WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
28th May to 3rd June, 1902.

The week has been marked by a continuance of abnormally low barometric pressure over the greater portion of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, the pressure at the same time being moderately high on the American coast from the Columbia river to California. These conditions have caused cool showery weather generally over the Pacific slope, yet while an unusually heavy rainfall has occurred at Barkerville, in Cariboo, the general amount of rain throughout the province is rather below the average. During the 28th and 29th there was not much change in the barometer from the previous week, but on the 30th a marked depression centred in Alberta, the barometer falling to 29.24, while at Victoria it was 30.00. This storm area passed to the eastward; indications then appeared of a fresh ocean low area approaching Vancouver Island, this gradually developed on the 31st and June 1st, causing further rainfall in Cariboo. On the 2nd, the pressure again increased on the Washington coast, and the low area still hovering over the region of the Rocky mountains, a pronounced high barometer area appeared in Athabasca and Saskatchewan. Temperatures dropped and over 5 inches of snow fell at Prince Albert. Rainfall, too, was very general throughout the other parts of the Northwest and Manitoba. Thunderstorms were frequent east of the Rockies during the week.

Thirty-nine hours and eighteen minutes of bright sunshine were recorded at Victoria; the rainfall was .23 inch; highest temperature, 60.00 on 28th; lowest, 44.3 on 31st.

At New Westminster the rainfall was .95 inch; highest temperature, 62 on 1st and 2nd; lowest, 40 on 31st.

At Kamloops the rainfall was .18 inch; highest temperature, 54 on 28th; lowest, 30 on 31st.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Friday's Daily.)

—Rev. John Field, Church of England missionary at Hazelton, who has been staying in the city, went into the Jubilee hospital yesterday morning to undergo a slight operation on one of the eyes. The operation was entirely successful.

—Rev. Dr. Campbell on May 17th celebrated the marriage of Charles Storkel and Henrietta Treunt, and of Frederick W. Young and Kitty Smith; and also on June 5th, that of Chipman J. Wells and Minnie L. Dehner.

—The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which is now operating the steamers Indravelli, Indrapusa and Strathgyle between Oriental ports, Victoria and Portland, has for its Hongkong agent Allan Cameron, at one time local agent for the C. P. R. Company.

—Every Saturday the steamer City of Nanaimo makes a belt trip round Salt Spring island and the adjacent islands, including a call at Crofton, all for the remarkably cheap fare of seventy-five cents return. This affords an excellent pleasure trip for families through the picturesque scenery of the Gulf. The steamer sails from the Janion wharf at 7 a. m.

—The committee having in hand the arrangements for the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. session, which convenes here on the 16th of the month, are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the visiting delegates. Excursions will be held in order to allow them to see the beauty spots of Victoria, and on the evening of the 19th a grand banquet will take place.

—Gilbert John Burrows died last evening at the family residence, No. 57 Montreal street. Deceased was the third son of the late Colonel Robinson Burrows and was a native of Benarth, Wales. He was 80 years of age and has for the last twenty years been a resident of Victoria. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the residence and later from St. James's church.

—The funeral of Miss May Smith took place from the family residence, Cobble Hill, on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Leaky, of Duncans, read appropriate prayers at the church and grave. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Nightingale, Pawcett, Hollings, Cameron, Blake and Shepnard. The casket was covered with beautiful floral emblems sent up from Victoria and Cobble Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family desire to thank their many friends for their sympathy in their sad bereavement.

—A Dawson dispatch announces that Territorial Engineer W. Thibedeau has taken the field with a corps of twelve men to begin work on 300 miles of new wagon roads and trails to be built within the territory this summer. The most important work will be the construction of an entirely new winter trail from Dawson to White Horse. It will run from Dawson to Gold Run, thence directly south to a crossing on the Stewart river fifty to one hundred miles above the mouth of the Stewart; thence to the mouth of the Pelly; thence along the east side of the Yukon to Five Fingers; thence across the Yukon, up the Nordenskjold river and the Dalton trail a short distance, and into White Horse by a detour of Lake La Barge. It will be on land all the way save at the one crossing of the Yukon, and will shorten the route greatly as compared with the present winter course.

