

AIR CURRENTS GET TWISTED

REASONS ADVANCED FOR PRESENT STORM

Peculiar Caper Played Off
Mouth of Columbia
River.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Perhaps the most interesting phase of Nature at the present time is the weather. It is not often that Victoria is treated to old-fashioned winter weather, it being more common to find the flowers blooming at the season of the year than the snow on the ground. Everybody is talking of the cold weather, but few know why it is so cold. Perhaps the following, gathered from a conversation with officials of the meteorological station, may make the matter clearer:

Winds are caused by the fact that at certain places on the earth's surface the air is light or rarified and at other places it is heavy or dense. The law of gravitation tries to equalize this inequality, making the air from the dense parts flow toward the light and thus causing currents of air.

When the present cold time started there was a high pressure region where the air was very heavy, extending southeast from Dawson, A. T. Dawson, the barometer registered considerably higher than 31 inches and the thermometer was very low. This seemed to deflect the centre of storms, making them to cross the continent far to the south so that the winds at Victoria blowing towards that storm centre all came from the north and east, the region of cold. The temperature at once began to fall and has continued cold ever since. Usually the storm centres pass over Vancouver Island to the north of Victoria, causing the winds here to be from the south and west, and consequently warm.

It is usual for the high pressure area where the air is heavy and cold to pass from the Yukon southeasterly across the prairies so that intense cold is common there in the winter. It is only occasionally that the area is deflected so much that it upsets the usual state of affairs on the south end of Vancouver Island.

The storm centres have for several days passed over the south of Oregon and California and there they have had heavy rains. On Thursday night there was a tendency for a storm centre to cross opposite the Straits of Juan de Fuca, but it did not happen. Had it done so the southwest wind would have been gun to blow and the snow and frost would have been driven north again.

At one point, at North Head, near the mouth of the Columbia river, this actually did happen. The winds began to blow in from the sea and the mercury in the thermometer moved upwards until it stood at 34, two degrees above freezing. At the same time at Portland, about seventy miles away, where the wind was blowing off the land, the temperature stood at 14 above, a remarkable difference, and at Seattle at the same time it was 16.

Cape Flattery seems to have had the most inclement weather of any point on the coast. On Thursday an easterly wind was blowing, at times acquiring a velocity of 72 miles an hour and with the temperature at 16 degrees. This must have been almost unbearable for those who had to be out in it.

WINNING NUMBERS.

Results of the Drawing at Stores of J. M. Nagano & Co.

The results of the drawings held by J. M. Nagano & Co. are announced. At the Douglas street place of business the winning numbers were as follows: 1st, 787; 2nd, 2444; 3rd, 226; 4th, 1190; 5th, 2175; 6th, 302; 7th, 2418; 8th, 85; 9th, 1263; 10th, 2489; 11th, 2335; 12th, 1745; 13th, 727; 14th, 218; 15th, 303; 16th, 1455; 17th, 1043; 18th, 1738; 19th, 1026; 20th, 1553; 21st, 461; 22nd, 152; 23rd, 1097; 24th, 1580; 25th, 821; 26th, 1662; 27th, 1703; 28th, 2020; 29th, 2153; 30th, 1170; 31st, 739; 32nd, 1882; 33rd, 2445; 34th, 2027; 35th, 801.

At the store at the corner of Government and Cormorant street the winning numbers were as follows: 1st, 3067; 2nd, 311; 3rd, 2157; 4th, 1618; 5th, 2418; 6th, 2452; 7th, 789; 8th, 2416; 9th, 921; 10th, 2339; 11th, 501; 12th, 120; 13th, 1221; 14th, 2814; 15th, 443; 16th, 3839; 17th, 1044; 18th, 3054; 19th, 737; 20th, 516; 21st, 1428; 22nd, 168; 23rd, 107; 24th, 170; 25th, 377; 26th, 2811; 27th, 3323; 28th, 3323; 29th, 1120; 30th, 2596; 31st, 2571.

