

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
2nd to 8th January, 1901.

From the commencement to the close of this week the weather has been abnormally cold, accompanied by heavy snowfalls throughout western British Columbia. These conditions were caused by a vast high barometer area almost continuously hovering over this province and the Canadian Territories, while off the Coast and across the neighboring American Pacific slope the barometer remained comparatively low. By the night of the 3rd nearly three inches of soft snow had fallen here, and over a foot over northern Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland; at the same time the temperature was steadily falling, due to the overflow of cold air from Cariboo (where 22 below zero was registered) towards the lighter region of low barometric pressure off the Coast. By the 4th the ocean storm area had spread southward to California and caused destructive gales, with heavy rains, from Flattery to San Francisco, and heavy snowfalls in the mountains of Northern California, which completely blocked railroad traffic for several days.

Owing to the moderating effect of the adjacent ocean waters and hovering Coast storm area, the temperature in the immediate vicinity of Victoria and western Washington did not fall much below the freezing point, whereas further north and east much greater cold prevailed. The effect of this cold wave has caused the lower Fraser river to freeze over and prevent navigation, while the continuous heavy snowfalls at New Westminster (total 3.8 feet) and at Vancouver have temporarily blocked the electric car system, and caused the collapse of several roofs.

During this week the barometer has been very high in the Territories, rising above 31 inches on the 4th at Battleford, when the temperature fell to 40 below zero. The average temperature, however, from the Rockies to Manitoba, has been 29 below zero, and with the exception of considerable snow in Alberta and Montana, the weather has been generally fine. In Cariboo the lowest daily temperature since the 2nd has been below zero and often many degrees.

At Victoria only 4 hours and 54 minutes bright sunshine was recorded, 31 inch of rain, and 3.6 inches of snow. The highest temperature was 40.2 on the 2nd, and the lowest was 23.0 on the 4th.

New Westminster had 3 feet 8 inches of snow, highest temperature was 32 on the 2nd, and the lowest 14 on the 4th.

Kamloops reports an inch of snow, highest temperature 26 on the 2nd, and lowest 6 below zero on the 5th.

Barkerville reports 4 inch of snow, highest temperature 8 on the 6th, and the lowest 22 below zero on the 3rd.

The following is a summary of the weather for December:

Precipitation.	Inches.
Victoria	4.07
Vancouver	9.22
New Westminster	9.40
Goldstream Lake	12.97
Victoria Waterworks	5.40
French Creek	8.34
Alberni	19.70
Point Garry	6.41
Point Atkinson	8.56
Roseland	5.58
Rivers Inlet	15.70

In Victoria only 29 hours and 54 minutes of bright sunshine was recorded. The highest temperature was 54.0 on 18th; lowest 31.2 on 31st. Mean temperature for month, 45.6.

The total number of miles recorded on the anemometer was 7,118, and the direction as follows: North, 820; northeast, 540; east, 705; southeast, 3,136; south, 296; southwest, 1,039; west, 501; northwest, 108. Alberni—Mean temperature, 40.44; highest, 51.1 on 1st and 20th; lowest, 22.9 on 26th.

Vancouver—Mean temperature, 42.06; highest, 54.5 on 7th; lowest, 24.4 on 31st.

New Westminster—Mean temperature, 42.1; highest, 55.0 on 6th; lowest, 20.0 on 30th and 31st.

Roseland—Highest temperature, 45.3; lowest, 2.9; 28 inches of snow fell.

Garry Point—Mean temperature, 41.55; highest, 53.0 on 4th and 5th; lowest, 25.0 on 30th and 31st.

Victoria Record for 1900.

Highest barometer, 30.516 inches on December 27th.

Lowest barometer, 29.068 inches on November 10th.

Highest temperature, 79.6 degrees on July 21st.

Lowest temperature, 17.0 degrees on February 14th.

Mean temperature for year, 50.43 degrees.

Total precipitation, including 4.30 inches of snow, was 24.70 inches; the average for 26 years being 31.43 inches.

