WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
8th to 14th June, 1904.

The weather during this week has been generally fair and warm throughout the province. A copious and much needed rainfall occurred on the 8th and 9th over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. This was caused by an ocean low barometer area spreading across the province to the Rockies. On the other hand the rainfall in Cariboo has amounted to practically nothing, while during the same period last week rain fell upon every day. The summer type of high barometric pressure has prevailed on the Coast, while between the ranges the barometer has remained abnormally low. These conditions have caused a large proportion of cool westerly winds, and particularly on the Straits of Fuca and Georgia. The average daily sunshine recorded here amounted to over 9 hours, and the greatest daily amount was 14 hours on the 14th.

The warmest day in this vicinity was Sunday, the 12th. It was caused by the barometer being higher to the northward of this, which permitted the dry and warm northerly winds to prevail over Vancouver Island.

The weather in the Territories has been moderately warm and showers or thunderstorms have been of frequent occurrence, while in Manitoba the rainfall amounted to over one inch.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 65 hours and 48 minutes; rainfall, .46 inch; highest temperature, 71.4 on the 12th; lowest, 43.2 on 11th.

New Westminster—Rainfall, .66 inch; highest temperature, 78 on the 13th; lowest, 40 on the 9th.

Kamloops—Rain, .14 inch; highest temperature, 86 on the 13th; lowest, 42 on 12th.

Barkerville—Rain, only a trace; highest temperature, 70 on 13th; lowest, 28 on the 10th.

Port Simpson—Rain, 1.10 inch; highest temperature, 58 on 10th and 11th; lowest, 40 on 11th.

Dawson—Rain, .20 inch; highest temperature, 70 on 14th; lowest, 38 on 13th.

The following is the summary of the weather for the month of May, 1904:

Precipitation.

	inches.
Victoria, V. I.	.49
Beaver Lake	.76
Goldstream	2.01
Sooke Lake	1.58
Alberni	2.68
Nanaimo	.93
Cowichan	1.21
Thetis Island	1.19
New Westminster	1.83
Point Garry	1.33
Chilliwack	2.71
Kamloops	.94
Barkerville, snow, 8.00; total	1.23
Quesnel	.56
Vernon	.46
Nelson	.55
Port Simpson	5.26
Port Essington	5.30
Naas	5.34
Rivers Inlet	5.42

At Victoria, the amount of bright sunshine was 230 hours and 30 minutes, and the mean proportion for the month 0.49; highest temperature, 73.2 on the 12th; and lowest, 40.2 on the 11th; and mean, 52.46. The total number of miles registered on the electrical anemograph was 6,769, and the direction as follows: North, 320; northeast, 121; east, 101; southeast, 235; south, 986; southwest, 3,913; west, 1,013; northwest, 80.

Alberni—Highest temperature, 82.2 on 12th; lowest, 26.9 on 1st; mean, 52.5.

Nanaimo—Highest temperature, 72.0 on 24th; lowest, 30.4 on 4th; mean, 52.4.

Cowichan—Highest temperature, 72.8 on 12th; lowest, 30.5 on 4th; mean, 51.0.

Thetis Island—Highest temperature, 70.9 on 24th; lowest, 32.1 on 4th; mean, 56.0.

New Westminster—Highest temperature, 76.9 on 12th; lowest, 36.0 on 1st and 11th; mean, 52.3.

Point Garry—Highest temperature, 68.0 on 27th; lowest, 34.5 on 27th; mean, 51.5.

Chilliwack—Highest temperature, 84.0 on 12th; lowest, 36.0 on 5th and 11th.

Kamloops—Highest temperature, 78.9 on 26th; lowest, 30.0 on 5th; mean, 54.9.

Barkerville—Highest temperature, 62.0 on 12th and 30th; lowest, 18.0 on 5th and 9th; mean, 40.3.

Quesnel—Highest temperature, 77.0 on 30th; lowest, 24.0 on 5th and 11th; mean, 50.2.

Vernon—Highest temperature, 78.0 on 26th; lowest, 28.0 on 5th.

