

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
24th to 30th August, 1924.

The weather during this week remained fair and warm until the night of Saturday, 27th, when the barometer fell along the Coast in advance of a rain from the Pacific, which, during Sunday, spread inland across this province. It caused an abnormally heavy rainfall for this season of the year, and particularly on the Lower Mainland, where it exceeded one inch in 24 hours. This heavy precipitation has extinguished the majority of the brush fires on Vancouver Island and the Mainland, cleared the air of smoke. The winds have been light to moderate on the Straits and along the Coast, and fogs have occurred on these waters upon several days.

The weather in Manitoba and the Territories has been for the most part fair and moderately warm, with showers or thunderstorms upon several days.

At Victoria, the amount of bright sunshine recorded was 31 hours; rainfall, .50 inch; highest temperature, 70.5 on 25th; and lowest, 47.9 on 24th.

New Westminster—Rainfall, 1.26 inch; highest temperature, 78 on 25th; lowest, 50 on 24th.

Kamloops—Rain, .14 inch; highest temperature, 70 on 25th; lowest, 46 on 24th and 25th.

Barkerville—Rain, .08 inch; highest temperature, 70 on 25th; lowest, 34 on 24th.

Port Simpson—No rain; highest temperature, 64 on 27th; lowest, 42 on 27th.

Dawson—Rain, .12 inch; highest temperature, 62 on 27th; and lowest, 30 on 26th and 27th.

Local News.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of 148 Combs street, mourn the loss of their infant son, J. Frederick, who passed away Wednesday morning at the family residence.

Four valuable set of skins were brought this morning by a furrier from an Indian, who brought them south from Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands. The skins sold for \$2,000.

According to a letter received by a gentleman of this city from one who was in close touch with Chas. M. Hayes while en route West, the present express his intention of investigating Butte Inlet on his way west.

The death occurred Wednesday of Alma Irene, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heanley, 34 North Cham street. The funeral has been arranged to take place from the family residence at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

H.M.S. Grafton will leave today for Vancouver and will then attend the arrival of Lord and Lady Minto. On Sunday the Grafton will call at Victoria, the vice-regal party landing here and the vessel proceeding to Esquimalt. On Monday the Grafton will call at Victoria for the Governor-General and Lady Minto, leaving for Vancouver on Tuesday morning.

E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, came up on the train last Saturday and in company with Ralph Smith, M. P., went out to Northfield and made the necessary arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson to take over the post office there. Since the death of the late postmaster, "D. S. McDonald," the work has been done by Mrs. McDonald.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jas. I. Escudro took place Wednesday from the parlors of W. J. Hanna to the Catholic church at 9:30. Rev. Father Van Gethem conducted the services. A large number attended, many of the most beautiful floral emblems were presented, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. John W. Meldrum, J. Hillson, D. Wheeler, H. Lengier, W. Berriman and A. Griffin.

Herr A. Wagner, of the editorial staff of the Berlin Tageblatt, who is making an extensive tour of the Dominion for the purpose of studying the prevailing social and economical conditions, has reached Toronto. It will be remembered that Herr Wagner spent several weeks in Victoria before going East. In an interview published in the Toronto World he pays a high compliment to this city. He says "Victoria is, perhaps, the loveliest city I have been in, and it is one where a European feels himself at home."

A party of 80 Knights Templar from Pittsburg, Pa., arrived on the steamer Whatcom Tuesday afternoon and were taken to Oak Bay and to the government buildings on special street cars provided by members of the local order. They left again on the steamer Whatcom, the vessel having been held until 9 p.m. in order to accommodate them. Another party of about 30 Knights came in on the steamer Princess Victoria Tuesday, having travelled westward by the C. P. R. They remained over in the city until this morning, when they left for Seattle on the Rosalie. The car in which they travelled will there be found in readiness for them, and on taking train again the party will proceed to San Francisco, where thousands of Knights meet in a grand convocation. For the transportation of these the Great Northern railway already has chartered 60 trains.

Arrangements have been made by members of the lawn tennis branch of the Young Men's Christian Association for a handicap tournament to commence on Labor Day. Since the organization of the club this year members have improved wonderfully and the matches are all expected to be close. Handicaps have been fixed as follows: W. M. McNeill, 15; A. Fraser, Jr., scratch; W. B. Fisher, scratch; R. Dunn, receive 15; T. Waddington, receive 15; F. Pullen, receive 15; Rev. A. Ewing, receive 15; J. Nelson, receive 15; W. S. Terry, receive 15; S. Porter, receive 30-15. The following matches will be played on the day mentioned: Fisher vs. Porter, Waddington vs. Terry, Pullen vs. McNeill, Ewing vs. Nelson, and Fraser vs. Dunn. The finals will be played during

the week. It is expected that a double handicap will be arranged by the club on the completion of the forthcoming tourney.

