WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
10th to 16th February, 1904.

The chief feature of the weather conditions during this week has been the prevalence of abnormally low barometric pressure, not only on this Coast, but extending southward to California, while over Northern British Columbia and the Territories the barometer has remained high and the weather very cold. The Pacific storms, therefore, which at this season of the year usually spread inland to the north of this, have been deflected southward, in some cases extending to California before crossing the mountains. This southern course has caused a considerable amount of cold north and east winds and sleet and rain both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, while extending to California heavy though most beneficial rains have occurred upon several days.

The most severe storm of the week in this vicinity occurred on the night of the 10th, when the wind reached a velocity of 45 miles for some hours. This storm appeared to hover on the Coast, and by the night of the 11th the barometer here had fallen to 29.04 inches and was followed by a strong southeast to southwest gale. Upon Sunday, 14th, another severe gale moved down the Coast, and though it was of little importance in this vicinity at Cape Flattery the wind reached a velocity of 68 miles an hour.

Throughout this week the weather in Northern British Columbia has been decidedly cold, and in the Territories and Manitoba zero weather has been continuous. Upon two days temperatures of 40 below zero were reported at several stations.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 13 hours and 36 minutes; rain, .60 inch; highest temperature, 46.0 on 15th; and lowest, 34.2 on 10th, 11th and 14th.

New Westminster—Rain, .92 inches; snow, 2.22 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 15th; and lowest, 26 on 10th.

Kamloops—Snow, 8 inches; highest temperature, 34 on 16th; and lowest, 2 below on 10th.

Barkerville—Snow, 12.40 inches; highest temperature, 28 on 16th; lowest, 18 below on 14th.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 4 below on 15th; lowest, 38 below on 10th.

The following is the summary of weather for January, 1904:

Precipitation in Inches.

	Rain and Melted Snow.	Snow.	Total.
Victoria, V. I.	4.05	2.85	4.32
Beaver Lake, V. I.	6.12	4.00	6.52
Goldstream, V. I.	8.71	21.00	10.81
Sooke Lake, V. I.	11.53	8.00	12.33
Alberni, V. I.	12.36	15.00	14.06
Nanaimo, V. I.	7.33	2.00	7.53
Kuper Island	7.66	5.00	8.16
Vancouver	8.63	3.00	8.93
New Westminster	7.91	19.00	9.81
Point Garry	6.80	13.50	8.15
Chilliwack	5.97	4.50	6.42
Coquitlam	12.10	13.00	13.40
Kamloops	...	24.00	2.40
Barkerville	...	55.00	5.50
Quesnel	0.07	24.50	2.52
Port Simpson	13.81	14.25	15.24
Naas Harbor	3.21	68.00	10.01
Essington	13.67	71.00	20.77

At Victoria, only 23 hours and 42 minutes of bright sunshine were registered, the mean proportion for the month being 0.10, the same as in January, 1900, and both being the lowest on record here; the highest temperature was 55.1 on 12th; the lowest, 27.7 on 19th; and the mean for the month being 41.06. The total number of miles of wind recorded on the electrical anemograph was 6,138, and the direction as follows: North, 660; northeast, 39; east, 847; southeast, 967; south, 418; southwest, 2,053; west, 1,044; northwest, 110.

At Vancouver, highest temperature, 50.0 on 13th; lowest, 20.0 on 19th.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 48.4 on 8th; lowest, 15.1 on 20th; mean for month, 35.87.

At Nanaimo, highest temperature, 50.0 on 12th; lowest, 26.0 on 19th; mean for month, 38.9; number of hours of bright sunshine, 29.48.

At Alberni, highest temperature, 49.1 on 7th; lowest, 15.0 on 19th.

At Garry Point, highest temperature, 52.0 on 12th; lowest, 18.0 on 19th; mean for month, 37.0.

