

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office, 24th to 30th December, 1902.

The week commenced on the 24th with a storm area central on the Vancouver Island and Washington coast. The storm developed considerably intensifying and moved rapidly inland, causing in its progress strong winds on the coast...

On Friday the North Pacific storm area became central in British Columbia and heavy rain continued along the coast from San Francisco to the inland waters of the Straits and snow fell at Barkerville.

By Saturday the storm area had crossed the province and passed into the Territories, becoming central in Alaska. There was a general decrease in temperature along the coast, and frost occurred in California, where it fell in the northern Alaskan district.

A high barometer area then appeared on the California coast and moved inland and northward to Vancouver Island; in this district a fall in temperature ensued and light snow fell on the adjacent Sooke hills. On Sunday the Pacific high area developed great intensity, becoming central in Washington, fresh easterly winds prevailed on the Straits and the rain fall was general on the American coast.

By Monday the pressure over the province had again decreased over the coast, in advance of another approaching ocean storm area, and though the barometer continued to rise, the weather conditions caused rain fall in the districts bordering on the Straits and the inland waters.

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The Naval and Military Record of the 18th of December contains a few items of local interest. The Phaeton arrived at Callao on Sunday, the 14th. H. M. S. Thetis left Suva on the same date to relieve the Arctura on the China station. Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont will leave Sydney for England on the steamship Sierra on January 19th.

The death occurred on Thursday last of Mrs. Charles H. Sharp at the family residence. Deceased was 71 years of age and a native of Mississippi, U. S. She came here in 1858, and leaves besides a husband two sons and one daughter to mourn her loss.

At Comox the other day the wedding of Mr. T. Prier, a well known hack driver of this city, and Miss Phoebe Beech was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Menzies. Mr. John Beech, a brother of the bride, acted as best man and Miss Metilda Beech, his sister, was bridesmaid. The newly-married couple arrived from Comox via Nanaimo on Thursday, and will take up their residence in Victoria.

Local News

CLEANING OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The post office employees desire to thank Messrs. Rithet & Co. and Shilcock & Macaulay for kindly remembering them this New Year's season.

At the residence of Mr. George Bagshaw, Fairfield road, on Wednesday, December 31st, Rev. A. Fraser suited in marriage Mr. Richard Bagshaw and Miss Bertha Davis, of this city.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Farmers' Institute will be held at Methoche on Friday, January 7th. It is probable that H. Cuthbert will speak on "The Granary of the Empire" on this occasion.

Major Snyder, of the Northwest Mounted Police, announces the reports published concerning an Indian uprising in the Pelly River country as untrue. He said that the police were in close touch with the principals of this story, and that, as a result, he would characterize the whole thing as being a fake.

Chas. Loewen, manager of the Great Northern cannery, is authority for the information that his company will engage in extensive operations on Observatory Inlet next season. It is the intention of the company to begin building operations about February in simple time for the season's catch. The new cannery will start with a capacity of 10,000 cases.

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The 1903 Great Northern railway permit for cleaving was secured by calling at the local branch of that railway.

Walter Lorimer appeared before Mr. Justice Martin on Saturday to elect. He pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing goods. Sentence was deferred until Monday.

Hon. Edgar Dowdney is spoken of as a probable candidate in West Yale. He will, should he run, be the government standard bearer in opposition to Hon. C. A. Semlin.

Robert Dinsdale, who for thirteen years has been a resident of this city, and is one of the best known contractors of Victoria, announces himself a candidate for aldermanic honors. He will contest the north ward.

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STOLE MONEY

That is the Charge Against W. J. Hatch—Monday Morning—Commencement

W. J. Hatch was arrested Sunday afternoon by Detective Macdonald and charged with stealing \$45 from Geo. H. Young's store. Hatch is said, in company with the accused west of the city, to have stolen the money last Saturday night, and both surrendered themselves to convival delinquents. Yesterday a coroner's inquest was held on the case, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and he was sentenced to a term of six months in the reformatory.

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PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney of Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending Tuesday, December 23rd, 1902. During this week 500 patents were issued, 442 being to citizens of the United States, Austria-Hungary 2, Canada 9, Cape Colony 1, Great Britain 27, France 4, Germany 5, Norway 1, Russia 4, Sweden 1 and Switzerland 1. E. A. Marshall, Vancouver, received this week a United States patent on his improved jar seal, which has now received a lengthy trial of shipment to the eastern States, Great Britain and Australia, and in every case his specialty of potted fish and meats has been reported on as having been received and used in good condition. A Canadian patent has just been issued to G. A. Roedde, book binder, Vancouver, on an improved loose leaf binder, which is designed to be applicable to books of special form or size. Heretofore such have had to be specially made at the factory when required, while Mr. Roedde's securing class can be applied by any practical book binder.

