month of April was made up as follows: A roof fire at the boiler house of the Taylor mill on the 8th, $5 loss; that is also put down as the damage at Rev. J. F. Vichert's on the 13th; $10 is stated to cover the loss at Ald. Dr. Hall's on the 12th; and $70 the burning of a cow shed on Beacon street Friday. There were eight alarms during the month, two being false and one for a fire beyond the city limits.

—At the meeting of the Friendly Help Association the hon. treasurer reported that 34 had been helped during April, 15 had groceries, 2 fuel, 7 milk daily and 16 clothing. Donations of cash were thankfully received from Mrs. Williscroft, Mrs. McRae, the city, Mrs. C. F. Todd and Miss Lawson, cards; also clothing from Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. W. G. Dickenson, Mrs. W. B. Atkins, Mrs. Brown, Miss Green, Mrs. Pither, Mrs. Baynes Reed, Mrs. Belyea, Mrs. Longfield, Mrs. Gore, Ray Rome, Mrs. Newlands, Mrs. Solly, and Porter & Sons, meat.

—An Associated Press dispatch received on Tuesday from Winnipeg, Man., announces that Bert Hendron, of that city's lacrosse team, leaves on Saturday for Victoria. He is reported to be the fastest player of that place, and in all probability will take a prominent position in the line-up of the local eleven. It is expected that he will arrive in time to participate in the forthcoming exhibition match with Seattle as well as to assist Victoria in the opening league game with New Westminster on Victoria Day. Other first-class Manitoba players have been invited to come to Victoria, most of whom have accepted.

—The Igorrotes, the tribe of Filipino natives which recently passed through this city en route to the Lewis and Clark exposition, Portland, entertained Seattleites at an exhibition of dog feasting in Madison park on Sunday. The Post-Intelligencer says: "The Igorrotes' managers had learned that the humane authorities were preparing to prevent the killing of any dogs, and took occasion to outwit the authorities by having two select animals killed and dressed at a local slaughter house. The animals, after being prepared at the meat shop, were sent to the park, cooked by the natives and eaten, much to the disgust and discomfort of the weak-stomached individuals who went out to see the celebration."

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—The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the home for the month of April: Mrs. B. W. Pearse, illustrated London News; Mrs. Stevens, magazines; Mrs. Van Tassel, preserves and rhubarb; Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, San Francisco newspapers; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; H. Burnett, newspapers; Mr. Russell (Clarence hotel), clothing; Geo. Winter, sr., rhubarb; R. T. of Temperance, cakes and fruit; Mr. Morrison, reading matter; Harvey Jameson, parcel containing twelve months' numbers of Scraps, comic cuts, jokes, etc.; Times and Colonist, daily papers, and Mining Exchange; city librarian, old periodicals and magazines. Through the kindness of Mr. McFadden, manager of the Ideal Provision Store, Yates street, any donations left there will be conveyed to the home.

—The Synod of the Anglican church will hold its annual meeting on July 9th.

—R. Hollis, Devonshire road, brought to the Times office Thursday probably the first strawberries of local growth seen in the city this year. The fruit comes from his garden.

—W. E. Koch, of Nelson, manager of the Enterprise mine near Sandon, is visiting the city. He is charmed with Victoria and intends bringing his family here for a couple of months.

—Chairman Boggs has received from Principal Paul, of the Victoria college, an invitation to members of the school trustee board to attend at the presentation of prizes won at a recent competition of the cadet corp.

—Fred J. Mesher has been awarded the contract for the erection of a house for School Trustee Mowat on Cadboro Bay road, for which Ridgway Wilson is architect.

—In Chambers on Thursday letters of administration were granted in the estate of the late H. A. Sears, who was drowned in the loss of the Clallam. The brother of the deceased was made the administrator.

—James Forman has let the contract to James Anderson for a new story and a half house on Linden avenue, to be erected forthwith. The price is in the neighborhood of $2,500.

—At the residence of Rev. W. Leslie Clay Wednesday Mr. Fred. J. Busbee and Mrs. Madeline Morgan, both of Seattle, were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Busbee will spend their honeymoon in Victoria.

—Occupiers of premises at the corner of Douglas and Yates streets are combatting the effect of a blocked-up sewer. The sewage is overflowing and running out onto Douglas street.