At Chilliwack, highest temperature, 50.0 on 8th; lowest, 11.0 on 19th.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 45.5 on 16th; lowest, 0.5 below zero on 19th; mean for month, 26.1.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 36.0 on 7th, 12th, 29th; lowest, 14 below zero on 19th; mean for month, 18.64.

At Quesnel, highest temperature, 44.0 on 7th; lowest, 28 below zero on 19th; mean for month, 18.54.

At Port Simpson, highest temperature, 34.7 on 26th; lowest, 10.8 on 19th; mean for month, 34.36.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—The business formerly conducted by the late Peter Hansen has been taken over by John Haggerty.

—Provincial Officer Heal, of Chemainus, arrived on Tuesday's train for the purpose of taking a young man back for trial. The crime charged is that of the theft of a watch. The accused was arrested here Monday night.

—At the A. O. U. W. hall on Friday evening a social and dance was held under the auspices of the "Red Roses." There was an attendance of over fifty, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. Miss Hood presided at the piano. Dancing was continued until after midnight.

—Victoria playgoers will be pleased to learn that the Pollard Opera Company will play a brief engagement at the Victoria theatre next week, opening on Monday. Their repertoire includes "A Gaiety Girl," "The Belle of New York," "The Geisha" and "An American Millionaire."

—The death of Francis Argill, one of the Cariboo pioneers, took place at Towan Cross, St. Agnes, Cornwall, England, on January 12th. The deceased was 76 years of age. For almost forty years Mr. Argill lived in Victoria. He had been ill before leaving for England in June last.

—The city is ready to start on the flooring of the Point Ellice bridge as soon as the Victoria Machinery Depot has completed the painting. The same kind of blocks employed in the paving of the streets will be used, and most of these have been made and tarred at the city yard on Yates street. About eighty thousand will be required.

—The annual Valentine social was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Monday. Dr. Milne presided, and filled that position in a manner which added much to the enjoyment of the entertainment. The musical programme was an excellent one. Among those taking part were Miss Green, Mrs. H. Currie, Miss Ore, Miss Keefe and H. Taylor. In nearly every instance these singers were forced to answer encores. Miss Marrack acted as accompanist assisting in no small measure in making the concert a success. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. There was also a distribution made of Valentines during the evening.

—A small blaze in the basement of the Union Club Tuesday morning occupied the attention of Chief Watson, who was summoned by telephone. The fire was easily extinguished, the loss amounting to only twenty dollars.

—The January returns from the Tyee mine shows gratifying results. The smelter at Ladysmith ran 14 days. In that time 3,313 tons of Tyee ore was smelted. After deducting the refining charges the returns from this ore was $40,171.

—Ladysmith finds its school accommodation too small. The trustees are pressing for two rooms additional, asking that they be put up at the other end of the town from the present school building. The superintendent of education is conferring with the trustees, and the latter expect the work to be proceeded with.

—Tuesday afternoon the remains of the late Mrs. Hallitt were laid to rest. The funeral took place from the family residence, Market street. There was a large attendance, and many beautiful floral tributes. Religious services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Westman. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Capt. Henderson, Edward Cooley, H. R. Sellick and C. R. King.

—Capt. Jacquot, of Paris, and F. Goldie, who have recently purchased the Mount Newton estate and hotel on Saanich Arm, have gone out to take possession of the property. There will be extensive changes made, the new proprietors, it is said, intending to make the place a popular summer resort. Cottages will be erected and everything done to make Mount Newton one of the most attractive of the suburbs of Victoria.

—The Lifeboat Association committee held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday afternoon. There was a satisfactory attendance, and the forthcoming presentation of the oratorio "The Creation," on behalf of the fund, was discussed. The committee decided to request the mayor to defer calling a public meeting until a report was received from England. Another committee meeting will be held next Tuesday.

—Splendid progress is being made in the construction of the landing along the centre of the James Bay retaining wall. About five feet more will bring it to high water making in all a heighth from the mud of seventeen feet. The landing will be one hundred and sixty feet long, and of satisfactory width. Steps will ascend from it to a balcony to be built out from the wall in the centre. This will be forty-five by seventeen feet, and may be utilized as a band stand. It will certainly be an imposing embellishment to the wall.