The total number of miles of wind registered on the anemometer was 69,088, and the direction was as follows:

South	11,292
Southwest	13,311
West	16,410
Northwest	1,167

INSTITUTE HALL.

Thoroughly Renovated and Made Up-to-Date.

Under the direction of Bishop Orth, Institute hall has been undergoing a thorough renovation. The work is nearing completion, and the hall, it is expected, will be thrown open some day next week.

The walls have been decorated, and a draught which was always found to exist at the front entrance, has been checked by an inside swinging door and two anterooms.

The stage has been enlarged, and all modern appliances in connection with electric lights installed, including switch board and footlights. A complete set of stock scenery has been painted by Helliger, of Seattle, including beautiful drop curtain with storm scenes, also an interior scene, a wood scene, a kitchen scene, a street scene, and a horizon scene. It has all the necessary appointments to make it a thoroughly up-to-date stage.

Phillip Danforth Armour, the great packer, who died on Sunday, was buried at Chicago yesterday. The services were of the simplest character, carrying out the expressed wishes of Mr. Armour.

Local News.

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—The Chalmers this morning carried a party of embryo teachers who have gone to Vancouver to take the first term of the Normal school. The party was composed as follows: Misses Fanny Forbes Whyte and Catherine Chipman, admitted as associates in arts of McGill university; Misses Mabel Davey, Irene Ure and Elsie Shrapnell, holders of teachers' certificates; and Misses Una Nicholles, Lena Sexsmith, Mabel Clarke, Laura Simpson, Dora Crawford, Colona Blake, Eleanor Loat, Louisa Carter, Mabel Holt, and Fanny Strachan and Leonard Sprague.

—Seattle is to have perhaps the finest public library on the Pacific coast, to replace the one destroyed by fire on the morning of January 2nd. The city authorities having indicated their willingness to purchase a site and guarantee \$50,000 annually for maintenance, the fact was brought to the attention of Andrew Carnegie, who immediately sent steel magnate and philanthropist, H. promptly wired back that he admired the city's pluck and would provide \$200,000 for a building, adding that the city must be sure to have spare grounds about the building for future additions.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—The marriage of George G. Smith, of Lopez, Wash., and Mary Etta Paul, of Seattle, took place yesterday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Campbell at the manse.

—The funeral of the late Thomas H. Patterson took place this morning from the Vernon Hotel at 2.30 o'clock, and later from the First Presbyterian church, where services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

—Dr. Lewis Hall, chairman of the public school board, whose term of office expires this year, announces that he will again be a candidate for the board. Mrs. Grant, another of the retiring trustees, will also be in the field, though it is understood that Mr. McCandless will not again offer for election.

—The death occurred yesterday of Colin Alex. Gilchrist, at the family residence. Deceased was a native of Orillia, Ontario, and was 25 years of age. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gilchrist, of this city, and leaves a widow and one son. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 p.m.

—In reference to the item in last night's Times regarding the amount involved in the settlement of the Indian sealing claims, the total sum to be paid then as compensation was \$14,000, not \$14,400 as stated. The error was a typographical one, and was not due to mis-information from Mr. Vowell, who distinctly stated that the sum involved was \$14,000.

—William Zeede, a pioneer of this city, died last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, W. Noble, 144 Oswego street. Deceased was 72 years of age and was a veteran of the Crimean war. He was a native of Preston, Lancashire, and leaves a daughter, Mrs. Noble, in this city, and a son in York, Eng.

The funeral will take place from the residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—In the Supreme court to-day argument is being heard by Mr. Justice Martin in the case of Partridge vs. Hamilton. The case is one of the previous stages of which was heard in Atlin, and arises out of a dispute between Wm. Partridge (Sailor Bill) and Lord Ernest Hamilton, in regard to claims. The latter is the owner of the Anaconda group, including the Annie, Salisbury and Diaboli, while Partridge owns the Lakeview and Lakeview extension claims. The judge's decision on the claims has been blazed on trees without cutting them off,

and a dispute arose as to whether these constituted proper initial posts. D. G. MacDonnell appears for Lord Ernest Hamilton and R. Cassidy, Q. C., for Partridge.