—S. T. Lewis, secretary of the Yreka Mining Company, who arrived in the city yesterday, tells of an experience at Hardy Bay which might have proved disastrous to him and his companions. He says he and a couple of fellow travellers were waiting at Hardy Bay for the steamer Willapa, whose captain had promised to call for them. They were rather short of provisions, but, relying on the arrival of the steamer, did not put themselves on short commons. The boat, however, did not arrive and Mr. Lewis says he was never nearer starving point than during the three or four days he spent waiting for the vessel. They managed to keep alive, however, by eating fish and getting a sack of flour from the Indian agent. Obtaining a row boat they pulled some 17 or 18 miles to Alert Bay, where a Vancouver boat was caught, which brought them safely down. Mr. Lewis says that the first shipment of ore from the Yreka properties to the smelter will be made on the 10th or 12th.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

—The schooner Geo. W. Prescott, which came down from Nome last year and was subsequently sold for wages due her crew, is being fitted up by her new owners for a sealing cruise in Behring Sea.

—Joseph Genelle, who has been involved in considerable litigation in connection with the charge of being concerned in the burning of the steamer Glenora at Dawson, was again released on bail yesterday afternoon in sureties amounting to $3,000. This bail is filed pending the arrival of a fresh warrant for his arrest.

—An inquest was held yesterday afternoon by Coroner Norcross in connection with the death of Geo. Konig, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. The late Mr. Koenig was born in Stuttgart, Wurtemburg, and previous to coming to Victoria worked in Philadelphia and California, being a brewer by occupation. He was twice married. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the British Columbia Funeral Furnishing Company's apartments.

—A general meeting of the shareholders of the Mounts Brenton and Sicker Mines, Limited., was held at 8.30 p. m. Shareholders were present whose holdings aggregated 2,200,000 shares. After the passing of accounts and transaction of the business of the meeting, it was announced that Dr. T. J. Jones and Ald. H. M. Grahame had joined the board of directors, and that Mr. Grahame had accepted the presidency of the company. Action was taken at the meeting which will result in the prosecution of development work on the properties of the company on a more extensive scale than has heretofore been practicable.

—The Decoration Day services in connection with the K. of P. lodges will not be held on such an elaborate scale as was at first proposed. It was the intention to have excursions run from Nanaimo and other points of the Island, so as to allow brethren from those points to participate in the services. On account of Sunday excursions being against the laws of the Knights of Pythias order, however, no arrangements for members of outside lodges to take part can be made, and the local societies will hold their Decoration Day services independently. It will take place on the 15th of the month, as formerly arranged. The Far West and Victoria lodge members will parade to Ross Bay, headed by a local band and a programme of appropriate selections will be rendered at the cemetery.

(From Monday's Daily.)

—At the election for road foreman for the Highland district, held on Saturday, Mr. Weir was elected by 27 votes, Mr. Wales receiving 16.

—Messrs. Hooper & Watkins, architects, are calling for tenders for the excavations, cut stone and brick work for David Spencer's new building. Tenders must be in by Friday next.

—On Saturday at Nanaimo the Victoria second eleven defeated the second eleven of the Coal City after a hard struggle by the narrow margin of 10 runs. The scores were Nanaimo 89 and Victoria 99. The match was even and interesting.

—An error occurred in the report of the legislature on Saturday. The amendment to the Coal Mines Act Amendment Bill, standing in the name of Mr. Curtis, which deals with the fixing of a minimum wage in the mines, was not passed in committee. It will come up again at the next sitting of the committee.

—Rev. J. P. Westman, who succeeds Rev. W. H. Barraclough, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, occupied the pulpit both morning and evening yesterday. Large congregations were present on both occasions. The new minister proved himself to be a clear, forcible and eloquent speaker.