The teachers and pupils of the Victoria High school resumed their labors Monday. There was a total attendance of 210, which is thirty-five more than at the commencement of last term.

Workmen are making good progress with the operations on Government street from Courtney to Humboldt, preliminary to paving it. Owing to the rock encountered and the necessity of taking up the tramway rails the work will consume more time than is usually required.

LT-Col. Gregory has received a telegram from Col. Godeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, stating that the Fifth Regiment band will play at the Canadian pavilion at St. Louis. Hon. Mr. Prefontaine and party are now at the exposition.

Those whose names are not on the voters' list are reminded that they will have to make the necessary application before the last Monday September 8th, if they desire to qualify as voters in the next elections. Application can be made at the office of the registrar of voters, court house, or before any notary.

The executive of the Vancouver Island Veterans' Association is requested to meet at Capt. Bagshaw's office, 92 Government street, on Saturday, September 3rd, at 4:30 p.m., to make arrangements for the reception of His Excellency the Earl of Minto, host, colonel and patron of the association. A full attendance is desired.

The little steamer Fern, which has been outfitting in the harbor for upwards of a week preparatory for a voyage North, sailed Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock. Capt. Shaw, formerly of the Princess Victoria, is in command, and among those said to be aboard are James Anderson, Mrs. Anderson and other passengers. The vessel cleared for Port Simpson.

The funeral of the late J. E. Sumner took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. A large number of sympathizing friends attended and many beautiful floral tributes were presented. Impressive religious services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Dean. The following acted as pallbearers: George Stelly, G. Blacket, T. Rian and R. T. Williams.

A quiet wedding was celebrated on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Alfred Michael Rasch and Miss Gertrude Wellington, both of Seattle, Wa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Wood, rector of the Reformed Episcopal church. The presence of a number of intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Rasch intend spending their honeymoon here and afterwards residing on the Sound.

The police have had a very light month, the record book showing that 50 cases were disposed of. They were divided as follows: Drunkenness, 43; fractions of the city by-laws, 11; obtaining money under false pretences, 4; stealing, 2; assault, 2; possession of intoxicating liquors, 1; possession of dangerous weapons, 1; inmate of a bawdy house, 1; total, 56. In addition to these there were fifteen detentions for safe-keeping.

The C. P. R. Company's telegraph announces the following rates, via Seattle and the new government cable: Haines, \$2.40 for ten words; additional words, .25; Juneau, \$2.15 for 10 words; additional words, .25; Skagway, \$1.90 for 10 words; additional words, .25; Valdez, \$1.75 for 10 words; additional words, .25; Nome, via Ashcroft, Dominion government route and St. Michael and wire, \$3.50 and 40 cents additional words.

Tenders are being called by the deputy commissioner of lands and works for the leasing of Salt Lagoon, situated southeast of Carrington Bay, Cortes Island, for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$100, and to be used for the purpose of salt production and fishing of oysters and sea urchins. They will be received up to noon Wednesday, 7th of September.

Capt. J. B. Libby, manager of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company and commander of the tugboat "Hermes," who is well known in this city, has been selected as commander of the United States battleship "Nebraska," now being fitted out for the service of the United States Navy. The launch of the battleship, October 7th, Capt. Libby will take command of the vessel and will command the vessel on the various trials prior to the launch. He will remain commander of the battleship until the big ship of war is accepted by the government, when officers of the United States Navy will take over the vessel.

The local theatrical season will open on Labor Day, when a company will present the Hoyt comedy, "A Texas Steer." Just what will follow it is impossible to say, but it is understood that some good attractions will be presented here. Some of the brilliant lights of the European stage will cross the ocean this season, and it is to be hoped that the local management will be able to bring some of them here when they tour the Northwest. Included in the number are Sir Chas. Wyndham, Ellen Terry, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Forbes Robertson, Madame Rejane, Erneste Norrell and Tomaso Salvini, the celebrated Italian tragedians.

The case of Wau Fang, charged with supplying intoxicants to Indians, occupied the attention of the police court Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The Celestial was identified by one of the Indians as the culprit, but denied the allegation and volunteered to produce the real offender. An adjournment was granted for the purpose and Fang accompanied Constable Best to Chinatown to select the guilty man. They returned with one J. Lee Chong, who indignantly refuted the accusation, employing a wealth of Chinese idiom, which must have been truly ornate in the original. The Indians to whom the liquor was sold, however, didn't know Chong so

Fang was fined one hundred dollars or three months' imprisonment with hard labor. Wm. Morley defended the prisoner.

