

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

12th to 18th March, 1902.

During this week the weather has been continuously unsteady and rain or snow has fallen on every day.

On Sunday, 16th, a heavy rain fell in the afternoon, which was followed by a general rain extending southward to California.

On the 17th and 18th an extensive high barometric area and cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 19th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 20th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 21st a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 22nd a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 23rd a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 24th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 25th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 26th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 27th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 28th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 29th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 30th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 31st a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 1st a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 2nd a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 3rd a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 4th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 5th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 6th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 7th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 8th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 9th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 10th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 11th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

On the 12th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast, and on the 13th a cold front moved southward to the Pacific coast.

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intends making full investigations of the quality of the water in the district from a flowing standpoint. If the report is favorable mining will be given an impetus by the introduction of capital and the development of mining properties.

—In South Park school on Friday last the pupils of Division 1 were debating on the question "Resolved, that the school should have a more good for humanity than those of the physician."

—George W. Ferguson, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from Chas. G. Forbush, of Los Angeles, seeking information regarding the whereabouts of Miss Florence A. Ely and nephew and Frank Ely Rogers, who disappeared from their home, 713 Hinman avenue, Vancouver, B.C., on July 12th, 1901, and have never been heard of since.

—The Irish concert last night was an unqualified success from first to last, and the hall was crowded at 8 o'clock, prominent among those present being the following members of the legislature: Messrs. McPhillips, McPhillips, Clifton, Taylor and Kidd. Denis Murphy, M.P.P., occupied the chair, and the table at which he sat was tastefully decorated with a magnificent bunch of shamrock.

—On Tuesday, April 1st, an entertainment will be given in aid of St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, by the married couples of that town, assisted by some friends. Elaborate arrangements are being made, and an attractive programme will be presented. The entertainment will commence sharp at 8 o'clock, and 50c. and 25c. admission will be charged.

—The death took place last evening of Francis Joseph Belgan, at St. Joseph's hospital. Deceased was 30 years of age and a native of Victoria. The remains were removed to W. J. Hanna's parlors, from where the funeral will take place.

—The remains of the late James Kobes were laid at rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from W. J. Hanna's parlors at 2:30 o'clock, the religious services being conducted by Rev. W. H. Robertson. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Jas. Dennis, Allan Jones, D. Copeland and J. Tranter.

—On Wednesday, April 2nd, in Christ Church cathedral, a large musical will be given in aid of the cathedral enlargement fund, under the auspices of Miss Archibut. Miss Laura Lowman and Mr. B. Alford will assist, and the following Miss Archibut's pupils, will also participate: The Misses M. G. Messenger, Jessie Gully, Alice Bell, Isla Hicks, Wanda M. J. H. and Miss Hilda Harris, and Miss Hilda Harris, formerly a pupil of Miss Archibut.

—A dispatch from Suffolk, Va., says: "Gen. William P. Roberts, a brigadier-general at twenty-three, the youngest of the Confederacy," he is to be a senator, and R. C. Under Mr. Cleveland's second administration, announced to-day his candidacy for Congress from the First North Carolina district. Though North Carolina furnished more Confederate soldiers than any other state, it has no veteran in either branch of congress."

Walkom, New Westminster. They are elected by the members of the medical profession throughout the province, and their offices are to conduct examinations and transact the business of the Council. At 10 o'clock this morning Rev. Canon Beemings and Rev. W. Leslie Clay were scrutinizers.

—Arrivals by the train to-day included Messrs. J. H. Cockburn, E. Quesnel and G. L. Schetky, all of Nanaimo. They are here as a deputation representing the citizens of Nanaimo to lay before the government the views of the people of the Coast City in regard to the route and other matters with reference to the proposed line to the north end of the island.