—The matriculation examinations of the McGill University commenced this morning in the St. Andrew's school room, under the supervision of Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Eight candidates presented themselves for examination, seven of whom are pupils of the High school. The subjects include English, mathematics, classics, modern languages (French and German), and science. The examinations will not be concluded before Monday next.

—The remains of the late Gilbert John Burrowes were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, No. 57 Montreal street, at 2 o'clock, and later at St. James's church. Rev. J. H. Sweet, assisted by Rev. Canon Beanlands, conducted services at the church and grave. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, and many beautiful floral designs were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. A. R. Brown, Thos. Shotbolt, A. R. Wolfenden and A. J. W. Bridgeman.

—Preston C. Coates, of this city, who has spent the first year of his course at the School of Applied Science, Toronto, has successfully passed first term examinations recently held in that institution. Upwards of 180 wrote at the examinations, of whom not more than half passed. Preston is now spending his summer vacation with the Clergue syndicate at Sault Ste. Marie, where he has become attached with the magnetic survey. Inasmuch as he has worked at many disadvantages Mr. Coates's success is particularly creditable.

F. Carter-Cotton, of Vancouver, is staying at the Driard.

Miss M. A. Wylde left last evening for London, England.

HAVE YOU ECZEMA?—Have you any skin disease or eruptions? Are you subject to chafing or scalding? Dr. Agnew's Ointment prevents and cures any and all of these, and cures Itching, Bleeding and Blind Piles besides. One application brings relief in ten minutes, and cases cured in three to six nights. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—71.

ANNIVERSARY OF WOODMEN OF WORLD

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT VICTORIA THEATRE

Proceeds Will Go Towards the Children's Ward at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The attendance at the Victoria theatre yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the anniversary of the Victoria Camp of the Woodmen of the World has been estimated at about 800 people, and the unanimous verdict of those present was that the services were an unqualified success. The committees in charge of the different arrangements deserve great credit for this fact, for the preparations were made with a carefulness which allowed of no hitch whatever, and consequently from the opening of the services by the Doxology until the benediction, everything passed off with delightful smoothness.

The stage fittings were most striking. The background of the scene was mountainous, and in front of that was represented a valley surrounded by forest. The organ, a handsome instrument kindly lent by the Hick-Lovick company, was placed so as to appear as if located in the valley, and was surrounded by palm trees. The choir was formed in the shape of a V, the organ forming the apex. An electric light arrangement at the back of the stage gave an effect of a glorious sunset just over the mountains, while the log, together with the maul and dove, emblems of the order, added to the striking appearance of the stage.

The hymn, "O Praise Our God To-day," was sung after Doxology, and the choir gave in excellent style a rendition of the anthem "I Will Give Thanks." The first Scripture lesson was read by Rev. S. S. Osterhout, Ph. D., from Luke, 10th chapter, the 25th to the 37th verses. Mrs. Gideon Hicks gave the solo "Jesus Lover of My Soul." In this she excelled herself, and although there were no plaudits, the service being a religious one, it was easily noticeable that she had greatly pleased her hearers. The second Scripture lesson, read also by Mr. Osterhout, was taken from Matthew, 25th chapter, from the 31st to the 46th verses. Herbert Kent's solo, "O Shining Light," was a feature of the services. He handled that composition in his well-known artistic style, and although he had just got over a cold, his voice seemed in splendid trim.

Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, D. D., then delivered an eloquent sermon, after which the choir gave the anthem "Sing Unto the Lord." Hymn No. 38, "Listen, the Master Beseecheth," with benediction, closed the services.