The death occurred on Monday at the Victoria Gardens of Mrs. James I. Escudro. Deceased was 28 years of age and a native of California.

Dr. Mayo Robson, the celebrated English surgeon who came here with the medical men recently, is at Albermarl again. He will probably be away a couple of weeks.

The Great Northern Railway, it is reported, are transferring steel rails from the large quantity landed at Port Guelph to the Kettle Valley branch, which is being constructed.

The annual meeting of the B. O. Football Association has been postponed till the first Saturday in October. It will be held in Nanaimo.

During the month of August there were 65 births and 26 deaths registered. As 60 days is allowed to elapse before the registering of a birth some of the 55 credited to August undoubtedly should be included in preceding months.

The Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island will hold a general meeting next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Capt. Bagshaw's office, 92 Government street. A full attendance of all the members is therefore requested.

Tenders are being invited for a frame residence to be erected on Burrard street, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 21st and 22nd, has just been received. The list is a very substantial one, and augurs well for the character of the show to be given.

A copy of the prize list of the Comox Agricultural and Industrial Association's exhibition, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 21st and 22nd, has just been received. The list is a very substantial one, and augurs well for the character of the show to be given.

F. R. Stewart & Co. expect to send on Saturday the first shipment of the new portable fruit bins to the North West. The bins are of the latest design and are of the most durable material. The shipment will be made up of apples, pears and cherries.

A report has reached this city that the Vancouver hospital, at Rivers Inlet, was burned down last week. There were several patients in the hospital and, according to the news received, they were transferred to a cannery when the fire broke out.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the month of August show an increase over the aggregate for the corresponding month last year. The figures are \$2,714,416, against \$2,121,901. For August, 1923, the total was \$2,202,450, and in 1921 it was \$2,441,500.

The death occurred of Mrs. S. Somerville on Monday at St. Joseph's hospital. Deceased was 40 years of age. Arrangements have been made for the funeral on Saturday. The late Mrs. Somerville, husband of deceased, and her daughter, arrived from the interior last evening and will leave on Friday morning with the remains.

For the month of August the manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirmed, at the Victoria Hospital, has received the following donations to the institution: B. C. Furniture Co., bundle of clothing; Mrs. L. J. Quigley, San Francisco newspaper; Mrs. Duff, clothing; books and magazines; Mrs. Van Tassel, box of apples; Mrs. B. W. Pearce, illustrated London News and tobacco; Mrs. H. D. Helmeck, illustrated paper; Mrs. W. Bell, hats; N. Shapere, reading matter; George Winter, gar, garden beans; Mr. Shout, newspapers; a friend, books; Times and Colonist, daily papers and Mining Exchange.

Today's mail from the North coast contains the news that the disappearance of Daniel Moore, who was supposed to have been drowned in the Forty-mile canyon, has been cleared up by finding the body of the missing man. The body was found in the canyon, and the cause of the accident. The accident which cost Moore his life happened a few weeks ago. Some miners reported seeing a queer light of gold at the head of the canyon, and no owner to claim them, while below they had picked up a canoe badly battered as though it had been against the rocks. An investigation was made with the result that the canoe was identified as one in which Moore had been seen a day or two previously making his way toward the canyon with an outfit.

A special committee of the Victoria West Municipal Association will wait on the city council at an early date in order to ascertain what expenditures in improvements it is the intention to make in that district. Yesterday a prominent member of the association said that up to the present there has been no system in carrying out improvements, and the residents directly interested would submit recommendations to the council advising that necessary work be undertaken. If the amount of appropriation set aside for Victoria West was ascertained the association would advise only such projects as could be carried out with the money intended for the district. The association will also urge an early settlement of the Indian reserve question.

On account of the Seattle industrial carnival and state Labor Day celebration, the Alaska Steamship Co., as usual, will make low excursion rates for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, enabling those who so desire to spend several days on the Sound. Tickets sold at the cheap rate are good from here as early as Friday evening, September 2nd, and return from Seattle to Victoria on Monday, September 8th, leaving Seattle at 9 p.m., and returning to Victoria on Tuesday, September 9th, at 9 a.m. as usual. The Alaska S. S. Co. will also make the same cheap rates from Seattle to Victoria, thus en-

abling those who desire to spend Saturday, Sunday and Monday here.