—An inadvertent error was made in the account of the wedding of Miss Violet Tyrwhitt-Drake and Capt. Muspratt-Williams, R. A. The bride is a daughter of the late W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and a niece of Judge and Mrs. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

—The funeral of James Shearon took place on Thursday at 8.45 o'clock from St. Joseph's hospital, and at 9 o'clock from the R. C. cathedral. Rev. Father Stanilaus conducted requiem mass and Rev. Father Fisser the funeral services. The following acted as pallbearers: J. Enos, L. Papillion, W. McTiernan, P. Corn, D. Finnerty and A. Finnerty.

—Local lodges of the I. O. O. F. are this week electing representatives to the Grand Lodge, which meets at Ladysmith on June 10th. Those chosen at a meeting of Columbia lodge Wednesday were P. W. Dempster and J. Wilby, while R. W. Fawcett and S. Reid were selected as alternates.

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—Residents of Birdcage Walk have petitioned the city council asking that no change be made in the decision reached about the re-naming of that thoroughfare. They are in accord with the proposal to have it named Government street. There are a few, however, residing on the street who prefer to have the name of Birdcage Walk retained.

—There will be no rally of the Ladies of the Maccabees in Victoria this month after all. The ladies in Seattle claim that they have not had sufficient notice of the proposed convention, and in view of this and like reports, Mrs. Baxter has decided not to have the event held. The local Maccabees regret very much this action, as they had arrangements well in hand.

—Applications will be received at the city hall up till Monday, the 8th inst., for the position of city poundkeeper. R. F. Green, who now holds the position, was only appointed temporarily, but during his short term of office has established an enviable record for dog catching. The salary attached to the position is $50 a month.

—From the family residence, No. 4 Oak Bay avenue, Wednesday afternoon, the funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Norton Cannel took place. Services were conducted at the house and grave side by Rev. E. G. Miller. There was a large attendance. Those who acted as pallbearers were: R. Clark, T. E. Morrison, J. E. McDonald, W. F. Crockford, G. Neal and A. Davidson.

—Four candidates for assayers' certificates passed their examinations successfully. They all belong to Victoria, and are as follows: P. C. Hart, S. H. Wimberley, U. L. Parsnow and W. G. Stephen. The examiners were the provincial mineralogist, W. Fleet Robertson; N. Carmichael, provincial assayer, and Thos. Kiddie, superintendent of the Ladysmith smelter.

—Mackenzie Bros'. tug Mystery, which will be operated in connection with the traps of the B. C. Packers' Association, arrived at Sooke Tuesday. The same day also witnessed the arrival of the piles for the new traps to be erected by Findlay, Durham & Brodie and the Capital City Canning & Packing Company. A great deal of the shore line along the southern end of the island now presents a busy scene in consequence of the trap building being done, and of the tugs going back and forth. The Mystery had been employed in towing the barge between Vancouver and Union. Her place has been taken by the tug Escort No. 2.

—The Methodist Sunday school union committee met Wednesday in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church for the purpose of arranging for their annual picnic. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, N. Shakespeare (re-elected); secretary, J. B. McCallum; assistant secretary, C. B. Deaville; treasurer, W. Ritchie; chairman of sports' committee, W. C. Staneland; committee on transportation, N. Shakespeare, W. Ritchie, J. B. McCallum and H. H. McDonald.

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—A. M. Carpenter, of Rawlings, Wyoming, writes to Chief Langley as follows: "I see that you are going to have a big time on Victoria Day, so I thought I would send my mite to help it out. You will find enclosed $2. I wish that you would have the agent of the Tourist Association send me a few views and some of his advertisements. The people are never tired of asking about Victoria. There are a good many going to the Portland fair, and I have advised them to go on to Victoria and see the prettiest place on the coast."

—The B. C. Pioneer Society held a well attended meeting Wednesday, when it was decided to admit to membership all those desiring who have been residents of the province for twenty-five years. Those present at the meeting were: Charles Hayward, the president; J. Blackhouse, E. J. Wall, E. C. Johnson, C. E. Redfern, E. Pearson, H. D. Helmcken, K.C.; W. Haynes, B. Macguire, W. Wilson, George Chadwick, Thomas Shotbolt, W. Harrison, W. S. Chambers, J. Muirhead, J. Robertson, H. G. Ross, L. J. Quagliotti, J. A. Douglas, E. B. Marvin, N. Shakespeare, John Doyley and the secretary, A. Graham.