Taking for his text the 27th verse of the 10th chapter of Luke, in which it is laid down "Thou shalt love my God with all thy heart," Rev. Mr. Rowe said that in these words the Master revealed the foundation of all true religion—love to God and love to man. All religions, he said, agree in the fundamental character of this principle. Jesus stated it as the condition of citizenship in His kingdom, and the parable of the Good Samaritan pictured the work the citizen of Heaven at work on the earth. Rev. Mr. Rowe said, "It is noteworthy that this ideal citizen in the story is a Samaritan, who, according to the Jewish conception, was unorthodox and outside the pale of the church. Men are not excluded from the citizenship of the kingdom on account of any inaccuracies in their opinions, and as if to further emphasize this fact the parable presents two other persons, a priest and Levite, who are orthodox in opinion and ecclesiastically regular, and who are yet not qualified for citizenship in Christ's kingdom, because they ignore the claims upon them of a man in distress and thus prove their lack of that love which is essential to such citizenship. The Samaritan typifies the ideal Christian. As a true lover of humanity his interest centres in the man who needs him rather than in the man from whom he may expect help. His interest expresses itself in personal service. It is not enough that men should give material help to the needy, it is required that they should give themselves in loving and sympathetic services."

The speaker illustrated this by quoting the concluding incident in the "Quest of the Holy Grail," "Who give himself with alms feed three, himself his hungry and one."

Continuing, he said, "The spirit of such service is embodied in fraternal organizations like that whose anniversary we to-day celebrate, and in institutions like the hospital to which our contributions will be devoted. In these we have the care of the sick by the healthy, the support of dependent children of the deceased by those who remain. Institutions, like individuals, are judged from a Christian standpoint by the treatment they accord the man on the roadside. Whatever their names may be their real characters are displayed by their imitation of the priest and the Levite on the one hand, or of the Samaritan on the other." Mr. Rowe in conclusion eulogized the work of the fraternal orders, and urged his audience to sink all theological differences and combine for an earnest promotion of all enterprising contributions to human happiness and well-being.

Special mention might be made of the singing in the anthems of a quartette, comprising Messrs. Petch and Hicks and Mrs. Giffin and Mrs. Gideon Hicks. Mrs. W. E. Green's solo in the second anthem was, needless to say, greatly appreciated.

Among those present were the Mayor and aldermen, who occupied a box, the members of the Woodmen of the World, who marched from their hall to the theatre in a body and several members of the Women's Auxiliary and Daughters of Pity. A number of the latter kindly assisted by taking up the collection. Although invitations had been issued, the officers of the order were greatly disappointed to see the board of directors of the hospital and the provincial legislature represented by H. D. Helmcken only. The total proceeds amounted to $73.25, all of which will go towards the fund for the children's ward of the Jubilee hospital, any expenses which may have been incurred being met by the Woodmen themselves.

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PEACE THANKSGIVING.

Rev. Dr. Campbell on the War and the Terms of Peace.

Last evening, at the First Presbyterian church, Dr. Campbell conducted a thanksgiving service for the peace proclaimed in South Africa. He gave an address on war in general, and maintained that war in self-defence was the only justifiable war. But a defensive war may be aggressive, for when there is clear evidence of another nation's intention to commence hostilities, the nation against which the hostilities are intended may in self-defence begin the war by striking the first blow. He showed that the Bible did not condemn all war, and certainly the Presbyterian church had no hesitation in defending her civil and religious rights and liberties, as Drumclog and Bothwell Brig, the heathery hills of Scotland, and the secluded vales of Piedmont eloquently testified.

He further said that if any war was justifiable the war in South Africa was so from the British standpoint. The Boers for years had been preparing for it, and while negotiations were being carried on between the two governments the government of the Transvaal sent an ultimatum which no self-respecting nation could accept, and even before there was time to consider it, began hostilities by opening fire on Her Majesty's subjects. Britain had no alternative but to accept the situation and prepare to defend herself.

The speaker gave briefly an outline of the war as carried on, paid a high tribute to the bravery of the Boers, and said that now under British rule they would be progressive and contented, and make good subjects of His Majesty, King Edward.