Nelson—Highest temperature, 83.0 on 20th; lowest, 29.0 on 7th; mean, 53.3.

Enderby—Highest temperature, 83.5 on 21st; lowest, 28.0 on 5th.

Port Simpson—Highest temperature, 58.0 on 1st; lowest, 45.6 on 5th; mean, 41.3.

Rivers Inlet—Highest temperature, 66.2 on 24th; lowest, 32.2 on 9th.

Amount of sunshine recorded at Nanaimo was 223 hours.

—Next Wednesday the annual meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge will be held at Rossland. Local delegates will leave for the interior on Monday.

—Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage on the 26th ult. of Mr. Paul Evans Guinesso and Card Cornelia Pinkerton, of Seattle, on the 6th inst., that of Mr. Joseph Walker White and Minnie Briggs, of the same place, on the 8th inst., of Mr. Herbert Claude Humphryes and Mary Wilson, of Nanaimo, and on the 13th inst., of Mr. Charles Woodruff and Jemima Brown, of Sooke.

—A very pleasant evening was spent in the league room of the Metropolitan Methodist church Monday. The literary department of the league, under whose auspices the meeting was held, is to be congratulated on the success of the gathering, and for the excellent programme provided. An address entitled, "You're It," was given by Rev. J. P. Westman in his well-known pleasing style, while a quartette, "Abide With Me," by the Petch Bros., given as only they can render it, was very much appreciated by all present. Mrs. Hale, third vice-president, presided.

—It would appear that Port Angeles is likely to have railway connection before long. As an evidence of this there appeared in the financial page of the New York World, Sunday, June 5th, the following: "The Port Angeles & Eastern Railway Co., through Wm. Mayne Beloin, has just succeeded in placing $4,000,000 of its first mortgage bonds with a party of New York and Eastern capitalists. This company, which it is believed is backed by Harriman interests, will build a new line from Port Angeles on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, to Portland, Oregon, via Olympia, and its bonds are regarded as a very desirable investment."

Local News.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Steamer Charmer is undergoing some repairs at the Victoria Machinery Depot.

—The annual picnic of the Reformed Episcopal church Sunday school will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Sidney. Ice cream and tea will be served on the grounds.

—While playing on View street on Monday the four-year-old daughter of V. George was run over by a delivery cart. She was badly bruised, but is progressing satisfactorily.

—The High school entrance examinations will open on Monday. Superintendent F. Eaton will take charge of the examinations here. There will probably be about 130 writing from the city schools.

—The pupils of Miss Underhill will give an elocutionary recital in the schoolroom of Calvary Baptist church on Wednesday evening, June 22nd. An excellent programme will be given, and it is hoped that there will be a large audience.

—On Thursday next at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the annual meeting of the Board of Trade Building Association will be held. The business to come before it will include the receiving of the various reports and the election of directors and an auditor.

—Robert Heron, who for forty years has been a well known resident of this city, died at the Jubilee hospital on Tuesday after a lingering illness. Deceased kept a harness establishment on Broad street for many years. He was unmarried, 69 years of age, and leaves two brothers and a sister living in Eastern Canada. Mr. Heron was a pioneer of this city.

—On the evening of June 23rd the North Ward school will hold an entertainment. After arrangements had been made and the sale of tickets was proceeding, it was found that the regulations approved by the council of public instruction had been inadvertently violated. The board of trustees took the matter up and have finally overcome the little difficulty, so that the arrangements are going on with the full sanction of the board.

—Wednesday a serious accident occured on the Fort street car line, the victim of which was H. Rochfort, of Foul Bay road. He was standing on the front step of one of the cars and leaning too far out, near Vancouver street, came in contact with one of the telephone posts. The car was going at a fair speed and the unfortunate man was thrown to the ground in an unconscious condition. Dr. Robertson was called, and, after temporary medical attention, the patient was removed to the Jubilee hospital. Dr. Robertson stated that Mr. Rochfort was suffering form concussion of the brain, but that the indications were so far favorable.