Last evening a meeting of the decoration committee of the Labor Day celebrations was held, when it was decided to adorn each of the halls engaged for festivities with flags and bunting. Committees were appointed to take the work in hand, and preparations will commence without delay. It was agreed, after some consideration to place tickets for the sports at the Caledonia grounds for sale immediately, so as to give the ladies anxious to secure a chance in the "ladies' tombola" to secure their tickets and so avoid the rush at the gate. They will be given tombolas on the grounds, which they are specially requested to preserve carefully until the winning numbers are published. The prizes for these are most numerous, owing to the generosity of citizens. The meeting on Monday evening at 8 o'clock will promise to be exceptionally interesting. J. Martin, K. C., has promised to deliver an address on "Labor Legislation" and other subjects will be presented. Kingsley, Hawthornthwaite and J. D. McInven, A. P. P. A meeting of the executive will be held to-night.

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DISTRICTS' EXHIBITS AT THE FALL FAIR

Competition Promises to Be Keen—Chilliwack Association Will Make an Attractive Display.

"The Victoria exhibition will, I think, be a great success. Everything is looking promising, and provided we are favored by fine weather there is not the slightest doubt that the fair will be the best ever held under the auspices of the B. C. Agricultural Association." This statement was made this morning by a prominent member of the society. He explained that there seemed to be no general local interest in the show than on any previous occasion, while the merchants were assisting the executive by entering exhibits and responding liberally to the calls that have been made for financial aid. The energy of Secretary Swinerton and members of the executive was so marked that local citizens could not help inhibiting some of their enthusiasm, while the extensive outside advertising was certain to attract attention through the province.

Yesterday an important communication was received from G. W. Chadsey, secretary of the Chilliwack Agricultural Association, announcing the intention of the latter society to enter for the district exhibit. This already makes four entries for the competition—more than last year, several more are expected before September 20th, after which time entries will not be received.

In concluding his letter, Mr. Chadsey says: "We desire to be allowed the same space that we occupied last year, or in the event of more space being allowed we will expect to have as much space as any other district. The matter of the district exhibit is being carefully looked after, and we expect to have an attractive display. As far as I am able to judge there will be a large number of exhibits from Chilliwack to compete for prizes. I can assure you that personally I wish your exhibition a grand success, which, no doubt, it will have."

Farmers will be pleased to learn that the announcement that there would be no exhibition of fruit has been contradicted. The managers of the fair do not intend to allow their exhibit at St. Louis to interfere with the annual display at Victoria. Prof. Wm. Saunders, of Ottawa, director of experimental farms, is in the city, and an interview with him appears in another column.

One of the features of the fruit exhibits at the forthcoming show will be an exhibit of peaches grown by T. Richter, of "Inglewood," Keremeos. Mr. Richter has achieved quite a reputation for the splendid quality of this class of fruit. They excel most British Columbia specimens, both in size and quality.

Special arrangements are being made for attractions. The programme of children's sports, gun club shoot, tug-of-war, boxing, etc., has already appeared in the paper. Besides these several side shows have been engaged, and yesterday the executive closed with an aerial bicycle competition, in which a number of contestants of a race down a steep incline at "inconceivable speed, then, like birds on the wing, flying across a great field of grain, and finally, in a series of incline leading to the ground, and continuing their mad race to the finishing line." This should be an exhibition full of interest.

The afternoon meeting of the tug-of-war committee will be held at Swinerton & Oddy's office. Lieut. Talbot, of H. M. S. Grafton, will be present on behalf of the navy. One of the principal matters to be considered is the advisability of having the events pulled on by the tugboats of the Victoria harbor.

Secretary Swinerton wishes it announced that from this date the exhibition office will be open from 7:30 o'clock in the morning until 6 in the evening for the convenience of those wishing to make entries.

KNOW HOW TO PLAY.

Victoria Baseball Team Given Credit for Excellent Game Put Up Last Saturday.

Referring to the baseball game played here last Saturday between the Rainiers, of Seattle, and the Victoria team, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer quotes W. Belmont, the manager of the Rainiers, as saying: "Up in Victoria they are royal sportsmen. When the Rainiers were last Saturday, each member of the Victoria team was presented with a big bunch of flowers. The defeated team said: 'You fellows are all right.'"

The Victoria team is composed of young business men, and they can play our national game for all there is in it. We were mighty lucky to win. We feel pretty proud over the win, because we are the only team from this side of the line that has beaten them this year."

The official score credits us with pinning the game in one hour and ten minutes. The time was one hour and seven minutes, according to our time. This must come pretty near to establishing a record. I noticed in the Post-Intelligencer where a game that was pulled off in one hour and thirteen minutes was spoken of as being among the fastest ever played."