"CASE AGAINST SOCIALISM."

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 9.—Dr. Oscar Skelton, M.A., Ph.D., successor to Prof. Short, in the Sir John Macdonald chair of "Political Science" at Queen's University, has been awarded a prize of \$1,000 offered by the University of Chicago for the best essay on the "Case Against Socialism."

—Owing to the cold snap the regular physical class meetings which have been held regularly at the Y. M. C. A. rooms throughout the winter have been cancelled for a few days. W. G. Findlay, the physical instructor, hopes to have his department in full swing next week.

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HOSPITAL PLANNED FOR BELLA COOLA

Good Roads and Trails Necessary, Says Merchant
From North.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
B. Brynildson, a merchant of Bella Coola, and chairman of the Bella Coola hospital board, who is down for the first time in two years and is a guest at the Dominion yesterday waited on the provincial secretary, Dr. Young, and had a conversation with him regarding the settling aside of a block of land in Bella Coola townsite for the purpose of erecting a hospital thereon. Before the interview concluded the site had been marked off, consisting of one block, and a meeting is arranged for to-day between Mr. Brynildson and Hon. P. J. Fulton and Dr. Young to further discuss the matter, and go into financial details in regard to it.

Accompanying Mr. Brynildson from Bella Coola is Dr. H. Jamieson, whose visit to the city is on behalf of the Bella Coola hospital board. Dr. Jamieson will make an inspection of the local hospitals with a view to preparing plans for the proposed institution at Bella Coola, in which he will embody all the latest improvements that he finds here.

Mr. Brynildson last night said the hospital will be erected in such a way that additions may be added to it in later years when necessary. The board proposes an expenditure of \$3,500 this year if the plans now before the government are carried through.

Mr. Brynildson is also interested in the new twelve mile telephone line running from Bella Coola up the valley. The line, he explains, is being erected on the co-operative plan under the Bella Coola light, power and telephone franchise. Stock in the concern is for sale at \$10 per share, twenty-five hundred shares being issued, of which Mr. Brynildson is allowed to hold under any pretext or condition more than five shares. Through this means it is hoped to prevent individual control of the line.

Mr. Brynildson also had a word to say on the necessity of the government providing trails in the district. "Good roads and trails," he said, "are necessary to us in the interior. We have worked there nearly twenty years and opened up the country. We still have the old Indian trails in many places and people who come in often do not get off the beaten track, and have no way of getting to the north. The government of the northwest. All the northwest needs roads, and if the country was well opened up there would be a thousand people for every ten in there today."

W. T. R. PRESTON HAS COMMENCED SUIT

Opening of the Libel Action
Against Japanese
Newspaper.

Exchanges which arrived by the Empress of India of Saturday contain the opening of the libel suit taken by W. T. R. Preston against the Japan Daily Herald. The case was opened on December 2 before Judge Haggart. The action was taken by Mr. Preston against J. A. Harmsen, legal representative of the paper, and T. Satchell, the editor, for 20,000 yen. An adjournment was taken until January 15th. Messrs. Kishi and Horie appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Hanaoka for defendants.

Mr. Kishi in opening the case produced the objectionable article, a reprint from the Victoria Colonist, which reads as follows: "Mr. W. T. R. Preston has given our Liberal friends a fine nut to crack. Proclaiming himself 'the Commissioner for Labor for the Dominion of Canada,' he has set out to undo whatever good was accomplished by Mr. Lemieux and furthered by Mr. Drury. He has taken a stand directly hostile to the avowed policy of his government, although it is quite in keeping with the expressed sentiments of Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

"We are in receipt of information, from a reliable source, that not only has Mr. Preston been endeavoring to defeat the object of Mr. Lemieux's mission by bringing in favor of Japanese immigration, but that in Japan he has taken a course calculated to bring Mr. Lemieux into discredit, has freely stated that the postmaster-general is a person of little consequence in the eyes of the Japanese, and that he, Mr. Preston, is to be taken as representing the real views of the Canadian government. He is creating the impression, as far as he is able, that the Lemieux agreement is a mere temporary makeshift, drawn up for the purpose of convincing the people of this province that the Dominion government means to keep out the Japanese, whereas in point of fact it is only intended to hold them off until the election is over, when Japan will be given a free hand. We know that she has a free hand already, and we know that personally Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not share in the views of the people of British Columbia as to the desirability of excluding Japanese immigration."