—Inquiry is heard these warm days about the proposed service of the launches to be operated on the Arm this year. The weather has been so favorable during the last week that many tourists now in the city might be induced to make the trip to the Gorge if steamers were operating. Under the present conditions there is no steamer ready for the purpose. The two building specially for the run are not yet complete. Mr. Goodwin is making all haste in adding the finishing touches to the Dominion, but says that it will be at least ten days yet before he can put her on the run. Last year he commenced the service on June 25th.

—The anniversary of the Canadian Order of Woodmen of the World was celebrated by the two local lodges, Victoria, No. 52, and Columbia Camp, No. 1, by a trolley car ride on Monday. A start was made at 7.30 o'clock, five special cars having been secured for the occasion. Al the resorts touched by the local line were visited, and the run was completed about 8.45. An adjournment was then taken to the A. O. U. W. hall, where a dance was held and refreshments served. All present voted the programme an unqualified success. Judging by the cheers which marked the progress of the Woodmen during their ride the outing was thoroughly enjoyed and the subsequent social equally appreciated.

—The C. P. R. steamship Tartar arrived from the Orient on Monday after a passage of 14 days' duration. She made the outer wharf at 6 o'clock, and proceeded to Vancouver at 8 o'clock, after landing Victoria mail and 19 Japanese passengers. The saloon passengers to arrive on the ship were: W. A. Backhouse, John Foster, A. S. Goody, H. J. Hennage, G. Hayl, E. H. Hemrod, O. Hughes, Lieut. A. H. de Kautzon, H. C. Knight, Lieut. H. Leigh, R.N., J. J. McGingan, Mr. Matsuda, Capt. Montgomery, Hugh O'Neil, E. K. Charrington, F. G. Rice, A. Rhodius, W. H. Rodwell, Mrs. W. H. Rodwell, Judge E. C. Smith, Miss M. J. Smith, Lieut. Stokes, H. H. F. Tesle, R. Trace, Mrs. Trace, Lieut. H. S. Thomson, E. M. Whipp, J. B. Wilshin and Zermichon.

—The Local Council of Women held its regular monthly meeting in the city hall Monday, Miss Perrin presided. After discussion the question of sending delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council, to be held in Winnipeg in September, the corresponding secretary was requested to communicate with Mrs. McLagan, vice-president for British Columbia, in order to find what steps had been taken as to transportation rates. Mrs. McLagan was again nominated for provincial vice-president of the order. Miss Crease wrote withdrawing her resignation as a vice-president sent in at a previous meeting. This withdrawal was at the solicitation of the council. Miss Perrin's resignation as president of the council was, with regrets, accepted. Several of those present referred to the excellent services which Miss Perrin had given the council.

—The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending June 14th were $801,895.

—H. W. Walker, of the Western Express, Esquimalt road, has been awarded the contract for mail carrying between Victoria and Esquimalt. The contract extends over four years.

—A fisherman who has haunted the water of Shawnigan lake for years claims it is no new thing to take steelheads therefrom. About six years ago he captured two small specimens of this species in one day.

—The Nanaimo Herald says: "J. M. Jones, who describes himself as the champion trick bicyclist of the world, was yesterday morning sent to jail for 30 days on a charge of vagrancy. According to the evidence, Jones had been going the round of the hotels in the city and the district and departing without paying his bills."

—The annual meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Royal Jubilee hospital will take place on Tuesday, June 28th, at 4 o'clock. All those donating or subscribing $5 or over are entitled to vote. The annual reports will be presented at the meeting and four directors will be elected for the year. Those retiring are H. Dallas Helmcken, Edward Musgrave, F. D. Pemberton and Alex. Wilson. These are all eligible for reelection.

—On the 6th inst. there passed away at Chilliwack, after an illness of five months, at the age of 73, Jonathan Reece, who came to Fraser River in 1858, and who in later years engaged in stock raising and farming at Chilliwack. Mr. Reece, who was a man of sterling qualities and unflagging energy, had an abiding faith in British Columbia, where he married and raised a numerous family. He died surrounded by his children and mourned by them, and his friends and neighbors. He is survived by his widow, and the following children: Mrs. J. W. Galloway, Mrs. Geo. Marshall, Mrs. Jas. Bellamy, Miss Nora Reece and Edwin Reece.