—Regarding the disappearance of Dr. Bettinger, of Dawson, for whom Capt. McDowell and four policemen are now in search, word comes from the Yukon metropolis that Samuel Footwell, who arrived in that city on January 1st, met him at Lower Lebarge on December 17th, and held him in an extended conversation with him. He had changed his overcoat for a parkie and was in the best of health.

—At yesterday's meeting of the board of horticulture, Nelson was selected as a fruit quarantine station for the inspection of stock coming in over the Crow's Nest road. D. A. McParlane was selected as quarantine officer. The following places were also selected as points at which nursery stock may be imported into this province: Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Golden, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Grand Forks, Okanagan Landing and Cranbrook.

—Geo. St. Cyr, the man who is held on a charge of murder in Dawson City, is well known in this city, which he made his winter headquarters until last year. He lived at the Hotel Victoria in the winter time, making exploration trips to the Hocklana, Big Salmon and other northern rivers in the summer. Those who were acquainted with him in the winter time, which is laid against him, and believe that if he did kill a man, as is charged, it was in self-defence, as he himself states. He is a brother of the Dominion Land surveyor of the same name.

—The following resolution adopted by the board of horticulture at its meeting on December 10th, is published for general information: "Whereas, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, held in Victoria, December 17th, 1900, that some persons were spreading in the second horticultural district, the board of horticulture believes this report to have no foundation in fact, and that no instance of San Jose scale is known to exist in the province at the present time." It was ordered that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the press for publication.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—James D. McNeven, secretary of the Victoria trades and labor council, has been appointed Victoria correspondent of the Labor Gazette, published by the department at Ottawa.

—In an interview published in his way to Ottawa, Premier Dunsinville stated that the legislature would probably be summoned for the dispatch of business about the 15th of February.

—Dr. Leslie Day, whose seances while in Victoria got him into some difficulty and caused his hurried departure from the city, has been arrested in Toronto for exercising the arts of witchcraft, or sorcery.

—Hon. J. H. Turner is arranging to give effect to the recommendation of the patriotic committee to have all the returned members of the British Columbia contingent who served in the Boer war, to honor to the Governor upon the opening of the provincial legislature.

—News has been received by the friends of Trooper H. Fraser, of this city, who was a member of Strathcona's Horse, that he has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital. He was not accidentally injured, but was reported, but shot through the knee, and the injured limb may be stiff for life.

—Wilson Bros., shipped on the Tees last night to Dawson city 100,000 Havana cigars, valued at over \$12,000. This is probably the largest sale of imported cigars ever made in this city. The Bros. have been working up the imported cigar business for some years, and are now one of the largest importers in Canada.

—At the St. John's church this morning Alfred Crofton, of Dublin, Ireland, more recently of Salt Spring Island, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss May Susanah Bullock, also of Salt Spring Island. The marriage was private. The bride was given away by her brother, H. W. Bullock, and R. M. Palmer acted as best man. Arrangements had been made to have the ceremony at the residence of the bride, but the bride's father, who is a shipyard owner, and the happy couple will spend their honeymoon in Southern California.

—The Bishop of Columbia scholarship in the Collegiate school has been awarded to H. Houston, who secured an average of 76 per cent. Royds, with 58 per cent, and J. Belyen, with 52 per cent, stood second and third. The two latter were somewhat weak in arithmetic and divinity, otherwise they would have run Houston very close for first place.

The examiner, Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A., a Presbyterian minister, and the principal dean, was well satisfied with the character of the papers.

—Jas. Harding, the bluejacket charged with pointing a revolver at Special Constable Johnston, came before Police Magistrate Hall again this morning. The evidence of the police officer was taken, in which the defendant was represented as having used abusive language and threatened to kill Special Constable Johnston. At the request of the defendant's counsel, F. Higgins, the case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

—News comes from Alberni of an interesting wedding having been solemnized on the 1st inst., in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, between the principals of the happy event were William R. Pillar, son of Henry Pillar, of French Creek, to Miss Annie Maria L'Esper, of Alberni. The bride was the recipient of numerous presents from her many friends on the Coast.