—The annual vestry meeting of St. James's church was held on Monday evening, when the following were elected as officers and delegates: Churchwardens, Messrs. C. Loat and H. C. Marsh; church committee, Captain Walbran, Messrs. Holloway, Daniel, Wollaston, Broderick, Carr-Hilton, Hopkins, Walter and Clarke; sidesmen, Messrs. W. Loat, T. Hopkins and W. Goddard; lay delegates to synod, Messrs. Davies, Carr-Hilton, C. Loat and H. C. Marsh; delegates to rural-deaconal conference, Capt. Walbran, Messrs. Holloway, Carr-Hilton, C. Loat and H. C. Marsh.

LINES TO "DENNY," THE PHILOSOPHER.

Oh! "Denny," lad, ye're quite a bard,
Ye've made o' me a man again,
An' won the heartfelt fond regard
O' Malahat and Shawnigan.

We neither ken yer name nor race,
Be't Sandy, Jack or Hannigan;
But, faith, we want tae see yer face,
An' hear ye sing o' Shawnigan.

Sae blithely rins yer artless line,
Some mair we fain wud scan again,
You're surely favored by the "Nine,"
As we are blessed wi' Shawnigan.

A loch like ours, I'll stake a groat,
Auld Nature ne'er cud plan again;
'Tis Heaven itsel' to calmly float
Upon the breast o' Shawnigan.

Like you, we've had sweet visions here,
An' wished life just began again,
For a' we held to mak' it dear
Is sleeping far frae Shawnigan.

Oor lakeland glories to admire,
An' get some healthy tan again;
Come back, my lad, and tune the lyre
That ne'er was touched in Shawnigan.

So, flee the crowd an' tak' a trip,
When comes yon fisher clan again,
An' ha'e a "nip" an' tak' a dip,
An' sing us mair o' Shawnigan.

ROBIN ADAIR.

"Parnassus Hill," Shawnigan, April 28th, 1905.

(The above is respectfully dedicated to the Denizen, "with regards and apologies to everybody, even the devil," by an anonymous correspondent. The "divine afflatus" is floating around "promiscus like" in this neighborhood. It must be the climate.—Ed. Times.)

IN CHINA SEA.

Report That Japanese Cruisers Have Been Sighted North of Luzon.

Hongkong, May 2.—It is reported that a squadron of Japanese cruisers has been sighted cruising in the China Sea north of Luzon. They are believed to be waiting for the Russians. Dense fogs still prevail off the coast and are seriously interfering with navigation. This fact is believed here to be advantageous to the Russians, as if they want to make the Pacific they will be able to do so, and also they are, for the present, immune from attack by Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats.

Peace Rumors.

London, May 3.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The diplomatic representative of one of the great powers closely connected with the war states that it is undeniably true that President Roosevelt is endeavoring to make peace as soon as possible.

"The imperial household has subscribed $10,000,000 towards the new internal loan."

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, May 4.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day were $7,405,053. The clearings in the same week last year were $6,394,972, and in 1903, $5,646,763.

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METHODISTS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

WELL ATTENDED BY CLERGY AND LAYMEN

The Business Transacted Pertaining to the Church—Encouraging Reports on Various Branches.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the regular meeting of the Victoria district in connection with the Methodist church was held in the Centennial church. The following were the ministerial and lay representatives:

Rev. G. K. B. Adams, Metropolitan, Victoria; Rev. J. P. Hicks, chaplain to Wesleyans in His Majesty's forces at Esquimalt; Rev. G. W. Dean, James Bay, Victoria; Rev. J. P. Westman, Centennial, Victoria; Rev. R. J. McIntyre, West Victoria; Rev. T. H. Wright, Sidney; Rev. F. A. Magee, Cowichan; Rev. J. W. Miller, Salt Spring Island; Rev. W. C. Schlichter, Ladysmith; Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A., B. D., Nanaimo; Rev. R. Hughes, Nanaimo; Rev. W. L. Hall, Cumberland.