—The license commissioners at a meeting held Monday discussed the question of granting licenses for the wholesale traffic in liquor to Chinese in this city. Four applications were received, the following asking for the privilege: Yuen Lung, Wah Yuen Company, Ying Chang Lung Company and Tim Kee. No licenses were granted. As a legal question may be involved the commissioners took occasion to specialize the Wah Yuen Company in giving grounds for the refusal so that a test case might be afforded if desired. The ground of refusal is that the commissioners consider that it is inexpedient to grant wholesale licenses to Chinese because of the difficulty experienced in investigating violations of the license act among them.

—A sad accident is reported from Union Bay which resulted in the death of George McAllister. It seems that on Saturday McAllister was engaged in cutting in "dead men" at Ray Bay to hold a boom of logs. Noticing his boat adrift, he started to swim for it, but finding the water too cold, he constructed a raft of two logs. He had not gone more than ten yards when the logs parted, throwing him into the water. It is thought he took a cramp, as he did not rise after falling in. Mr. Smith, superintendent of the logging operations, who was near at hand, made three ineffectual attempts to save the unfortunate man. The late Mr. McAllister had lived at Union Bay only three months. He was 30 years of age, unmarried, and a native of Scotland, where his parents reside.

—The Natural History Society met on Monday. A report was presented from the committee which looked into the question of collecting lily seed at Parson's Bridge for the purpose of replenishing Beacon Hill park this fall. A committee was appointed to seek permission from the park commissioners to plant a wild flower herbarium at Beacon Hill. In this way the wild flowers of the district could be collected and would prove interesting and instructive. E. O. Scholefield, provincial librarian, gave the second part of his paper on the Bibliography of British Columbia. This proved a very valuable one, and an effort will be made to have the information collected by the librarian published as a bulletin. At the next meeting S. P. Roberts will read a paper entitled "A Visit to Kelanea, Hawaii," being a description of a great volcanic eruption.

—There was a good attendance of those interested in the study of French at the Hotel Malmoral on Monday. The result was the organization of the Victoria Alliance Francaise. The officers elected were as follows: President, Lieut.-Colonel F. B. Gregory; vice-president, Mrs. O. M. Jones; secretary, Miss Leiser; treasurer, Mrs. E. G. Prior; librarian, Mlle. Fausch de Karezdron. Mrs. Dupont and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, together with the officers, form the executive committee. The committee appointed to prepared by-laws and constitution reported, and after some slight amendments its report was adopted. The society will meet each Monday evening for the purpose of studying the French language and literature. On Monday evening next the first regular meeting will be held. The subject to be taken up will be either Moliere's "Fourberies de Scapin" or "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perichon."

—Another pioneer passed away this morning in the person of John Temple, who has been an inmate of the Old Men's Home for the past few years. Deceased was 76 years of age and a native of Westnewton, Cumberland, England. He came to British Columbia in '62, taking passage on the sailing vessel 'Frisco. On his arrival here he was employed for years by Sir Joseph Trutch, and afterwards took to ranching in the Cariboo country. He remained there for about six years, afterwards taking up his residence again in Victoria. He leaves to mourn his loss three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, Mrs. M. Robinson and Miss F. Temple, all of whom are living in the Old Country. Mr. Temple was married twice. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Thursday at 2 p. m. from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Archdeacon Scriven will officiate.

—The regular half yearly meetings of the license commissioners of Esquimalt and South Victoria districts was held Wednesday. All licenses in both districts were renewed until the end of the year.

—The funeral of the late Robt. Heron, whose death occurred on Monday at the Jubilee hospital, is announced to take place on Saturday at 3 p.m. from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company.