—Playgoers will be interested in the formation of the Pacific Coast Independent Theatre Managers' Association, representing a co-operative organization of managers of leading theatres on the coast. The object is to book attractions independent of the theatrical syndicate, and the establishment of a circuit for the use of the large combinations which do not secure their engagements through the agency of the booking syndicate in New York. According to J. P. Howe, the well known theatre man of Seattle, the new organization is particularly strong.

—The city council met in adjourned session on Tuesday to consider the proposed scheme for filling in the James Bay flats. The agreement with the Tramway Company stipulates that they shall haul six thousand cubic yards of gravel from the property recently purchased from T. Styles, to the James Bay flats at 20 cents per cubic yard, and maintain a double shift of men from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. No Japanese and Chinese are to be employed. The council also took up their annual budget, and satisfactory progress was made.

—Two games of the shuffle tournament, recently organized in connection with the Y. M. C. A., have been played. One of these was between R. Wilson and A. E. Jones and W. Northcott and M. A. Thomas. It was won by the former couple in two straight tests, the score being 20-9 and 20-12. The other match, which was more evenly contested, was between E. Campbell and T. Gawley and J. A. Lorimer and Ed. Whyte. In this contest the latter couple was victorious, the score being 20-12, 16-21, 21.10. The play on both sides was somewhat erratic, as can be seen by the score. Lorimer and Whyte were easy winners in the first test, and in the second their opponents won by a large margin. The final went to the former after some first class playing. Considerable interest is being taken in this tourney, and each game is watched by a large number of enthusiastic spectators.

—Charles E. Jones, formerly of Victoria, has returned to his old love the drug business, according to the Tacoma Ledger. He has purchased the business of Stewart & Holmes in the City of Destiny. The Ledger says: "The new proprietor is an old Tacoman, having resided here in the palmy days of 1888 and 1889. Thence he went to Victoria, B. C., where he was in business for a number of years, conducting a large drug establishment. In 1899 he went to Nome with a stock of drugs, but his health failing, he was compelled to sell out and leave Alaska. He then repaired to California for his health, but for the past year or more he has been in business in North Yakima, succeeding the Bartlett-Foote Company. The death of A. M. Stewart making a change necessary in the Stewart & Holmes Drug Company, Mr. Jones decided to start in business in this city."

—The social held Tuesday night at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was a success in every way. There was a large attendance, and all spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, occupied the chair. In a few introductory remarks the chairman reviewed the work of the association and wished it continued prosperity. He gave the young men present some good advice. In conclusion he called for the first selection of what proved to be a short but excellent musical programme. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Staneland and Mrs. Gleason, and both were tendered an appreciative encore. Master Davidson gave several splendid recitations, which elicited hearty applause. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, ping pong, checkers and round games being indulged in. A number of the young men present took advantage of the gymnasium to get in some exercise. During the evening Parfitt's orchestra gave a number of choice musical selections. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

—A pamphlet on the opportunities for fruit growing and poultry farming on Vancouver Island will probably be prepared by Secretary Elworthy, of the board of trade. It will be put in the hands of the Tourist Association for distribution.

—The first practice of the Y. M. C. A. minstrels was held Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, and under the able direction of A. Petch good progress was made. A number of vocal and instrumental selections were rendered in a creditable manner. Members whose songs need duplicating are asked to hand them to the secretary as soon as possible.

—The I. C. C. Society have again shown their kindness to the inmates of the Aged and Infirm Women's Home by wiring the building for electric light. The committee of management, as well as the aged inmates, take this means of publicly thanking each and all concerned for their continued kindness to this institution.

—There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held Monday night under the auspices of the missionary department. An interesting and instructive lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Ewing, on China and Japan. His remarks were illustrated by about 100 excellent lantern views. The address was thoroughly appreciated by those present.