Arthur Lee, Metropolitan; David Spencer, Metropolitan; F. W. Davey, Centennial; A. Lindsay, James Bay; Charles Mitchell, Victoria; H. J. Brooks, Saanich; R. D. Whidden, Cowichan; Edward Lee, Salt Spring Island; J. C. Jessup, Ladysmith; E. Shakespeare, Nanaimo; T. Bryant, Nanaimo; Dr. Gillespie, Cumberland; Soo Pin Kow, Chinese mission.

The ministerial session was held in the afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, all being present except Rev. W. L. Hall, of Cumberland. The meeting was presided over by Rev. A. M. Sanford, chairman of the district. At the opening the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman, of Victoria, reading the Scriptures, and Rev. G. K. B. Adams and Rev. J. H. White, D. D., superintendent of missions, engaging in prayer.

Rev. R. McIntyre was elected journal secretary.

J. W. Miller, of Salt Spring Island, was recommended as a suitable candidate for the ministry. The work of Mr. Miller was very highly spoken of. Through his efforts a church had been erected at North Salt Spring.

A very encouraging address on the church work throughout the province was given by Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of missions. There had been a steady growth and many members had been added to the church.

Rev. G. W. Dean spoke on changed conditions in connection with spiritual life in the world. The sentiment in the world had changed, and there was really more practical Christianity in the world than was represented.

Rev. John Grenfell, a member of the Montreal conference, who has been supplying the Port Simpson mission, also delivered an address. He referred to the honorable place which British Columbia workers in the church occupied in the minds of Eastern people.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the introduction of Rev. W. L. Sheridan, a superannuated minister of the Hamilton conference. He was given a hearty welcome to the meeting.

In the evening the general session of the district was held.

After devotional exercises the business was proceeded with.

Rev. R. McIntyre was appointed secretary and T. Bryant, of Nanaimo, assistant secretary.

Rev. R. Hughes was appointed statistical secretary to prepare returns for the conference. Very gratifying reports were received from the various circuits. The donations to the church have also increased, and the finances generally showed good results.

A resolution placing on record the esteem in which Rev. Dr. White's services as superintendent of missions are held was passed on motion of Rev. J. P. Westman and Rev. T. H. Wright. Dr. White replied to the resolution, expressing his appreciation of the compliment and referring to the many encouragements which he had met with throughout the time he had been connected with the work.

The meeting closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," followed by the benediction.

An adjournment was taken until 9.30 this morning.

The Methodist district meeting was continued this morning at the Centennial church, there being a full attendance. Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A., B.D., presided, and, after the usual formalities, a number of important matters were dealt with. It was recommended that the sustentation fund committee take into consideration the assisting of several new fields which are not fully sustaining the ministers. Messrs. Okell and Connor were recommended to be returned to college.

There was some discussion regarding the extensions and improvements of the past year. It was reported that a new parsonage had been constructed at Saanich and a church on Salt Spring Island.

Rev. G. K. B. Adams, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, was appointed to the district stationing committee. Rev. R. Hughes and Dr. L. Hall were selected as members of the Sunday school committee, and Rev. J. P. Hicks was posted to the Epworth League committee. Rev. F. A. McGee, of Duncans, and Mr. Bonyant, of Nanaimo, were placed on the committee in charge of the contingency funds.

After the discussion of matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Important business is being considered as the Times goes to press. Besides the appointment of various committees, delegates having any special matters to bring up will mention them in order that they may be included in the programme of the general conference.

MILLIONS REMITTED.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—Expert calculations show that the peasants' debts remitted by the recent Imperial decree amount to about $45,000,000.

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RETURNED MONDAY NIGHT.

At 11 o'clock Monday the steamer Tees returned from Northern British Columbia ports, after landing nearly all her passengers and most of her freight at the Terminal City. Among the former was a young Indian lad by the name of Gordon, who is accused of the serious crime of shooting Wataboo, the Indian, at Kitikatla some months ago. The story of Wataboo's misadventure has previously been told in these columns. As he was approaching the Indian reservation someone concealed behind bushes ashore shot several times at him. Wataboo was struck five times. He was taken to a hospital, operations were performed on him and now he has almost completely recovered. The authorities in investigating the case appear to have run up against a great many snags. Several natives were placed under arrest but there was always a lack of evidence to convict them. The little boy Gordon, who is not yet twelve years of age, it is said, confesses to having shot Wataboo, but there are those who believe that Indians have been trying to make a scapegoat of him. He has been sent south to await trial.