—The Court of Revision is still continuing its sittings in the city hall, there being a long list of appeals yet to be heard. Tuesday afternoon the assessment of the B. C. Electric Railway Company's line was reduced from $1 to 60c. a foot. It was 50c. last year.

—"W. W. B. McInnes returned from Texada Monday evening," says the Nanaimo Free Press. "He says that the Marble Bay mine is now down nearly 500 feet, and that a splendid vein of bornite has been struck, so rich as to make the owners confident they have the best mine in the province. Mr. McInnes left for Alberni Tuesday afternoon."

—An accident occurred on Tuesday which resulted in Thomas Williams having both legs broken. He was getting off one of the Douglas street cars, when he slipped and was thrown heavily to the road. Medical attendance was immediately summoned and Mr. Williams was removed to St. Joseph's hospital. To-day he was reported to be doing well.

—Rev. Geo. R. B. Adams, the new pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, arrived in the city Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Adams and their two children. On Sunday he will occupy the pulpit for the first time. On Tuesday of next week a reception will be accorded Rev. Mr. Adams at the church, when the congregation will be given an opportunity to become acquainted with him. A programme will be given in connection with this.

—The picnic of the Sunday school of Knox church, Spring Ridge, will be held on the 1st of July at Cordova Bay. Express wagons, seated for comfort, will convey scholars and a limited number of friends to the lovely sea beach of this the most beautiful of Victoria's many popular picnic resorts. Those who are desirous of joining the happy party should communicate with the committee of management as soon as possible, so that seats may be reserved.

—The remains of the late George Henry Wilson-Brown were laid at rest Wednesday. The funeral took place from his late residence, corner of Ardester road and Burns avenue, at 9 o'clock, and a few minutes later at St. Mark's church, Boleskine road. Services were conducted by Rev. J. Grundy at the church and grave. There were many beautiful floral emblems. The following acted as pallbearers: H. M. Yates, J. W. Tolmie, P. R. Smith, W. G. Harris, W. Graham and A. A. Clayton.

—The children of Hillside school, King's road, will give a tonic-sol-fa concert on Friday afternoon in the Assembly room of the North Ward school. A demonstration of the two-part singing by the little ones will be given, and an otherwise interesting programme is assured. An admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for school children will be charged, the funds to be used for the benefit of the Hillside school. It is hoped to have a large attendance.

—There was a fair attendance at the dramatic recital given by Miss Grace Bonner on Tuesday under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at the association rooms. Each number on the programme was greeted with appreciative applause. Miss Bonner is not only an elocutionists of great ability, but she is also a skilled ventriloquist and a clever impersonator. Everyone present voted the entertainment an unqualified success. Should Miss Bonner ever visit this city again she will be given a cordial welcome.

—Special fares are being given by the transcontinental companies to various gatherings in the East. The following are included at the fares quoted: Baptist Young People's Union international convention, Detroit, July 7th to 10th; fare for round trip, $79. Grand Lodge of Elks, Cincinnati, July 23rd to 28th; fare $76.75. Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine, Atlantic City, N. J., July 13th to 15th; fare, $90.75. Grand Army national encampment, Boston, August 15th to 20th; fare, $92.05. Knights of Pythias' national encampment, Louisville, Ky.; fare, $75.75.

—L. W. Paisley, secretary of the Live Stock Association of British Columbia, has been in Ontario, and is bringing back to this province about three car loads of Ontario's fine horses. These include prize winners at the recent horse shows at Toronto and Galt, from the stables of J. D. Clark, Norval; Yeagher, Simcoe; Morris & Wellington, Fonthill, and others. Among the number are six fine registered Clyde mares. They are for exhibition and breeding purposes. Mr. Paisley says the live stock business is very prosperous in British Columbia. Although most attention has heretofore been devoted to cattle, breeders are now going in for horses to a greater extent. This is the largest number of registered mares ever imported from Ontario in one shipment. They were loaded at Toronto.