He dwelt at some length on the bravery of the British army fighting under great difficulties in a strange country, and against tactful, resourceful, brave and not over scrupulous enemies. The bravery and heroic courage of the Canadians were almost unparalleled in history, as Paardeberg, Modder River and Hart's River testified. He hoped Canada would not forget to see that the graves of her brave sons in the veldt in South Africa were marked with suitable monuments; every one was thankful that peace had been proclaimed, and that the terms thereof were worthy of the British Empire. For fairness and liberality towards the vanquished the terms had no parallel in the history of the world. Dr. Campbell concluded by a strong argument for a college of arbitrators to settle international disputes, which would do away to a great extent with war and standing armies.

The Rev. W. Leslie Clay also preached on the war and its conclusion at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church yesterday.

HORSEFLY DISCOVERIES.

Mashinery Cannot Be Taken in Owing to Condition of Trails.

Three ounces of gold in three days by two men and the pick, shovel and sluice box method is pleasing enough to come from Eureka creek, as it did in a private letter received here last Tuesday.

The great difficulty in the way of the development of the upper Horsefly is not an entirely new condition in Cariboo and is likely to continue a very familiar one until flying machines that will carry hydraulic plants become a little more common than they are now. Senator Campbell and his associates have part of an hydraulic plant here, and it will stay, and just as well, for they can't get it in until the trails are improved. This plant could be installed for prospecting purposes very cheaply if it could be taken in and the value of the benches would be proven this summer. It is desperately discouraging to men who have investigated and spent their money to have to contend against such apathy on the part of the government.

Mike Minton, of Williams creek, located and prospected some bench claims on the Horsefly last fall, and has now gone in with a party to develop them. The surface prospects were good.—Ashcroft Journal.

ASSOCIATION OF BUILDERS FORMED

STATED OBJECT IS TO PRESERVE HARMONY

Prominent Builder Explains Aim of the League in Interview With the Times.

A builders' association has been organized in this city to be known as the Builders' Association of the city of Victoria, province of British Columbia. According to the by-law its objects shall be to encourage a more intimate acquaintance and cultivate a feeling of friendship among its members, to make them better acquainted with the wants and necessities of the building business; to arbitrate and settle disputes, if any arise among the members, and generally to advance and protect their business interests as contracting builders.

Any carpenter residing and doing business as a general contractor and builder in the city of Victoria, province of British Columbia, and who has announced his willingness to join this association, shall be eligible to membership upon the payment of the fee as provided in the constitution and by-laws.

A prominent builder when interviewed regarding the association and its aims, said:

"This is about to become a strong organization, and is being taken hold of quietly but firmly by our most prominent builders. The conditions under which the contractors in the building trades find themselves placed, either in their relations to each other or to the architect, to the owner, the dealers or to their workmen, are such as to arouse serious apprehensions as to the safety of conducting their business under conditions which grow more and more onerous and threatening each year.

"For instance, the dangers which menace the contractor through the workman may become more manifest by the action of labor organizations, which from small beginnigs may become swollen into greater power and perhaps become arrogant by not being systematically opposed by the union of forces among the employers.

"The difficulties which surround the contractors in their relations with the architects have become in some cases too grievous to be borne, with any degree of patience, and this, too, is the direct result of lack of united effort to oppose improper practices. Forms of contracts are prepared and unhesitatingly signed by all classes of builders which are entirely one-sided and places the contractor at a disadvantage at every point. Plans are presented for estimating which one in many cases in no sense sufficiently complete to warrant the submission of bids. Specifications are offered in such terms that the rights of the contractors are abrogated the moment he signs them, and the common conditions are such that the architect while disclaiming and avoiding all responsibility, still assumes absolute control over the contractor both in conduct of work and payment for the same.

"The relation of the owner to the contractor is as much distorted as that of the architect to the contractor, and the latter is constantly placed at the mercy of the man who employs him instead of being on a level with him.

