

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.
May 9th to 15th, 1906.

The advent of welcome and much needed rain has been the chief characteristic of the weather during the past week. The annual and prolonged dry spell of this spring season has terminated, and the heavy rains have not only quenched the bush fires, which in some quarters had already caused considerable damage, but have relieved the anxiety of agriculturists and fruit growers for the safety of their various crops which were beginning to suffer from the dry season.

On Wednesday, the 9th, the distribution of atmospheric pressure was becoming unsettled, although fair weather continued everywhere on the Pacific slope, and on this day the highest temperatures of the week were recorded. On Thursday, the 10th, a trough of low pressure extended from British Columbia southward to Arizona, and the weather became unsettled and threatening. On Friday, the 11th, the temperature fell in most districts, and rainfall set in at nearly all stations west of the Rockies. Showery and cool weather continued throughout both Saturday and Sunday, the 12th and 13th, and on Sunday evening the pressure began rapidly to give way in advance of an ocean storm area, which by Monday had developed enough to bring a heavy over Vancouver Island, causing a moderate gale on the Straits and outside waters and heavy rain in Western Oregon, Western Washington and Northern California. On Tuesday the pressure increased on the Coast and cool, cloudy weather has continued, with occasional showers.

A few light frosts have occurred on the American high plateau lands. In the Canadian Northwest provinces the rainfall has been considerable, and thunderstorms have occurred, though chiefly in Manitoba.

At Victoria, 27 hours of bright sunshine were registered, two days being completely clouded; the highest temperature was 62.0 on 9th; and the lowest, 46.5, also on 9th; rain, 0.42 inch.

At Vancouver—Highest temperature, 75 on 9th; lowest, 41 on 10th; rain, 1.56 inches.

At New Westminster—Highest, 76 on 9th; lowest, 44 on 9th and 10th; rain, 1.33 inches.

At Kamloops—Highest, 58 on 9th; lowest, 46 on 9th, 12th and 14th; rain, 0.56 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest, 70 on 9th; lowest, 32 on 9th; rain, 0.12 inch.

At Port Simpson—Highest, 62 on 14th; lowest, 35 on 10th; rain, 0.62 inch.

At Atlin—Highest, 62 on 14th; lowest, 28 on 11th; rain, 0.08 inch.

At Dawson—Highest, 60 on 15th; lowest, 26 on 14th; rain, 0.14 inch.

LOCAL NEWS.

The High school entrance examinations will be held in this city commencing on June 20th.

The total clearing at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending May 15th were \$725,005.

The C. P. R. liner Empress of China arrived at Yokohama at 5.30 p. m. on Sunday from Victoria.

FEW WILL ESCAPE.

The torturing acts of spring corns. Be prepared; the only painless cure is Putnam's Corn Extractor. Fifty years in use and absolutely guaranteed.

A dispatch from Ottawa says the post office department has issued a notice that all classes of mail matter will be accepted for the Yukon from the 25th instant from eastern points and from Pacific coast points after June 1st.

The city engineer is considering the advisability of recommending the purchase of a spraying machine for use in civic painting. If the decision is arrived at it will be first used on Point Ellice bridge about the middle of June.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, delivered an address before the Natural History Society on Monday. The subject was Deciduous Trees of British Columbia. The lecture was illustrated with specimens.

The provincial library is in receipt of a copy of the new customs tariffs of Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria. As trade with Siberia is liable to develop largely in the near future, the first named in particular will be of use for consultation by local wholesalers.

Residents of Port Eslington have shown their generosity by liberal donations to the Japanese famine fund and the San Francisco relief fund. To the former the sum of \$497.50 was donated. To the latter the contribution was \$513.50.

The following officers were elected at the annual vestry meeting of St. John's parish: Church committee, Messrs. Eyres, Walter, Daniell, Broderick, Clarke, A. Watt, Greenwood, Stannard, Homer, Capt. Walbran; sidersmen, Messrs. A. Watt, Poot, J. Goldstein, W. Irving; delegates to synod, Messrs. Davies, Daniell, C. Loat, H. C. Marsh; delegates to Ruri-Decanal conference, Messrs. C. Loat, Daniell, Walter, Eyres, H. C. Marsh; churchwardens, Messrs. C. Loat, H. C. Marsh.