—Additions are being made to the special prize list and to the subscriptions to the fall fair to be held in the city. The directors have recently received two silver medals, both of which are given by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. One is to be assigned to the best bushel of wheat grown in the province, and the other will go to the best draft colt raised in British Columbia. In connection with the miners' drilling contest, the following subscriptions have been received: $20, given by the V. I. Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., per H. Cecil, manager; $20, given by the Britannia Copper Co., Ltd., Vancouver, per Hon. E. Dewdney, president; $10, given by the manager of the Tyee Smelter, Thomas Kiddie. Subscriptions have also been received from the following: $15, Imperial Bank of Canada; $25, Canadian Bank of Commerce.

—The ladies of Knox church have arrange for their annual strawberry and cream social to take place on Tuesday evening next, June 21st. J. G. Brown has secured some of the best musical talent of the city.

—There were two small fires Tuesday afternoon. Both were soon extinguished by the fire brigade. One was in the old street car sheds at the corner of Government and Pembroke streets, and the other a roof fire on Rock Bay avenue.

—J. B. Atkinson, M. E., has returned from a visit to the Bentley Iron Mining Company's property on Bugaboo creek. He confirms the report of W. Price, formerly at the head of the Irondale smelter, to the effect that the deposits are the richest on the coast.

—Favorable reports are received from the Cascade copper mine, Alberni. There are 80 tons of sacked ore on the dump and a shipment to the smelter is shortly to be made, just as soon as a tramway line now being constructed has been completed.

—The Hudson's Bay Company is reported to have declared a dividend of 35 shillings a share to be distributed among its shareholders. In addition to this, owing to the extensive land sales, £1 per share will be returned to the shareholders. Last year £2 per share was returned.

—A letter was received a few days ago from Walter Kurtz, a former compositor on the staff of the Colonist and a well known resident of this city, who is now in Nome. Mr. Kurtz is the proprietor of a newspaper published in that city, and is doing well.

—Special commodity rates on the C. P. R. Company's Dawson freight service will be effective on and after July 1st. They will apply to all staple groceries and produce. The rate from Victoria will be $2.75 per hundred weight, which is 25c. less than the rate now charged.

—The funeral of the late Joseph Temple took place on Thursday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. W. Baugh Allan conducted services. Many beautiful floral tributes were presented and the following acted as pallbearers: J. Fry, E. Fry, W. Temple, J. McIntosh, Alexander Jack and Isaac Walsh.

—The steamship Kanagawa Maru is due here from Japan on Tuesday next. She has been the only ship of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line to have been placed on the American route thus far since service has been suspended, although it is anticipated that others will follow. The steamer has a total of 168 passengers.

—Wm. Briggs, the Toronto publisher, in writting D. W. Higgins in reference to his forthcoming book, says: "The stories are unique in our literature. There is nothing like them in descriptions of early times. The United States possess a flood of stores of their early days. You will be our Bret Harte. There are some dramatic and exciting situations. One we were reading this morning, "The Saint and the Sinner," is very stirring."

—From Clayoquot comes news that the Ormonde No. 1 and No. 3 mines at Ahousaht have struck good ore. An open cut is being made and a ledge, six feet wide, has been encountered. The copper ore in these mines is of excellent quality. It is within easy reach of deep water, so that the shipping will be attended with no difficulty. In mines No. 2 and No. 4 a magnetite body has been located.

—"Miss Ruby Margaret Thompson, daughter of Mr. James Thompson, 550 Hornby street, and Mr. Walter McFaul, formerly of Toronto, and recently secretary of the B. C. Transfer Company, were married at Christ church on Monday by Rev. C. C. Owen. Both bride and groom were unattended. They drove to the Victoria boat immediately after the ceremony on a short tour of the coast cities."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

—The C. P. R. Company purpose providing a special service between this city and Vancouver on Dominion Day, when a single fare will be charged for the round trip to all excursionists visiting the Terminal City. Arrangements for the service have not yet been completed, but, according to present expectations, the Charmer will leave here at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 1st and will be followed by the Princess Victoria, sailing on her regular schedule, and probably the Princess Beatrice, which will be leaving for the north about that time.

