

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.

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.

At Victoria only 4 hours and 54 minutes bright sunshine was recorded, .31 inch of rain, and 3.6 inches of snow.

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

Kamloops reports an inch of snow, highest temperature 26 on the 2nd, and lowest 9 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:

Table with 2 columns: Precipitation, Inches. Rows include Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Goldstream Lake, Victoria, French Creek, Alberni, Point Garry, Point Atkinson, Bixies Inlet, and In Victoria only 29 hours and 54 minutes of bright sunshine was recorded.

Rosland-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.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Victoria High school have in attendance this term 136, divided among the different classes as follows: Matriculation, 5; intermediate, 25; junior A, 22; junior B, 35; and junior C, 43.

The quarantine on Nanaimo having been lifted, passenger traffic over the E. & N. line between Victoria and the Black Diamond city is now carried on without the vaccination regulations having to be complied with.

The British Columbia Marine Engineers' Association held their annual meeting yesterday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mr. Jeffrey, president; Mr. McGraw, vice-president; Mr. McNiven, secretary; Mr. Cullinan, treasurer.

The Attorney-General has notified the official stenographer of the Supreme court that he may consider the system by which the stenographer retained the fees for transcribing records as follows: January, Transcripts of cases will now be obtained by the stenographer direct, instead of, as for some time past, from the Supreme court registry.

The annual meeting of the Ministerial Association was held yesterday afternoon. Among the business transacted was the election of Rev. Dr. Wilson to act as president for the present year, and the Rev. J. F. Vichert to occupy the position of secretary.

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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. McDonnell and four policemen are now in search, word came 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 quite an extended conversation with him. He had changed his overcoat for a parakee 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. McParlam was selected as quarantine officer. The following places were also selected as points at which nursery stock may be imported into the province: Victoria, 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 showed a marked disposition to the winter life, making expeditions to the Hockaliqua, Big Salmon and other northern rivers in the summer. Those who were acquainted with 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 yesterday, 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 San Jose scale was being introduced into the 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 this province at present time." It was ordered that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the press for publication.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

James D. McNiven, 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 with Wiandje on 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 returned to Toronto for two months imprisonment 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 Labor Gazette, published by the department at Ottawa.

News has been received by the friends of Trooper H. Fraser, of this city, who was a member of Strathearn's Horse, that he has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital. He was not accidentally injured as first 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 territory. The cigars have been packed up in 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 the 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 in the hall of the Grand Hotel, but 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., 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, at the residence of the principals of the happy event were William R. Pillar, son of Henry Pillar, of French Creek, to Miss Annie Maria Phipps, 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 the 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 Okanega 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 on a fixed schedule, 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 arrival of the steamer at Hazelton, or a shipment of goods sent forward from here by one of the northern steamers.

ROSSLAND CAMP. The first week of the year began well with five shippers, all of which were expected to continue steadily throughout the year, says the Rossland Miner of Sunday. The Le Roi, which shipped at the usual rate of about 4,000 tons weekly. The heavier shipments which are expected to be sent out from this mine will not begin until such time as the new machinery is in working order at every point of the new shipping scheme. The Centre Star also is shipping at its usual rate, 2,100 tons weekly. The War Eagle is shipping about 500 tons weekly. The Iron Mask and the Le Roi No. 2 have shipped their usual quantities, which is about 150 tons weekly apiece. The latter may be expected to double this when the smelter is ready for the ore. To the present time, the output of the mine has been about 1,000 tons weekly, which will be increased by additions from the Le Roi and the subsidiary mines up to 10,000 before many weeks are over. There were only five days to this week, ending Saturday, inasmuch as the year began on Tuesday. On that day the Le Roi shipped, but the Centre Star and the War Eagle were both closed down. Neither of these two mines worked on New Year's day nor on the day following. The War Eagle did not start shipping in fact until Friday. Counting these three as the big shippers of the camp it will be noted that the week was really but three or four days, and that therefore the tonnage of 4,382 was large, considering the circumstances.