—An assault case was the only matter before the Magistrate on Tuesday. The accused is a white man, and the complainants are Chinamen. They were pursuing their vocation as scavengers in the small hours of the morning when the accused, objecting to the rude disturbance of his slumbers, sallied from the house and proceeded to drive them away. One of the Chinamen claims he was struck with a stick. The case was remanded.

—Monday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Geo. Brook, of Tolmie avenue, took place from the Assembly hall, old post office building, Government street. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral offerings. Religious services were conducted by members of the Christian Brotherhood at the hall and grave. The following asted as pallbearers: Messrs. W. MacGregor, J. R. Fraser, Geo. Watson and T. W. Barber.

—Borings on the James Bay flats disclose hard pan at a depth of about forty-five feet, which is exactly where it was discovered by the city employees when the operations preliminary to the erection of the wall were carried on. The method in which the boring is done is simplicity itself. A gas pipe two inches or two inches and a half in diameter is driven into the mud. In this a half-inch water pipe is inserted, and the mud is drilled out by hydraulic force.

—A successful Scotch concert in aid of the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school was held at St. James Hall last evening. The programme was an excellent one. The piping and dancing by members of the McKenzie family was a great attraction. Mrs. Hardy acted as accompanist. The following took part in the proceedings: Miss Grace King, Miss Luney, Miss L. McKenzie, Miss McKenzie, Miss Lawson, and Messrs. Kinnaird, Allan, Waddington, Stewart, A. L. Brownlie, Thompson and Gordon.

—The Sound city papers in commenting on the findings of the Seattle inspectors who investigated the Clallam disaster, take the view that the matter is for the courts of competent jurisdiction. Both the Post-Intelligencer and Seattle Times describe the decision as equivalent to a criminal charge, and the Tacoma Ledger holds a similar opinion. The Portland Oregonian expresses surprise that a lighter sentence should be imposed on the captain than on the chief engineer.

—Court Cariboo, No. 743, I. O. F., gave its annual concert on Tuesday in the A. O. U. W. hall. The gathering was presided over by A. E. McEachren. During the evening C. R. King gave an address upon the year's work. He went fully into the progress made and referred to the splendid growth of the organization, which had now a membership of 250,000 and a surplus of about $7,000,000. An excellent programme was given and during the evening refreshments were served.

—Among the Japanese in Victoria who are watching with keen interest the progress of events in the Far East, is Col. Kawai, a merchant whose place of business is in this city. Col. Kawai belongs to the 4th Regiment of Japanese infantry, and is expecting to receive a call home before the close of the present war. He has not yet had the opportunity of distinguishing himself in active service. When the war broke out with China he was in San Francisco. The colonel belongs to Osaki.

—The annual meeting of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company will be held on Wednesday next at Vancouver. It will be attended by Horace J. Knott, the local manager. A financial statement showing the standing of the company has already been prepared. It shows that the assets have increased during the year from $712,983.32 to $1,066,248.03, making a total increase for the year of $353,264.71. The report states that no similar company in the Dominion of Canada has ever made so great an increase in one year, except through amalgamation with other companies.

—Tuesday night at the Fernwood hall the annual dance under the auspices of the F. Y. M. A. was held, there being a large attendance. The interior had been elaborately decorated with flags, bunting and evergreen, and presented a pretty appearance. An excellent programme was rendered by the Sehl-Bantly orchestra. For those who did not care to dance there were other amusements, so that it is safe to say everyone spent a thoroughly pleasant evening. Supper was served about 12 o'clock, and enjoyed by all. Dancing was continued for some time after. Messrs. Rennie, Dalby, Marchant, Heather, Jameson, Morrison, Peden, McMillan and Neelands was the committee in charge of arrangements.