"The bickerings with the lumber dealers has been very humiliating, any stranger coming to this city, be he a contractor or not, has been able to get lumber at the same price as a builder who has spent a lifetime here, is it not time the contractor had a discount worthy of the name, so that he could charge at least the fact of the invoice on his bill, as compensation for the constant hours used up in estimating more for the dealers' benefit, often enough, than themselves, and for the thousands of dollars exchanged between them.

"Finally, the attitude, too, of the contractors towards each other is somewhat antagonistic. They distrust each other, suspicion takes the place of harmony, etc.

"There are other points which can only be discussed in closed doors (too grievous and numerous to make public), but the cry of reform and the adoption of some method of defence is universal among the prominent builders in this city. Already the best architects and dealers are quite in accord with the movement, and wish it every success."

LEGAL NEWS.

Applications in Chambers—Full Court Sits To-Morrow.

Mr. Justice Martin presided in Chambers this morning and disposed of the following applications:

Cunningham vs. Appleyard et al—A motion by plaintiff for an order compelling defendants to pull down a building against which an injunction had been granted, and a counter motion by defendants to dissolve the injunction, were adjourned at the request of plaintiff to allow of further material being filed. The plaintiff's action is to restrain the defendants from interfering with the "peaceful and quiet enjoyment" of a graveyard at Port Essington. J. H. Lawson, jr., appeared for plaintiff, D. M. Rogers for defendants.

Grey vs. Heyland et al—A motion by plaintiff to continue an injunction was adjourned on condition of the injunction continuing, with liberty to defendants to apply to dissolve same on 48 hours' notice. G. H. Barnard for plaintiff, W. C. Moresby and D. M. Rogers for defendants.

Reay vs. Reay et al—On motion by G. H. Barnard, for plaintiff, an order was granted by consent varying the decree for partition of the lands belonging to the late Wm. and Chas. Reay, in Saanich, on terms agreed upon by the parties. A. P. Luxton, J. H. Lawson, jr., and H. B. Robertson appeared for the various defendants.

Finch vs. White Bear—A motion by plaintiff for injunction was stood over until Saturday next. J. H. Lawson, jr., for plaintiff, A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for defendants.

Star Mining Co. vs. Byron N. White Co.—An application for leave to set down an appeal for the coming sittings of the Full Court was adjourned until to-morrow. J. H. Lawson, jr., for appellants, Thornton Fell contra.

Yit Gim vs Kay Yune—A. D. Crease, for plaintiff, applied for leave to proceed with accounts, which was granted. W. H. Langley for defendants.

On Saturday Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following applications in Chambers:

Bartlett vs. Tiarks—An application in regard to a claim of the Molsons Bank was stood over for two weeks. B. G. Goward for applicants.

Pike vs. Copley—On application for defendant for discovery of documents, an order was granted for discovery by plaintiff, leave being given on consent for the affidavit of documents to be made by plaintiff's attorney in Victoria, plaintiff being absent in South America. B. G. Goward for defendant, C. J. Prior for plaintiff.

Potter vs. Mitchell—An application for an order for replevin of a horse was stood over until a further affidavit is filed. C. E. Wilson for applicant.

The sittings of the Full Court will commence to-morrow at 11 a.m., when the list of 36 appeals will be taken up and proceeded with until all appeals are disposed of. The full list of appeals in the order in which they will be heard appeared in the Times of June 4th.

FERNIE RELIEF FUND.

Total Amount Subscribed Here Estimated at $1,500.

The total amount raised in this city towards the Fernie relief fund should total about $1,500.

Of this amount $1,098.50 has been subscribed to the Mayor's list; $147 has come in to the two newspaper offices, and the receipts of the concert kindly given by the Fifth Regiment band, assisted by local amateurs, on Friday last are estimated at about $250.

In connection with the concert, J. C. North, of the band, sold $160 worth of tickets, for which he deserves credit and the thanks of the relief committee.