—Messrs. Tony Silven, the E. & N. engineer, and Robert Hutchison have invented a new railway block system, and the former leaves for New York and Washington to-night to secure patents. Their invention works wholly by electricity, and will render railway collisions utterly impossible. Supposing that the first block on the E. & N. line was between Victoria and Esquimalt; when the train left this city the semaphore closes this block to a train approaching from the other direction. The same semaphore would be operated at all the blocks, and except an engineer be busily engaged in the cab, and fall to a standstill shortly after passing the semaphore, for, by this system, there is an apparatus in the cab for that purpose, arranged on the brake system. There are two arms on the pole at every block, one for each train.

—A case involving a somewhat novel charge of smuggling is now before the courts of Seattle. Victor McConnell, a rancher whose home is at West Sound, is the defendant. The articles alleged by the government to have been smuggled by McConnell were a marine boiler and engine, valued at \$200, and a boiler and engine, valued at \$5 per cent, and a valve. According to the Post-Intelligencer the government brought in evidence that McConnell purchased the machinery in Victoria and brought it across the straits in his freight seven-ton sloop. The evidence to the alleged smuggling was largely negative. It was not shown that any duty had been paid, the straits being open to the coast. McConnell, at one witness testified, had stated that he intended to take the boiler and engine to Nanaimo, B. C., and had neverthless gone directly across the straits with his sloop and cargo. The boiler and engine were later seized by the collector of customs in Fairhaven.

—The different plants in Province are being appraised with this object in view. There is a general disposition on the part of nearly all the big industries of the province to combine. The sealing organization, effected less than a year ago, headed the list; the salmon canners, as stated in the Times some time ago, have taken a somewhat similar compact, and now a movement is on foot for combining all the foundries of British Columbia under one management. Reference to the deal was briefly made in these columns a few days ago. Many very strong arguments are adduced in favor of the proposal, and the whole feasibility of the project is now dependent upon the report of the committee on the Al-Berni railway, and there will be a discussion as to the casting laws.

—In response to the representations of the city council and Trades Association for an extension of the Al-Berni railway, the hon. the minister of marine and fisheries has telegraphed the Mayor that all illegal fishing in Cowichan river will be stopped, and that the new regulations under the Fisheries Act, which will be in force from the 1st of April, will be under one management the foundrymen will be relieved of much expense, which, under the existing condition of affairs, is necessary. An instance of this is given in the work of the department. The business under this heading might, it is argued, be concentrated in one central office, where all the work in the city might be done. This principle in the practice of economy could be carried out in all phases of the industry, and the saving thus effected would be considerable. The work of the combine will, it is proposed, be divided up so that each institution will be given that for which it is now best equipped.

—The remains of the late Francis Joseph Belgan were laid at rest this morning, the funeral taking place from W. J. Hanna's parlors at 8:15 a. m., and later from the Roman Catholic church, Rev. Father Althoff conducted the services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. F. Campbell, J. W. Speed, J. E. Huxtable and A. E. McDonald.

—Provincial Constable Halhead, of Chemainus, brought down this morning an Austrian named Chinie, who is suspected of housebreaking, and a constable of sealing a railway vehicle about midnight last night. As soon as he learned the circumstances the constable started in pursuit of the suspected man, and arrested him at Goldstream this morning. He will be tried up the line, where he will be taken to-morrow.

—The provincial election of the provincial council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons took place at the board of health meeting this morning, the following being elected to constitute the council: Drs. Fagan, Davis and Jones, of Victoria; Dr. R. E. McKee, of Nanaimo; Dr. P. D. McKeen, of Kamloops; and Dr.

BISHOP CRIDGE HAS RESIGNED RECTORSHIP

Compelled by Old Age to Relinquish Duties in Connection With Reformed Episcopal Church.

Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, who has for more than a quarter of a century been closely connected with, and who practically founded the Reformed Episcopal church in this city, has resigned. Only the weakness and infirmities of old age has induced the venerable bishop to take this action.

The following is the text of the memorial from the people of Alberni on the subject of railway communication, presented yesterday to the Premier by Capt. Huff, ex-M.P.P., the delegate specially appointed for the purpose at public meetings held recently in Alberni.