—At the Young Men's Institute hall, View street, on Monday evening, a pleasant social dance was held under the supervision of a committee of members of the Y. M. I. and ladies of the Solidarity. There was a large attendance, and dancing and other amusements were continued until the small hours. Refreshments were served about midnight. Those in charge of the arrangements are to be commended upon the completeness of the preparations. The committee in charge follows: J. T. Fahay, T. L. Toye, H. D. Leary, J. Anderson, H. G. Proctor, W. W. Baines; also Miss Stewart, assisted by the Ladies of the Solidarity. Music was supplied by the Sehl-Bantly orchestra.

—Field Secretary Thompson, of the Y. M. C. A., will be in the city on Saturday, and on Sunday will conduct service in the local rooms of the association.

—It was stated in yesterday's issue that R. Kawai, of this city, was a colonel in the Japanese army. This was an error, his rank being that of captain in the Fourth Artillery of Osaka.

—The next game in the provincial league series will be played at the drill hall on Saturday evening between the Vancouver basketball team and the J. B. A. A. players. The game will be played in the second part of the programme, and promises to be a hotly contested match.

—The Provincial Orange Grand Lodge of British Columbia is meeting at Ladner with a large attendance. On Tuesday evening a grand chapter of the Royal Black Knights was instituted in that town. There are two other lodges for members of the highest degree in this province, one at Victoria and one at Vancouver.

—Dr. Riggs, of the Terminal City, has received from New York a tiny piece of radium, amounting to just three-twentieths of a grain. He purchased it to use in connection with his medical practice, for the cure of superficial cancer and persistent skin diseases. It has already been tested locally, being given a twelve-hour exposure on a case of cancer. The bit cost the doctor $150.

—A few evenings ago Mr. and Mrs. John Davy celebrated their silver wedding. The event took place in Semple's hall, Victoria West, an enjoyable evening being spent by all present. There were many of the Daughters of England and members of the Musical and Debating Society present. The hosts were the recipients of many valuable presents from their friends.

—Judge Harrison will hold courts of revision and appeal for the Victoria assessment district as follows: At Parson's Bridge, on Monday, March 7th, at 11 a.m.; at Sidney on Tuesday, March 8th, at 12 noon; at John Camp's, Saanichton, on Tuesday, March 8th, at 2 p.m.; at the Royal Oak, on Wednesday, March 9th, at 11 a.m.; at the court house, Victoria, on Thursday, March 10th, at 11 a.m., for the city and coast islands.

—William H. Cross, of the firm of Clarkson & Cross, confirmed the report from Victoria, B. C., that he had been asked by the British Columbia government to examine into the finances of the province. He stated, however, that full particulars could not be announced until the measure was ratified by the provincial legislature. The proposal of the government was to appoint a royal commission similar to the one that had been appointed in Ontario some years ago. Certain legislation had been passed recently in British Columbia with regard to which investigation was demanded."—Toronto News.

—A sad drowning accident occurred at New Westminster on Saturday night in which Robert Boucher Fairfull, brother of Andrew Fairfull of this city, lost his life. He was night watchman on the dredge King Edward, and in some manner fell overboard. Particulars are not yet available. Mr. Fairfull was the youngest son of James Fairfull, of Troon, Ayrshire, and was thirty-three years of age. He came to this province twelve years ago, his trade being that of a boilermaker. He had been on the dredge only six months. He leaves a father, two brothers and five sisters. A brother and three sisters are residents of this city. Another sister lives in South Africa and another in Scotland. The remains will be brought down for interment to-morrow night.

—Vancouver Encampment, No. 1. I. O. O. F., Tuesday was visited officially by Grand Patriarch P. W. Dempster, accompanied by grand officers, and installed the following newly-elected officers: Chief patriarch, R. C. Douglas, high priest, J. A. Dresser; senior warden, P. A. Maclean; scribe, Allan Graham; treasurer, A. Sheret; junior warden, H. Sanson; outside sentinel, W. H. Huxtable; inside sentinel, T. W. Hawkins; first watch, Jas. Bell; second watch, A. Henderson; third watch, I. S. Smith; fourth watch, B. Deacon; guide, Joseph Phillips; first guard tent, I. E. Sabin; second guard tent, I. E. Phillips. The finance committee presented their report, stating they had audited the books, vouchers and warrants of scribe and treasurer, and found them correct, and congratulated the encampment on the favorable balance sheet for the last term.