The funeral of Mrs. Anne Godding took place Monday afternoon from the residence of T. C. Jones, No. 10 Wharf street. The funeral left the home at 2.30 and proceeded to Christ Church cathedral, where services were held, conducted by Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. Canon Beaudouin. The attendance of friends was very large and there were many floral emblems presented. The pallbearers were J. Maynard, J. Mortimer, J. Braden, H. Lester, W. McKay, and G. Webb.

The "at home" given by Mrs. G. A. McTavish and the ladies who manage the Aged Women's Home at the residence of the former on Friday afternoon in aid of that institution was a delightful success. Nothing could be prettier than the decorations in the reception rooms. They were done with beautiful sprays of white, broom, narcissus, and other choice flowers charmingly arranged by Miss McTavish, who also with the assistance of Miss L. Wilson and Mrs. Innes supervised the serving of refreshments. Others who assisted were Miss Dorothy McTavish, Miss Goodrich, Miss Cecilia Helmsken and Miss M. Henry. A choice programme was presented.

deared by Mrs. J. D. Helmsken, Mrs. Moresby, Miss Jessie Potts, each of whom rendered numbers that were very highly appreciated, while Mrs. W. R. Higgins ably acted the part of the pianist. The receipts that afternoon, together with numerous donations, received, amounted to \$60. Since that they have been raised by kind donors who are the thanks of the ladies are extended to the following for cash donations: Mrs. Dunsmuir, "Craigdarroch"; A. Friend of the Home, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. S. A. Spencer, Mrs. P. H. Barnard, Mrs. C. P. Todd, Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Miss Finlayson, Miss Cowper, Mrs. E. McQuade, Mrs. C. Kent, Mrs. T. Ellis, Mrs. B. W. Pearce, Mrs. E. B. Marvin.

—Lucien Viguer, a repentant drunk, paid the usual fine of \$3.50 this morning in the police court. Only one other case was heard, that of Michael McCue, who was given six weeks' imprisonment as a vagrant to recover from a prolonged debauch.

—Dr. McLaren, of London, England, who had intended going into the Casalar district this summer, to collect specimens of small animal life, chiefly mice, is now considering the question of changing his plans and proceeding to Norway and Sweden, to work with Capt. Mikkelson and his party that far on their way. Dr. McLaren has just lately returned from Egypt, where he followed his usual investigations. He took his collection on his own steam, placing them afterwards in the British museum.

—A compromise agreement has been reached between the fishermen, trap owners and the state fish commissioner, relative to the thirty-six-hour weekly closed season law, which meets with the approval of all fishing interests of the Sound. According to Fish Commissioner Riehlund, "the agreement reached provides for a strict enforcement of the law as far as the taking of fish is concerned during the period provided by the act passed by the last legislature, but eliminates the necessity of entirely lifting the gear out of the water at high tide."

—If negotiations now in progress between C. H. Gibbons of this city and Laudon Charlton of New York result favorably, a return visit will be arranged for Mme. Johanne Gade, with her daughter, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, Victoria and Vancouver. Insufficient advertising was no doubt chiefly to blame for the meagre patronage accorded Mme. Gade, on her last tour of the Pacific Northwest, and in the event of a return being arranged there is small doubt that the theatres will be crowded in all cities in which she may be presented.

—Cruelty and sheep stealing are two important charges which are to be heard by Clive Phillips Wolley, justice of the peace, on Pier Island on Friday. The charge of cruelty has been laid against Mr. Walters, justice of the peace, who is accused of tying sheep's legs in a manner to cause the animal pain. With regard to the other charge the complaint is made out against a man named Gaderin. There has recently been a great deal of sheep stealing on the islands, and it is the intention of the authorities to put a stop to it if possible.