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If I may be allowed to state my opinion on the matter, it is just this: Put a \$5 license on the gun of the sporting citizen, who in most cases is the owner of neither country land or game, and let the poor farmer go free.

There are a few town men if they could only be picked out, who would be as well if \$100 license were dabbled on them. A few more are that care neither for fence nor notice, and a fence cost to prove far more easy to pull down than to put up.

It is a hard case, but it remains big this: That as soon as the game season comes in, if the farmer has a wish to have the pleasure of carrying his protected game, he must get up a fence, and shoot every head of game he can see, otherwise those city boys will save him that trouble.

Some may say: Why the farmer has not protected the game at all, it is not his; but that is very wrong, for a man living to-day within six or eight miles from Victoria is blessed with a good foot of snow. Perhaps the sporting citizen can hardly realize that a fence cost to would rather believe it than to walk the distance to prove it.

Owing to being a distance from the sea, and getting no salt water winds, this camp is liable to remain with us for two or three weeks to come. The poor boys are already beginning to find their way close to the farmer's barns in a half-starved state, and being protected by the farmer, and in many instances being fed from his granary.

There is a bulletin law to-day in this province forbidding a lad to carry a gun under the age of 16 years, which law at the present time is anything but enforced. The age of 18 seems quite young enough for a lad to use a gun, but as the matter stands now, boys are frequently seen, especially close by town, not alone, but three or four together, all carrying the dangerous weapon at near the age of 8 than 18.

There are parts of British Columbia in which boys carry their guns to school with them. I cannot say that they take them actually into the schoolhouse, but otherwise they must hide them in the bush. We read of gun accidents every week, and yet so much precaution seems to be taken. Would it not be better to teach the boys to use the axe? It might prove handy to them some day. Should they accidentally cut off a toe it would be a serious matter, and a doctor's bill would be a heavy one.

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To Stamp Out Plague.

Fears That It Will Interfere with the National Exhibition at Osaka.

Opening of the Japanese Russian Proclamation Newchang.

A few days before the Imperial Press of Japan left the Orient municipal assembly held at Osaka, to consider a proposal to appropriate of 300,000 yen from the December next year, for measures for stamping out the plague.

Mr. Tomura, the mayor of Osaka, had recently visited Tokyo, and had seen the home minister personally. He had seen the home minister personally, and he had seen the home minister personally.

No action was taken at the postponement of the discussion of the plague, and as a result, it did not bring news of the outbreak of the plague.

A notification has been issued by Hyogo Kencho, announcing that vessels coming from the coast of the Pacific Ocean, and also from the coast of the Pacific Ocean, and also from the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

The Japanese diet opened last month, and the minister of the interior, Mr. Yamamoto, has announced that he will propose to His Majesty the Emperor to issue a decree containing the imperial speech in His Imperial Majesty's speech.

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Personal.

D. Healy, United States commissioner of immigration at Vancouver, is registered at the Vernon hotel. In speaking of the Natal Act, to be put in force for the first time on the arrival of the Empress to-day, and which aims at the exclusion of Japanese from Canada, he said he was an interested onlooker of the attempt to exclude the little brown men from this country, and felt that the interests of British Columbia and of the northwestern states were common in the treatment of this great question. Speaking in regard to the proposal to attempt to apply the act against the Chinese, he said that the Natal Act could hardly apply to that class. He thought the Chinese would be exempt from the operation of the act, as the parliament of Canada had already fixed the terms upon which the Chinese should enter Canada. He said that it did not seem the intent of the provincial legislature to include the Chinese when they made the Natal Act law. He presumed that it was recognized that the entrance of Chinese into Canada through this port has been fixed by the parliament of Canada. He felt confident that whatever action is taken by the parliament of British Columbia and sustained by the courts of the Dominion in regard to this question would be studied with great interest by the United States congress, now in session at Washington, D. C., with an eye to similar legislation.

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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 formers, also an interior scene, a wood 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.