The Tees reports that the Mount Royal had not returned from the head of the Skeena up to the time she had sailed for Victoria. She was due back the following day. On her next trip up the Skeena she will have as a passenger President Hayes of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, and Mr. Rochester of the Yukon Telegraph Company, who went north on the Tees. The former intends going through to Hazelton and looking over the country which his railway will traverse.

The water in the Skeena was very low, but owing to the light draught of the Mount Royal it is believed she will be able to navigate it during the season.

The Tees had two passengers for Victoria—Rev. Dr. Spencer of Bella Coola, and Rev. Grenville, who have come south to attend the Methodist conference. The steamer brings news from the northern coast that the cannerymen are preparing for as good a pack of fish as they secured last year. A new cannery is nearing completion at Port Nelson, of which Mr. Lord will be manager. He was formerly manager of the Bell-Irving cannery on the Naas. The cannery for John Wallace at Port Nelson is also nearly finished, and it is intended to move the machinery from the Observatory inlet cannery to the new premises. The old building will be used for salting purposes and the new as a cannery.

TWO FIRES.

Losses at Johnson City, Tennessee, Placed at One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Bristol, Va., May 3.—Fire at Johnson City, Tennessee, starting shortly after midnight, destroyed property valued at $100,000. Insurance will cover half the loss. Among the buildings destroyed were the Christian church and the City National Bank.

Paint Works Burned.

Newark, N. J., May 3.—Fire early today destroyed the paint works of Cawley & Clark, of the Newark Meadows. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in council to sanction and cause the issue of Letters Patent for the incorporation into a District Municipality that portion of the Districts of Cowichan, Shawnigan and Quamichan (except only such portions thereof as form part of Indian reservations) within the boundaries as follows, viz.: To commence at the mouth of the main channel of Cowichan river at the boundary of North Cowichan municipality, following the said river in a westerly direction eight miles more or less to the boundary line between Quamichan and Sahtlam Districts, thence south three miles more or less on said line to boundary of Helmcken District, thence east five miles more or less on line between Quamichan and Helmcken Districts to boundary line between Helmcken and Shawnigan Districts, thence south on line between Helmcken and Shawnigan Districts four and a half miles more or less to junction of said line and Koksilah river, thence north four miles more or less following the windings of Koksilah river to section line between fourteen and fifteen, Shawnigan District, thence east on said line six miles more or less to salt water at Cowichan Bay, thence north following shore about nine miles more or less up to point of commencement.

WALTER FORD.
JOHN J. DUGAN.
E. H. FORREST.

Cowichan Station, May 1st, 1905.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

American Amateur Champion Won Second Tie in London.

London, May 3.—Joshua Crane, jr., the American amateur champion, won his second tie to-day in the amateur court tennis championship games at the Queen's Club, beating J. F. Marshall by 3-0.

DEATH OF L. J. DEMERS, M. P.

Quebec, May 1.—L. J. Demers, M. P. for Levis, who had been seriously ill for weeks, is dead. He was Liberal in politics, and was elected at the general elections by 1,000 majority.

BORN.

SWITZER—At Vancouver, on May 1st, the wife of F. Switzer, of a daughter.

MURDOCH—At Nelson, on April 26th, the wife of J. C. Murdoch, of a son.

LAUGHTON—At Revelstoke, on April 24th, the wife of John Laughton, of a son.

ROBERTSON—At Grand Forks, on April 24th, the wife of J. R. Robertson, of a daughter.

MURPHY—At Ashcroft, on April 26th, the wife of D. Murphy, of a son.

MARRIED.

KENNEDY-ASHLEY—At Phoenix, on April 26th, by Rev. E. C. W. MacColl, Horace E. Kennedy and Miss Florence Selina Ashley.

DIED.

SHEARON—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 3rd instant, James Shearon, a native of Ireland, aged 71 years.

LACEY—At Vancouver, on May 1st, Wm. Lacey, aged 59 years.

ELLIOTT—At Kamloops, on May 2nd, Wm. Elliott, aged 73 years.

PENNY—In this city, on the 3rd instant, Margaret, relict of the late Thos. J. Penny, a native of Ireland, aged 70 years.