—The petition presented against the laying of permanent sidewalks, in each instance to prevent the introduction of a by-law, are as follows: Rock Bay avenue, Bay street to Gorge road, petitioners 7, value of property \$21,550; non-petitioners 8, value of property \$18,800; east side of Quadra street, Pandora to Pembroke, petitioners 17, value of property \$42,000; non-petitioners 2, value of property \$5,850; north side of Port street, Stanley to Richmond avenues, petitioners 12, value of property \$47,370; non-petitioners 3, value of property \$9,740.

—The Northwest Construction Co., which owns the Newcastle quarries at Nanaimo, is about to make great preparations for the increased business that will naturally follow with the rebuilding of San Francisco. The new stone is admittedly the best on the whole coast, and will be extensively used in all the great buildings in San Francisco to replace those destroyed by the earthquake and fire last week. The company controlling the quarry at Newcastle made arrangements to install new saws and machinery at the plant to prepare for a greatly increased output.

—The report comes from the north that the steamer Mount Royal has met with an accident, and may have to homeward for repairs. If the information is correct the Skeena will now have only the steamer Pheasant to handle the big travel that is heading in that direction. The steamer Pheasant is on her last trip north with 160 passengers, including a party of 30 surveyors destined for the Bulkley valley. Many others are also heading for Hazelton and points beyond. When the Skeena, which arrived yesterday, left the north the Mount Royal was in commission, but the Hazelton was laid up.

—Messrs. Perkins and Williams, of Seattle, are arranging for the shipment of Nanaimo coal to Nome. They are acting for a Seattle firm whose intention it is to place 10,000 tons of Nanaimo coal in Nome this year for the northern trade. This coal will all be sacked and work will be started on this very shortly. They are also arranging for several of the Nome boats taking on bunker coal so that during the summer rush the Victoria, Olympia and Wyneric, Oregon and other ships of the Northwestern Steamship Company will coal at the Vancouver Island mines. The same gentlemen are also securing railway ties at Chemainus and other places to be used in railroad work in Alaska this summer.

—The tests of water pressure made Monday afternoon in the James Bay district were, on the whole, very successful. At Menzies and Quebec streets the hydrant showed a pressure of 55 pounds and the engine two good streams were available. The second test, at Menzies and Simcoe streets, showed a pressure of 45 pounds. As this is practically the highest point it was considered a very satisfactory. Since the street and Dallas road was the second of the last test, where 85 pounds pressure was obtained. With the aid of the old fire engine Deluge, that has been in use since 1863, two streams were obtained sufficiently strong to reach considerably higher than the top of the Dallas hotel.

—The provincial board of horticulture will hold its regular meeting in the parliament buildings on Monday, May 21st.

—Owing to the session of conference in the Metropolitan Methodist church this evening the usual prayer meeting will not be held.

—The First Presbyterian ladies intend giving an "At Home" at the residence of Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Terrace, Oak Bay, on Saturday afternoon, 19th inst.

—On Sunday next the annual church parade of the Sons of England Benefit Society will take place to Christ church cathedral. Members are requested to meet at the K. of P. hall, corner of Pandora and Douglas street.

—The Nanaimo Lumber Company is pursuing a vigorous policy in the acquiring of timber. J. W. Cohn, the manager, has just made the delivery of about 3,000,000 feet of logs to the mills.

—When the seat plan opened for the Albion concert at the Victoria theatre this morning there was a big rush for tickets. By noon upward of 400 were sold, the demand being the biggest seen this winter at the Victoria theatre.

—Triumph Lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., held its regular meeting on Monday evening last. The V. T. Bro. Watling, in the programme, which took the form of a game. The meeting was closed in due form by the C. T. at 10 p.m. A full attendance is requested next week.

—Mr. Russell, who has been with Dr. Lewis Hall here for a number of years, and recently completed his college term, received word Wednesday that he had graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco on April 28th, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

—The St. Francis hotel again changed hands Tuesday afternoon, when C. N. Johnson succeeded Capt. J. C. Voss in the proprietorship of the premises. Mr. Johnson has had considerable experience in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. He hopes to make the hotel one of the most popular tourist resorts in the city.