—Local delegates to the Grand Lodge meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which was held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 9th and 10th inst., at Rossland, have returned. They report having been royally entertained, the mayor of the city having called upon them on their arrival and extended a hearty welcome. The Rossland club was thrown open and a special train was chartered for a trip to the Le Roi mine. This and other properties were inspected by the visitors. Some business of more than usual importance was dealt with before the adjournment. It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at Ladysmith.

—A meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Union was held in the league room of the Metropolitan church on Tuesday evening, when final arrangements were made for the annual picnic to be held at Langford plains, July 1st. The sports committee reported having arranged for a first class programme of sports, including football, baseball, tug-of-war, running races and baby show. The prize committee also reported to the effect that in the neighborhood of eighty prizes had been secured for the winners in the different contests. The picnic this year promises to be the most successful yet held.

—A meeting of what is to be known as the Victoria Property Owners' Association is called for this afternoon to take place in the city hall at 4 o'clock, when the constitution and by-laws will be considered and officers elected. The object of the association is "to secure the fullest representation of property interests on the voters' lists and at the polls; to promote the interests of owners and occupiers of property with a view of preventing injurious legislation and unfair or excessive taxation; to afford assistance in securing amendments to the laws which bear unduly on property interests and for such other purposes as may appear desirable."

—In the inquiry touching the death of W. D. Ross at Vancouver, the chief person interrogated was Detective John McLean, who had been with deceased between 8 and 10 o'clock on Sunday night. He had told him that he expected to meet a client at 8, but he had not turned up. McLean afterwards went with him to his office, and last saw him on Cordova street west at about 10 o'clock. At that time he was walking east. The acting coroner, Dr. Monro, said that from what he could learn, the only conclusion he could come to was that deceased had walked the wrong way in the night, and had come to his death by accidental drowning.

—The usual fortnightly meeting of Alexandra Lodge, S. O. E. B. S., was held on Wednesday in K. of P. hall. A large number of members were present, and a new member was added to the roll. A hearty invitation from Pride of the Island Lodge to attend a smoker, to be given by them on the 21st inst., was received and accepted with thanks. An invitation from Loyal Orange Lodge to attend their anual church parade, which takes place on Sunday, July 10th, was also read. It was decided to participate in the parade. It was also decided by the lodge to send a delegate to the grand lodge meeting at Montreal in August. Delegates were also appointed to visit Duncans to assist in the organization of another lodge. After all business was dealt with the worthy president introduced Bro. Raynes, representative of the grand lodge, who spoke at some length.

—"The general hospital board of Bellingham are congratulating themselves upon their good fortune in securing as head nurse and assistant matron Miss Annie B. Hamilton, who left Victoria for the Sound city to-day to enter upon the duties of her new and important position. Miss Hamilton, whose home was formerly in Vancouver, graduated at the Jubilee hospital after the prescribed course of training, receiving the gold medal attesting proficiency, after passing the examination with distinction, on the 24th of last month. Making a special study and care of surgical work it is not surprising that the Bellingham board have also seen fit to appoint her to full charge of the operating room, in addition to her other responsible duties. The practitioners of Victoria greatly regret Miss Hamilton's departure, as they esteem her an unusually capable and dependable coadjutor, but join in congratulating their Bellingham brethren upon their good fortune in securing her."—Vancouver World.

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MARRIED.

M'FAUL-THOMPSON—At Vancouver, on June 13th, by Rev. C. C. Owen, Walter McFaul and Miss Ruby M. Thompson.

BLIZZARD-FERCHIN—At Vancouver, on June 10th, by Rev. Newton Powell, Frederick E. B. Blizzard and Miss Minnie M. Ferchin.

FLETCHER-DAYKIN—At New Westminster, on June 9th, by Rev. G. H. Morden, Robert J. Fletcher and Annie N. Daykin.

FERGUSON-WAITE—At Vancouver, on June 8th, by Rev. Mr. Robertson, T. H. Ferguson and Miss Annie E. Waite.