THEY MUST NOT SELL UNSTAMPED TOBACCO

Interesting Cases Now Before the Police Magistrate—Liable to a Very Heavy Penalty.

In the police court this afternoon the magistrate is dealing with more cases in which Chinese are charged with infractions of the Inland Revenue Act in having in their possession unstamped tobacco. As will be remembered, nine Chinese dealers were summoned at the instance of the inland revenue department, and already two have been convicted and fined $50 each. The section of the act under which the charges are laid is, in part, as follows: "Except as herein provided, every person who sells or offers for sale, or not being a licensed tobacco or cigar manufacturer, has in his possession any kind of manufactured tobacco or cigars not put up in package and stamped in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall incur a penalty not exceeding $500; and any tobacco or cigars so found which are not put up in packages and stamped as herein provided shall be forfeited to the crown."

In brief, tobacco must be sold from their original stamped packages. The exemption mentioned in the section refers to manufacturers who pay their licenses as such. The Chinese, who were promptly apprehended, had been cutting up plug tobacco and making cigarettes, which they sold at the rate of fifteen for five cents. One of the accused pleaded that he had purchased four plugs from the cook of a sealing vessel and intended using them himself. In this connection it might be pointed out that a heavy penalty is provided by law for buying ship's stores relanded in Canada without proper permit.

The inland revenue department intend taking action against all those caught contravening the section just quoted, and the lesson taught by the penalty imposed on the two Chinese who have been convicted should have a decided effect on their countrymen, who are the principal offenders in this respect. It is also advisable to call the attention of the white dealers to section 334, as at times they may unwittingly make themselves liable to prosecution under its provisions. W. H. Langley is counsel for the inland revenue department, which is represented in these cases by R. Jones.

FIRES ALONG E. & N.

Passengers Extinguish Flames in Section Man's Dwelling at Langford Plains.

Had it not been for the timely arrival of the train from Victoria on Sunday morning and the energetic work of the passengers thereon, the home of section man Thompson, of Langford Plains, would be in ashes. When the train happened along the roof of the building was in flames, and no one was at hand to extinguish the blaze. Mrs. Thompson was standing outside with her child tearfully deploring her unhappy condition. Rapidly organizing a bucket brigade and setting to work, the passengers quickly extinguished the flames, and the damage was confined to the roof. The work finished, the train continued on her way having lost but just fifteen minutes. A second fire was seen on the other side of Colwood, where many cords of wood, belonging, it is said, to J. E. Grice, were being destroyed along the track.

BIRTHS.

M'SORLEY—At Revelstoke, on June 4th, the wife of H. J. McSorley, of a son.

KINCAID—At Revelstoke, on June 4th, the wife of A. E. Kincaid, of a son.

MARRIED.

HAYER-DREWRY—At Rossland, on June 2nd, by Rev. Dr. Robinson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Purdy, of Winnipeg, Andrew J. Drewry and Minnie L., daughter of the late John B. Hayer, of Sparta, Ill.

BASTEDO-CHRISTIE—At Vancouver, on June 4th, by Rev. A. G. Wilson, Frank Bastedo and Miss May Christie.

HOOVER-M'LELLAND—At Vancouver, on June 4th, by Rev. Dr. Roland Grant, Frederick A. Hoover and Miss Sophia McLelland.

FOWLER-HEDLEY—At Nelson, on June 4th, by Rev. C. W. Hedley, assisted by Rev. F. H. Graham, S. S. Fowler and Miss Frances E. Hedley.

DIED.

WATKINS—At Vancouver, on June 7th, John Watkins, son of the late Richard Watkins, merchant, of Montreal.

JOHNSON—At New Westminster, on June 6th, Mrs. R. Johnson, aged 85 years.

MORRICE—At Nelson, on June 2nd, David Theodore Morrice, aged 45 years.

GIBSON—At Rossland, on June 3rd, Thos. J. Gibson.