A fragment of a calendar, the earliest piece of Gutenberg's printing that can be traced, has been discovered at Wiesbaden. The astronomical calculations show that it was intended for the first four months of the year 1448.

A STORMY WINTER AT PORT RENFREW

NEW WHARF NARROWLY ESCAPES DESTRUCTION

Country Not Being Very Rapidly Settled

General News From the West Coast.

December on the West Coast was one of the wettest and stormiest months on record. At Port Renfrew, recently, a high tide very recently destroyed the new wharf and did considerable damage in washing away the breakwater. The heavy construction of logs and rock, the many small clearings on the coast made by prospectors in order to obtain their claims, have been suffering and the timber is a large fall of heavy and valuable timber is the result. One or two hot summers follow and then a conflagration starts, which burns all before it, and leaves the ground bare and the timber is a large fall of heavy and valuable timber is the result.

On Monday Premier Prior and Hon. W. B. McInnes left for the mainland. They will, it is said, go immediately to West Yale, where the political situation will be looked into by them from the government's standpoint. Their visit will extend over probably about ten days. Upon their return the Premier, it is believed, will at once proceed to Ottawa to negotiate with the Dominion government with respect to "better terms."

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SPORTS

YACHTING. SHAMROCK III. Glasgow, Jan. 3.—The frames of Shamrock III. have now been set up and the plating laid. The vessel is now being launched before April, the time first named. The Times suggests that St. Patrick's Day would be an appropriate day for the launch.

PING PONG. TOURNAMENT OF CRICKET CLUB. Preparations for the ping pong tournament to be given by the Victoria Cricket Club are proceeding satisfactorily, and the event promises to be a great success. The list of entries have already appeared in the Times. The tournament will be held at the Dallas hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

THE HUNT. SATURDAY'S RUN. The Victoria Hunt Club had a successful run on Saturday afternoon. There were sixteen hunters, and the day was very successful. The hares finished 50 seconds before the first of the hounds reached the end of the run. In this outing one of the best company, who proved herself equal to her companions in steeple jumping, was the Royal Oak on Saturday next.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. ARMY V. NAVY. On Saturday afternoon at Work Point barracks a game was played between the Royal Engineers and Royal Navy, which resulted in a victory for the former by four goals to nothing.

AT BEACON HILL. The junior match between the North and Victoria West teams, which was played at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 4 to 2. The game was closely contested.

WINNERS IN THE TOURNAMENT. The chess tournament which has been conducted during the Christmas holidays in the J. B. A. rooms has drawn to a close. The winners of the tournament are: J. B. A. rooms, B. O. and D. A. B. Williams, B. H. Hunt, J. E. Johnston and Wm. Blake, contra. O. C. McKenzie tied with 4 1/2 wins each, a match for three with the following: H. Hurst, contra. H. Hurst, contra. H. Hurst, contra. H. Hurst, contra.

THREE FIRES. Destructive Outbreak in the Northwest—Many Stores—Gable Booms Burned to Death. Wappella, N. W. T., Jan. 5.—A fire which started about midnight destroyed the warehouse store here and its contents. It also destroyed E. J. Pease & Co.'s bank, J. S. Ludlow's butcher shop, and the clothing establishment, J. E. Pease's drug store, and the clothing store at the Dallas hotel was also badly gutted. The loss is about \$15,000.

Burned to Death. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 5.—H. Williams, a stable boy, and 23 horses were burned to death yesterday in a fire at the plant of the Victoria Engine Works. The loss is \$50,000, and insurance about half.

Fire in Warehouse. Chicago, Jan. 5.—A fire which broke out in the warehouse of Franklyn Macgregal & Co., wholesale grocers, at 16th street and Newberry street, destroyed the building and \$150,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

SUING FOR DIVORCE. Writ Will Be Served on the Crown Princess of Saxony. Dresden, Saxony, Jan. 5.—The German consulate has received the necessary papers to serve a writ of divorce on the Crown Princess in connection with the suit for divorce brought against her by the Crown Prince of Saxony.