Mr. Kishi said the publication of such a statement lead the public into the mistaken belief that his client was a man of bad character, and that he had exceeded his duties as a servant of the Canadian government. These statements affected the reputation, the credit and the position of the plaintiff. The statement was absolutely without foundation.

Continuing, Mr. Kishi said that plaintiff had contributed to the National Review an article entitled "Fair Play," in which he defended the Japanese against the criticism made from time to time by the foreign journals published in Japan, remarking that such prejudice on the part of these journals mislead the outside world and caused them to entertain hostile feelings against Japan. Plaintiff further contributed to the same magazine another article headed "The Future of Japan," in which the writer advocated the advisability of establishing a direct trade

between Canada and Japan. The result was that the Kobe Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution condemning Mr. Preston's article. This hostile attitude taken by some foreigners in Japan against plaintiff finally caused the Japan Herald to publish the statement in dispute.

After filing copies of various necessary papers an adjournment was taken as stated.

CHANGES IN DATES OF ISLAND LEAGUE

Retirement of Fifth Regiment
Makes Revision
Necessary.

An alteration has been made in the senior schedule of the Island League by which the match between Victoria and Nanaimo set down to be played in this city on January 16th has been postponed till the 23rd inst. Next Saturday, in place of the Island game, Victoria West and the Bays will play off the match which may decide the premiership and which was set for this afternoon, but postponed owing to the danger of playing on the frozen ground.

In the second division, Island League, Victoria West has two wins against Nanaimo and Ladysmith "A," and will not play again until the 30th inst., when Ladysmith "B" comes to town. The same day Ladysmith plays against the second division of the Island League. The second division schedule of the Island League revised, through the retirement of the Fifth Regiment, is as follows:

Jan. 8—Ladysmith B v. Ladysmith A. Jan. 23—Nanaimo v. Ladysmith B. Jan. 30—Victoria West v. Ladysmith B.

Feb. 6—Ladysmith B v. Nanaimo.

Feb. 6—Victoria West v. Ladysmith A.

Feb. 13—Ladysmith A v. Ladysmith B.

Feb. 20—Victoria West v. Nanaimo.

Feb. 27—Nanaimo v. Ladysmith A.

Feb. 27—Ladysmith B v. Victoria West.

SHRUBB SEES EASY WIN FROM INDIAN

Alfred Shrubbs is rubbing it into Tom Longboat in New York these days. In an interview in New York Shrubbs says:

"I will beat Tom Longboat just as easily as I will beat Dorando Pietri, Johnny Hayes or any other of the Marathon champions. I think that I can train harder than any athlete running to-day. But the results of my hard work speak for themselves, and I will continue to work hard as long as I am in the running game. I don't smoke and only take a drink at meal time. In all my races I never resorted to the use of dope. If my natural system cannot win for me I would rather be defeated."

"I never run unless I feel like it. I know there are many athletes that go out to train when they are not feeling quite well, but they do themselves more harm than good. When I do train I never give up as some runners do. I run hard and where formerly I ran about six miles now I have increased my distance to about 15 miles a day."

"About Longboat. He will never be a real champion. I doubt if he could do four miles in 21 minutes, and that's not fast at all. In my coming race with Longboat, without praising myself, I want to say that I don't think the Indian has a chance to beat me. I will find him out for three miles and run him off his feet. The Indian is over-rated."