—For some time past reports have been current that additional troops would be stationed by the Imperial government at Esquimalt in anticipation of possible complications involving British interests in the Orient. The following dispatch from Halifax gives voice to one of these reports: "The British government is making inquiries concerning the facilities for quartering in Canada seven regiments of troops in addition to those already there during the war in the East. It is proposed to send two regiments to this city, two to Esquimalt, B. C., and one each to Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. It is understood that the government wishes to station troops at these points in order to have them nearer the scene of hostilities between Japan and Russia in case complications involving British interests should develop. While the government has forces in India, it is said that it would not move them because of the danger that soldiers of Afghanistan on Thibet would quietly cross the Indian frontier and become a serious menace." A Times representative this afternoon communicated with the Work Point authorities on the subject and learned that they had heard nothing about it. They pointed out that they had no permanent accommodation for more troops, and that if the British government intended to station them there they would have received some notification.

—G. Jennings Burnett has been to Vancouver for the purpose of giving a recital on the new organ imported from England by the Wesley church. Mr. Burnett's recitals in the Terminal City have made him very popular.

—The marriage of Mr. John G. Dillon, of the Princess Beatrice, and Mrs. Annie J. Jones, of this city, took place Wednesday night at the residence of Mrs. David Kinzie, 50 Kingston street. Miss Mary A. Imbert acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Harold Norman attended the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon left last night for Seattle.

—A special general meeting of the board of trade is called for Friday next at 8 o'clock. Among the business coming up are the following items: Report of committee, concerning harbor commissioners; report of committee on railway via Butte Inlet; report of committee on safety of seaborne life and property, and report of committee on joint meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade.

—Mrs. Ewing presided at Wednesday afternoon's meeting of the Spring Ridge Mothers' Club. A very interesting paper on "How to Develop Self-Control in the Child" was read by Mrs. King. She pointed out that it was absolutely essential that the teacher should be familiar with the subject she was trying to teach. An excellent address along the same lines was delivered by Mrs. Stadthagen. Both ladies were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, after which refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned for a week.

—The funeral of the late Captain Francis W. Wise took place Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 from the family residence, No. 7 Dallas road. The services were conducted by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Miss Grace King assisted in the services at the house by singing appropriate solos. The pallbearers were Capt. J. E. Butler, Capt. Henry Smith, J. H. Lawson, T. G. Mitchell, J. K. Rebbeck and J. A. Thompson. There was a very large attendance of friends and many floral emblems, which testified to the esteem in which the late Capt. Wise was held.

—A very successful rehearsal of the oratorio "Creation," which is to be repeated on March 8th in aid of the Lifeboat Association, was held Wednesday. There was a large attendance, promising a most successful presentation. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Joly have kindly consented to become patrons, and other prominent citizens are expected to extend their patronage. The co-operation of the Daughters of Pity will be invited by the committee. Miss Grace Helen Bradley has written from Tacoma her willingness to take the soprano solos. Manager Taylor, of the Royal Bank of Canada, will act as honorary treasurer, and tickets for the performance can be obtained from him or from the secretary of the Lifeboat Association, Joseph Peirson.

—The Japanese of Vancouver are also contributing to the Japanese war fund, and there is every reason to believe that the entire Japanese population in this province will respond liberally to the call made upon them. It is the intention of the local subjects of the Mikado to send a certain sum every month. The same stand has been taken by the Japanese of San Francisco, Seattle, and, in fact, the whole continent. The little fellows are aroused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and loyalty, a sentiment that is strengthened by every bulletin announcing the success on the sea of their countrymen.