—Professor Schafer, of the university of Oregon, has published an interesting and succinct "History of the Pacific Northwest." He is professor of modern history at the university mentioned. Another recent publication is "Vikings of the Pacific," written by Agnes C. Lant. The authoress is well known in Victoria, where she resided for some time. Her book includes the careers of Behring, Cook and Vancouver, and last, but not least, Benyavski, the Polish pirate.

—On Tuesday a meeting of the selectors' promotion committee of the Victoria Development and Improvement Association was held at the rooms, Fort street. Much business was discussed, and it was decided to promote the inauguration of a steamer service between the harbor and Victoria. It was explained, will give the farmers of the Metochin district more direct and quicker communication with the city. At the present time they have to send their produce overland a distance of 15 miles or more. It is thought that those benefited will assist. Other matters were debated, after which the meeting adjourned.

—Messrs. Watson & McGregor have taken over the premises at 98 Johnson street for the purposes of a store room. The building was formerly a second-hand clothing store, but the present management has been entirely renovated and repainted, and a fine new stock, including a large display of the Perfection ranges, screen fridges, and general hardware, is on exhibition. The firm have found their premises on the opposite side of the street too small for their increasing trade, and the new store room is considered necessary to meet the demands of the enlarged business.

—At the conclusion of the Albion concert on Tuesday, and before leaving for the steamer, W. Cowlishaw, manager for Madame Albion and company, waited on St. Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, and on behalf of the artists who had made their home at the Dominion, Miss A. Archibald, and Haydn Wood, expressed appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended by Mr. Jones during their three days stay in the city. A Heilmann piano was donated in Miss Verne's room by Wait & Co. for practice purposes during her stay in the city.

—PIONEER'S DEATH.
Geo. Kenny Passed Away Wednesday at Age of 70 Years.

A pioneer of the city in the person of George Kenny passed away Wednesday morning at his home, Winkinson road. He was 70 years of age at the time of his death, and had been a resident of Victoria from time to time since 1862. He was a native of Preston, Ont.

After coming to Victoria he took part in the search for gold in Cariboo, and in 1870 went to Minnesota, working on German and Mormon creeks. After engaging in mining for some time he went into mercantile business, opening a store in the territory.

Later he was appointed government agent of the district, filling the position in a most acceptable manner.

The discovery of gold in the Klondike proved too strong an inducement for him to remain in the territory, and he joined those who went in search of their fortunes. His efforts were crowned with success, and he retired a few years ago, taking up his residence in San Francisco. Since last September he has been ill, although rallying at times under relief given by his physicians.

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THE CITY MARKET.

Those who appreciate the luscious strawberry, and it would be difficult to find many who don't, may look forward to enjoying the popular fruit within a fortnight. A small supply already has reached the wholesalers from the local farms, but the prices demanded, fifty cents a pound, are almost prohibitive. From present indications, however, there will be a plentiful supply this year.

California fruit is being received in large quantities, and is finding a ready sale. This week it is expected that the supply will be augmented by the arrival of the St. Michael, Mediterranean sweets, etc., from the orchards of Redlands. Navel oranges are fast disappearing.

Among the new imported vegetables which are exceedingly popular at the present time are potatoes and green peas. The local products in these lines are looked for in the near future.

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Vegetables—	
Cabbage, per lb.	10
Potatoes (Island), 100 lbs.	1.00
Potatoes, new (Cal.), 4 lbs.	1.00
Onions, per lb.	10
Turnips, per lb.	10
Cucumbers, per doz.	2.00
Watercress, per lb.	20
Tomatoes, per lb.	10
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	20
Ham (Canadian), per lb.	20
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Shoulder, per lb.	10
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	10
Beef, per lb.	10
Pork, per lb.	10
Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter	12 1/2
Lamb, forequarter	1.00
Veal, per lb.	1.00
Fish—	
Salmon, per lb.	12 1/2
Salmon (smoked)	12 1/2
Halibut, per lb.	10
Halibut (smoked)	10
Codfish	10
Herrings	10
Kippers	10
Rock Cod	10
Bass	10
Shrimps, per lb.	10