—A interesting lecture and entertainment under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on Monday evening, January 18th, at the association rooms. The speaker on this occasion will be Sergeant—Major Gustav Heinrich Schoof, a soldier, hunter, missionary and lecturer. The lecture will be based upon hunting, diamond and battlefields of three continents. At the end of the lecture the young men dressed in costume, armor and uniforms of different nations will be put through a sword drill. Mr. Schoof has been through the South African war, and it is expected that he will be able to deliver an interesting lecture. He will place on exhibition a large number of rare specimens which the audience will be allowed to examine before and after the lecture.

—Building permits issued on Saturday were to H. R. Lelick for a five-roomed frame and concrete dwelling on Douglas street, to cost \$1,500, and to E. Coleman, Pembroke street, for a one-roomed frame and iron bath to be used as a brass foundry and to cost \$250.

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D. D. ENGLAND MAKES
ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Statement Shows a
Small Balance to the
Good.

That the amount spent on the city parks is not a drop in the bucket as compared with what should be spent on them, and that this matter will have to be dealt with by the parks board, is pointed out by Superintendent England in his annual report, which was presented to the board at its meeting on Friday afternoon. This document was read and ordered to be printed with the other civic reports, and will come up for discussion before the new board.

Superintendent's Report.

The superintendent's report was as follows: I herewith submit my first annual report as superintendent of parks and boulevards, and in doing so I beg leave to state that I find it impossible to give full and complete details, as the statements are not yet all made up, but the following particulars as near as I can ascertain, comprise the total expenditure for work carried on under the control of the public parks board, including also Quadra Street cemetery.

The work has all been done by our officials. The amount expended is \$21,400.87, and I am proud to state that almost every piece of work has been done much better than the estimated cost, with the exception of the Beacon Hill park, and even in this case it is no fault of mine, as will be seen by detailed statements attached, which includes inventory of tools, plant, etc. Five miles of boulevard have been constructed this year, making a total of eight and three-fifths miles. Only a portion of one is left to be finished. The cost of work done on same is approximately \$3,000. Boulevards to the extent of about six and one-half miles have been passed by the council, part of which are ready to go on with as soon as the weather permits.

There were also nineteen thousand feet of area of grass lawns maintained. The estimated cost was seven cents per lineal foot, but the actual cost was six cents, the work being done below the estimates.

Parks.

Beacon Hill Park.—As before stated, two miles of grass lawns have been kept cut in the park and maintained at the previous years, yet the cost of such maintenance has been less, the actual maintenance being about \$2,035. The cost of the maintenance of the animals has also been cut in two, enabling me to make more improvements, as stated in previous report. Twenty thousand square yards of land have been leveled and covered with loam and lawn, the value of the work being \$2,000. The animal pens were also repaired, whitewashed and a temporary stable fitted up, the cost of the same being \$200.

The inventory shows \$658 worth of tools and plant, and this year, only \$150 worth being found on hand when I took over the park.

One of the most valuable purchases was a horse and equipments for his self. It will be a most valuable addition to the park, and in the right direction to get another. A number of trees have been pruned, some have fallen and some have been cut down.

As before stated, it has cost considerable to protect the birds, animals and property generally, but good progress is being made in this direction.

The Band Concerts.

The band concerts were well appreciated and passed off without any incident to mar the pleasure they afforded, but the evening concerts were not favorable, not only causing additional expense, but making it impossible to hold them. In future if evening concerts are held the park will have to have many lights. This lighting question will have to be dealt with at an early date anyway. As there are no fences this park is used as a public highway and it is almost impossible on a dark night to find the way, in fact, it is not safe. But there is so much needed in this park and the amount spent on it is only like a drop in the bucket to what should be spent. Deducting the care of animals, the tools and plant, etc., the amount spent on the actual work this year exclusive of the nursery is about \$4,000. In the past, like Tacoma, for instance, they spend ten dollars where we spend one and if the park is to be made what it is worth making, a great deal more must be spent on it and the others. In Tacoma they levy a mill on the dollar for park purposes. What taxpayer would object to this amount? I have not met one yet, and something must be done.