—The police Wednesday afternoon removed from a news board in Chinatown a document to which their attention had been directed. It was very carefully separated from the board, taken to the police station, and dried in order that it might be interpreted. According to the interpreter it warned Chinese against assisting the police to capture the assailants of Man Quon, who was murdered in the Chinese theatre, and told them to pay no attention to the reward of $150, which had been offered for the apprehension of each of the fugitives. It threatened punishment to all who helped the police in connection with the case.

—As a result of the ball lately held by the Eagles, that society is being called upon to break some records in initiating candidates. Since the ball was held ninety applications were received. A special session was called at which forty-nine applicants became members, and on Wednesday night eight more were taken in. Thirty-three are still waiting to be initiated, and there are besides many more applications not yet acted upon by the Aerie. Another special meeting, in all likelihood, will be called to dispose of a large class of applicants. The receipts of the ball amounted to about $635, leaving a balance on the right side. At the last meeting of the Aerie something like $500 was received by the secretary in fees and dues.

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The tourist travel of the coming season gives promise of being even better than last year. The Tourist Association has received information from different sources from which it is estimated that from three to four thousand people are known to be intending to make a visit to Victoria during August. The association is not prepared to state just now what its plans are in regard to the Gorge service, the tally-ho and other public attractions, but the secretary stated this morning that he had every reason to believe that tram cars would be running to the cemetery before another year. When this improvement has been carried out others now contemplated will follow. But 1905 is expected to be the best season in the history of the city. The Lewis and Clark centennial exhibition is then to be held. The city of Portland has decided to give half a million towards this exhibition, and the United States government will also assist in making the event the most important of the kind ever held in the West. Low railway rates will be provided, and it is hoped to attract thousands to Victoria.

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PREPARING FOR THE COMING CONVENTION

Programme for Entertainment of Delegates Under Consideration—Successful Gathering Assured.

An important meeting of the executive of the Victoria branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held on Wednesday, at which, in addition to the members of the executive, a sub-committee of the Tourist Association, composed of Ald. Beckwith and Herbert Cuthbert, was present. The object of the meeting was to mature plans for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the mining convention who will assemble in the city hall on Monday next.

A reception committee, including the members of the executive of the Victoria branch, the city council and the president, vice-president and secretary of the Tourist Association, was appointed with His Worship Mayor Barnard as chairman.

The meeting discussed the question of entertaining the visitors, and it was decided to provide amusements during the week, including, if possible, a smoking concert, a boxing match, military tournament and basketball match, Mr. Cuthbert being appointed to arrange details.

The canvassing committees made satisfactory reports, having succeeded in collecting a considerable amount, with many promises of further contributions if required, and they were requested to continue their work for the balance of the week. This morning a special committee waited upon the Mayor and finance committee of the city with a request for a small appropriation, and was promised favorable consideration. The committee then called upon ex-Premier Dunsmuir, who received them most cordially and donated $50 to the fund.

A dispatch from Rossland, which appears in another column of this paper, announces that that city will sends its full quota of twenty delegates to the convention, and the provincial executive is advised that other branches will do proportionately as well, so that a good attendance at the convention is assured.

The executive of the Victoria branch earnestly invites the co-operation of the citizens of Victoria in securing the success of the convention, and to that end would urge all to enrol themselves as members and pay the annual fee of $1. Membership rolls will be found at all the principal cigar stands, and at the offices of the honorary treasurer, Joshua Kingham, or the secretary, Frank I. Clarke.

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BORN.

HARTNAGEL—On Feb. 14th, the wife of Mr. G. A. Hartnagel, of a son.

MARRIED.

GOUGH-ELLIOTT—At Vancouver, on Feb. 16th, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, Thomas Gough and Miss Elvina Evelyn Elliott.

DIED.

ROBINSON—On the 16th, at Sahtland, B. C., Arthur Robinson, native of Longford, Derbyshire, England, aged 49 years.

SMITH—At Revelstoke, on Feb. 12th, Mrs. William Smith, aged 69 years.