JOHNSTON-ROBINSON—At Cranbrook, on June 6th, by Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, W. Johnston and Miss Elizabeth Robinson.

SPRAGUE-BRYDONE-JACK—At Vancouver, on June 14th, by Rev. W. C. King, H. Sprague and Mrs. Kate Brydone-Jack.

DIED.

HERON—In this city, on the 13th instant, Robert Heron, a native of Ontario, Canada, aged 69 years.

MUNRO—At Vancouver, on June 11th, Innis R. Munro, aged 26 years.

BLACK—At Vancouver, on June 12th, John Black, aged 59 years.

STRAWBERRIES ARE PLENT

LARGE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE TO A

The Drop in Prices—Apricots California--Wholesale and Re Market Quotations.

Probably the most important to both the wholesale and retail within the past two weeks is st ries. Indications are that there an abundance of this fruit, and t prices will fall exceptionally low the end of the season. Not only local growers report particularl crops, but the farmers of Dunca other Island points are shipping in big quantities. It was owing continued shipment of berries fr side places that the retail price usually remains at 25 cents a po at least several days, dropped s from that figure to 15 on Monday 10 cents on Tuesday.

In this connection it is interes note that there is a probability stronger fight than usual will tak between wholesale merchants f central local trade this year. what can be gathered an ente firm has secured the first right to ness with the majority of the m tensive growers of the Island, an fore already finds itself in a pos dispose of the fruit, wholesale, a ranging from 6 to 8 cents a pou

To compete with this company wholesale merchants are unders be contemplating the importation from the Sound. This, however scarcely be sufficiently profitable is therefore doubtful whether step will be taken. There are no berries on hand than can be conv disposed of, and the market is e to be seriously glutted as t ripens.

Apricots are already arrivin California in considerable qu The last steamers to come fr south brought consignments for wholesalers, and the fruit is be at the rate of $1.50 per box. quantities may be purchased fro ers at 10 cents per pound.

There is also an exceptional flu in the prices quoted for hay, o other foodstuffs. This is attrib the fact that the farmers of th and other Mainland agricultural have been holding back their las crops in the constant hope of better prices. As the advance du winter months has not amou much, these farmers now find the with a lot of marketable produc must be disposed of before the season's returns are offered for

The result is, and will continu a steady fall in the wholesale an prices of the produce referred to. connection it might be stated t figures in the appended quotatio ing reference to foodstuffs are th local wholesalers are willing to farmers. This is pointed out in c be mistaken for the sale prices wholesale dealer, as there is alwa or less of a margin.

Following are the retail and sale market quotations:

Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's, per sack	$
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Lake of Woods, per sack	
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Okanagan, per sack	
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Moose Jaw, per sack	
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Excelsior, per sack	
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Oak Lake, per sack	
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Hudson's Bay, per sack	
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Enderby, per sack	
Enderby, per bbl.	
Pastry Flours—	
Snowflake, per sack	
Snowflake, per bbl.	
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack.	
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O. K. Four Star, per sack	
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Drifted Snow, per sack	
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Three Star, per sack	
Three Star, per bbl	
Coal Oil—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	
Eocene	
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	
Oats, per ton	
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	
Rolled Oats (B. & K.)	
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	
Straw, per bale	
Middlings, per ton	
Bran, per ton	
Ground Feed, per ton	
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	
Vegetables—	
Beans, per lb.	
Fraser River Potatoes, 100 lbs.	
Island Potatoes (new), 100 lbs.	
Cabbage, per head	
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	
Carrots, per lb.	
Turnips, per lb.	
Peas, per lb.	
Tomatoes, per lb.	
Fish—	
Salmon, spring (smoked)	
Salmon, per lb.	
Cod, per lb.	
Halibut, per lb.	
Kippers, per lb.	
Bloaters, per lb.	
Rock Cod	
Bass	
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	
Butter (Delta Creamery)	
Best Dairy	
Butter (Cowichan Creamery).	
Butter (Victoria Creamery)	
Cheese (Canadian)	
Lard, per lb.	
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	
Bacon (American), per lb.	