—Resolved, That we, the citizens of Alberni, wish to urge both upon the Provincial and Dominion governments the strong desire of the people of this district to have the main line of any railway which may be built to the north end of Vancouver Island from present railway connection with Victoria, British Columbia, by the most direct route.

INFORMATION BUREAU TO BE ESTABLISHED

Miss G. Cameron Appointed to Take Charge of Office of Tourist Association.

A meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was held in the Mayor's parlors yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock, when all the members were in attendance with the exception of Messrs. Henderson and Ker. The president, Mayor Hayward, occupied the chair. Following on the lines of the previous meeting held a week ago, arrangements were finally made for the opening of a permanent office and a bureau of information. The association has procured the large and commodious offices and sale rooms now occupied by the Cuthbert-Browne Co., on Port street, for that purpose, and have retained the services of E. Cuthbert as secretary and bookkeeper, and J. C. Henderson as agent.

Tenders were received for the alterations to the extension of the Al-Berni railway, and the latter to such an extent as to bid fair to lead to the establishment of a separate industry. Those who are interested in this venture have repeatedly pointed out that the main obstacle in the way of establishing smelters in the Alberni district is the difficulty attendant upon the securing of a cheap and constant supply of fuel for the purposes of the erection of smelting plants in this place. It is proposed to construct a branch line from the Alberni district to the north end of the island, and the latter to such an extent as to bid fair to lead to the establishment of a separate industry.

LEGISLATION ENDORSED

Trades and Labor Council Sanction Two New Measures.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last night, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas there is now before the provincial legislature two acts, titled as the 'Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902,' introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., and 'Trade Unions Protection Act, 1902,' and whereas these acts are designed to benefit and protect the working people of this province, the first by providing for compensation for injuries sustained by workmen, the result of negligence on the part of employers; and the second providing for the attachment of the funds of trade unions by the courts for the purpose of enforcing the laws relating to the same; Be it resolved, That the Trades and Labor Council of Victoria does it of vital importance to the working people and trade unionists of this province that said acts shall become law." The copy of these resolutions was forwarded to Messrs. Hawthornthwaite and Currie, also the four members for Victoria city—Messrs. Helme, Mackenzie, Clifton and Hon. Col. Prior, minister of mines.

ALBERNI'S CLAIM FOR RAILROAD

MEMORIAL PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT

Setting Forth Great Urgency For Railway Connection—Feasible Route With Few Difficulties.

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access plays a very considerable part in the development of any new mining colony. Referring to other reasons which will be in themselves of sufficient importance to render necessary railway communication, it must not be overlooked that the route which is proposed will render available large areas of valuable timber land, and that, with the magnificent water powers manifested in numerous places throughout the Alberni valley, the manufactured products of these areas would be enabled to reach outside markets to a degree of equality which would no doubt secure capital to avail itself of such opportunities.

It is believed that Bishop Cridge will continue his Episcopal functions in this province, his jurisdiction in this regard extending as far south as San Francisco.

—The Grand Trunk railway has placed a 25,000 ton steel rail order with an English company, and the Canadian Pacific a 30,000 ton order with a German firm. The Canadian Thread company, Montreal, has been fined \$20 and costs for refusing to answer questions in the census statistics table issued on March 12th, 1902, by the Statistics Canada.

—The will of the late Marguerite Duffin, deceased, dated February 12th, 1902, was probated yesterday. The estate is valued at \$18,848.

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GATHERING KNIGHTS

Large Numbers Arriving at Chicago to Attend Jubilee.

Chicago, March 20.—Nearly every incoming train brought members of the Knights of Pythias to Chicago to-day to the grand jubilee, which will begin to-night. The hosts are the lodges of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, and arrangements have been made to entertain 20,000 guests. The jubilee begins at the Coliseum at 8 p. m.

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Phospholine

English Remedy, recommended by all the medical authorities in Canada. Only one discovered, etc. etc.

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