NEW RIVER STEAMER.

Vessel to Be Built to Replace Monte Christo on the Skeena.

An entirely new steamer is projected for service on the Skeena river next year. The vessel, it is intended, shall replace Monte Christo, which, damaged herself to such an extent on her last voyage down the river that a new hull was at first decided on. Since, however, her owner, Robert Cunningham, has determined on a new steamer throughout, and

is now in the city arranging with the Albion Iron Works, it is understood, for the construction of the craft. The dimensions of the steamer cannot at present be given, more than to say that the vessel will be considerably larger than the Monte Christo, although necessarily of no greater draught. The successful operation of the Monte Christo on the Skeena has been a boon to the Omineca country, which, prior to her advent on the river, depended solely on the Hudson Bay steamer Caledonia for a service. Being of much greater depth than the Monte Christo, the Caledonia could not travel up the river except when the water was of a sufficient depth to allow her. Consequently a regular service could not be given. With the new steamer, it will be possible this coming year, by means of the telegraph service now established, for a resident at Hazelton to know almost to the day the time which he can look for the steamer from Vancouver. The shipment of goods sent forward from here by one of the northern steamers.

—The first definite news of the missing steamship Tillamook was given out yesterday by L. H. Gray, who was at the time she sailed on her last voyage here, at Seattle. James Dobbs, a miner who returned from Valdes on the last voyage of the Bertha, brought intelligence of the fact that the Tillamook was hoisted by hoisting Cook Inlet, and that she was not likely to get out this winter. Dobbs got this news at Valdes from a swish who had just come down from Seaview. On his arriving at Seattle, Dobbs told the facts which he knew to Secretary Elmer, of the Cook Inlet Coal Mining Company. That gentleman formed Mr. Gray, who said nothing of the matter at the time, hoping to get definite confirmation or denial when the Dolphin arrived from Juneau, where Mr. Chilberg, the agent of the Tillamook, was expected to arrive. Dobbs stated that while he was at Valdes waiting for the Bertha, a swish who had come down from the Cook Inlet country, met him. The two got into a conversation. The swish said: "Tillamook in Seaview bay. Heap big ice in Seaview bay. He stuck all winter." This is all the information the Indian could give. Seaview bay is at the mouth of Cook Inlet at the southeast end of that body of water. The Tillamook was run by the Alaska Mail Steamship Company, of which J. E. Chilberg is manager. She called from Seattle for Juneau and the westward on the 27th of October, and has been five weeks overdue to return to Juneau from the westward. Mr. Chilberg is at Juneau waiting for the return of the Dolphin, which is expected to return to Seattle and which is on the Juneau-Westward run, to get definite information as to the Tillamook's location. Until he gets that information the authenticity of the story of the swish will remain in doubt.

The Rijun Maru, which sailed yesterday from this port for the Orient, carried a 4,000-ton cargo of American products, roughly valued at \$200,000. Her freight is consigned to many of the principal ports of the Far East, notably Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila. It consisted chiefly of Washington flour, Texas cotton, beef, hardware, machinery and general merchandise. The Rijun Maru took twenty-one Japanese and Chinese passengers, steaming from Seattle. She also carried 6,000 pounds of mail from Seattle, and the largest shipment ever sent along the vein and stopping commenced. Strange as it may seem, there were packages stowed away in 154 mail sacks that came from Italy, Germany and other foreign countries. Departure of other Oriental mail-carrying steamers from the Pacific Coast were so timed in the present case that six days' mail was all turned in through the Seattle office.

A special to the P.-I. from Skagway says: "The new boilers which are to be placed in the Canadian Development Company's steamer Sybil and Yukon, this winter have been ordered from Toronto, and are expected to arrive in White Horse about February 15th, when active work will be commenced in the ship yards at that place. Besides the repairs, the company's shipbuilding force will be busy on the three new boats which are to be launched next spring.

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