The lakes will not hold water. They need puddling. In fact, the whole park is in the same state and needs going all over.

More consideration should be given to recreation, such as children's play grounds, lawn tennis and other games, and if I feel sure that this thing should be done we would not be troubled so much here by the boys who do not know what to do with themselves. I am preparing a system for the consideration of your board, whereby the parks and public places would be connected by boulevards, so that in driving through the park it would not be necessary to go off these streets. This has been done in many of the leading cities and has proved a valuable idea.

North Park.

North park should have more done to it, but that has been done has been appreciated. The lots around it have been sold and many valuable buildings put up. I believe the increased taxes from the surrounding property will more than pay the amount spent on it.

Quadra Cemetery.

This is now the exception of some planting, complete and should be under the control of the board as part of the park system.

Squares.

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and the leading streets connecting these with the park, it would be in the right direction and tend much to beautify the city.

Outside Streets.

I believe that if some of the main thoroughfares leading, say to Ross Bay, Oak Bay, and in fact, to any outside points, were planted on a system, it would cost little money now, but would grow into a valuable asset. It would not be necessary for pavement now, just the planting of trees. An arrangement could be made with the municipality to act jointly and a great improvement would be the result.

Nursery.

We now have a nursery of over 3,000 seedling trees and shrubs, some of them will be ready for planting in one year from now. This is a valuable one and one that is bound to produce good results.

To carry on the work economically and effectively, there will need to be changes in the present system. This can be dealt with when the board is reorganized.

Financial Statement.

Mr. England's financial statement showed that there had been spent on Beacon Hill park \$7,284.22, and \$100 on the maintenance of James Bay slope and Bastion square; on North Park, \$1,852.90; on boulevard construction, approximately \$9,000, the accounts not being all closed yet; on maintenance of boulevards, \$1,187.50; and on Quadra Street cemetery, \$2,476.25, making a total expenditure for park purposes in 1908 of \$21,400.87.

The expenditure on parks exceeded the estimate by \$837.12, but the maintenance of the boulevards and the turning of the old cemetery into a park was done inside the estimate. The up-keep of the boulevards, estimated to cost 7c. a lineal foot frontage, was done for 6c. a foot.

There was spent on the nursery at Beacon Hill park, included in the general item for that park, \$558, and there is nursery stock to the value of \$359 on hand. The value of tools and plant on hand in connection with the several services is: Parks, \$808; boulevard construction, \$50; boulevard maintenance, \$77; Quadra Street cemetery, \$45. Revenue received included \$200 for hay and \$4 for pound fees and other items for work chargeable to other departments bring the total up to \$888.12, so that deducting the overdraft on general account, there is a balance to the good of \$51.

Beacon Hill Shelter.

Superintendent England reported, on the matter of a shelter at the terminus of the Beacon Hill car line, that he had seen the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and T. Pimley, Mr. Pimley agreed to let the company put up a shelter at the back of his store, and the railway company was willing to put up a shelter which would be in no way a detriment to the park. Regarding Joseph H. Mason's request for leave to erect a boat-house on the beach at the foot of Government street, Mr. England recommended that permission be given on Mr. Mason agreeing in writing to remove it when requested and to pay \$1 a year rental.

The report was adopted.

F. B. Pemberton moved that the superintendent be instructed to confer with the city engineer as to the providing of openings in the curb every ten or twelve feet for drainage, in order to prevent water lodging about the roots of the young trees. This was agreed to.

There were present Mayor Hall, Ald. Henderson, Ald. Cameron, F. B. Pemberton and John Nelson.

DISTURBANCES IN PERSIA.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—Special despatches received here from Teheran say that the Shah of Persia has again issued a manifesto regarding the constitution. There has been an outbreak of disorder at Shiraz similar to the recent disturbances at Isfahan. It is feared that the news of successful plundering of this latter city will result in uprisings of the lower classes, particularly among the starving.

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