

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.
18th to 24th March, 1903.

The weather during this week has been similar to the preceding seven days, remarkably fine and dry over the North Pacific. The amount of bright sunshine recorded here was 100 hours, 10 minutes, whereas no rain or snow fell, except a trace in Cariboo. This phenomenal weather was due to the presence of a high barometric pressure over British Columbia and low pressure further south.

No storm waves have crossed this province from the Pacific, our winds have been chiefly from the northward and light to moderate in force. Upon several days strong winds or moderate gales from the eastward, were recorded from the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and from the coast of Vancouver Island to California the winds have been light to moderate in force.

Sharp frosts occurred on the Lower Mainland upon the first days of the week, and upon two of these days the afternoon temperatures exceeded 60 degrees. On Wednesday the weather has been comparatively mild and about the average in Cariboo. The temperatures have been moderate in the Yukon, at Dawson the temperature only fell below zero upon three days.

The weather has been generally mild in Alberta, and light snow has fallen upon several occasions over portions of the prairies.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 102 hours and 36 minutes; no rain or snow; highest temperature, 56.7 on 23rd; lowest, 32.0 on 18th and 19th.

New Westminster—No rain or snow; highest temperature, 60 on 23rd and 24th; lowest, 32.0 on 18th and 19th.

Kamloops—No precipitation; highest temperature, 60 on 23rd; lowest, 32.0 on 18th and 19th.

Barkerville—A trace of snow; highest temperature, 48 on 23rd; lowest, 2 on 18th.

Dawson—Highest temperature, 54 on 18th; and lowest, 12 below on 23rd.

Local News.

CLEANING OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 24th March were \$397,185.

Another one of the old Hudson Bay sheds on the C. P. R. wharf has been removed. The building has stood from early days, but, having passed its day of usefulness, was only in the way of repairs being made to the wharf on which it rested.

On Sunday last the Lord Bishop of Columbia dedicated an organ given by Mrs. W. L. Porch to the North Saanich church. In the afternoon of the same day, His Lordship preached a very impressive sermon on the sanctification of the human body.

A fire broke out Thursday morning at the residence of Mr. Godfrey, corner Oswego and Simcoe streets. The flames were extinguished with little trouble by the fire department. The damage is estimated at about \$100.

The secretary of the board of trade is receiving unsolicited numerous applications for membership. This he attributes to the general interest which is being taken in the board of harbor commissioners question.

A local company is being incorporated for the purpose of developing a group of claims near Port Renfrew. The intention is to promote the work at once. They are copper properties, and are conveniently situated for shipping purposes.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Street took place on Thursday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. Mr. Westman conducted the services and the following acted as pallbearers: Wm. Ferris, P. Green, P. Carroll and J. Hughes.

The exhibit of school children's work, which has been held for April 3rd and 4th, will be held in the room of the council chamber in the city hall. At first it was decided to have it in the municipal legislative hall, but the city superintendent has discovered that this is a spacious apartment on the floor above more suitable for the purpose.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary whose experience as captain in the hands of the Mecedonian brigands attracted the attention of the world some time ago, will lecture in this city on April 27th at the nearest arrangements can be made. Miss Stone's tour, which has been very successful so far, is being managed by Major Pond.

Members of the Guild of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church spent a pleasant time in the school room of the church Monday night. Games were played, refreshments were served, and a number of musical selections rendered. Next Monday night will be religious night with the Guild, while on Monday evening, April 13th, a literary entertainment will be provided at which B. E. Gosnell will give an illustrated address on the coronation.

On behalf of the city, Mayor McCandless Tuesday wired an invitation to President Roosevelt to visit this city while he is touring the coast. The President is expected to be in Seattle about May 23rd and 24th, and he is invited to cross the Sound and Straits and include this city in his itinerary. It is hardly likely that he will do so. His presence on the coast at that time will undoubtedly affect the routing of the President's train, who come over to take in the Victoria Day celebration.

Attention is being made on the substructure of Point Ellice bridge. The pile driver has completed its labors on the piers, and the work of filling in with concrete has commenced at once. It is expected that the substructure will be completed in three months. To remain to other work commencing on the bridge, the city engineer says he expects to have the sewer extension work well on in the near future. How much will be done this year he is unable to say, but Johnson street necessary in the continuation of that thoroughfare through the rocks to Fernwood road. This work was commenced this year.

By the kindness of First Presbyterian church choir and Sunday school and the ladies and gentlemen composing the cast of "Queen Esther," a matinee performance will be given at the Victoria theatre on Saturday afternoon in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage.

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At the B. C. Electric Railway Company's shops at New Westminster the first of the new cars has been completed. Two others are now being constructed, and of them for this month. The new cars are described as being equal to those used in the best eastern services.

Rev. Wm. Hicks united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Monday Mr. J. Brown, of this city, and Miss Martha Saunders, of Extension. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's mother, and was private, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present.

The C. P. R. will put on the Imperial Limited service on June 7th. On that date the first train will leave Montreal. The first one from Vancouver will leave on the 13th. The service will closely follow that of the train leaving Montreal on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The daily express service will also be continued.

A correspondent writing from Vernon, Okanagan district, says that there was no rainfall or snow there during the month of February, but that during the second week of the present month about 14 inches of snow fell, and there is now about a foot on the level though the sunny aspects of the hills are quite bare. The correspondent adds that the range stock in most cases are all right. The cattle in general are in splendid condition, though not yet turned out, and there is still plenty of hay on hand to feed them.

Victorians will be delighted to learn that the Pollard Juvenile Opera Company will appear in this city again in the near future. The company, which was organized by the management states that the company will inaugurate its American tour shortly, and will probably open here at a number of new places. The company has been seen by recruits in the organization which is said to be stronger in talent than ever. Some of the older members have graduated into the ranks of the senior company, and the place has been filled by recruits from the preparatory classes. Daphne Pollard and others of the principles who scored so many successes here will come. The company has been playing in Hong-kong.

THE TRANS-CANADA.

Sir Sanford Fleming's View on a Direct Route.

The promoters of the Trans-Canada railway project have written to the secretary of the board of trade, enclosing a paper read by J. G. Scott, of the Quebec & Lake St. John railroad, before the Literary and Historical Society. In it Mr. Scott makes from an interview given by Sir Sanford Fleming, in which there occurs the following:

"I am inclined to think Mr. Blair is on the right track in proposing to extend the Intercolonial railway to the Pacific. It seems to me, however, that it would be a great transitional line. To realize Mr. Blair's conception of a new national railway, it should, in my judgment, begin at the Quebec river, low building, where it would form a direct connection with the Intercolonial, and it should extend from Quebec by the most direct route to Port Simpson on the Pacific. From what I know of the general character of the route, I believe a line with splendid engineering features could, with ordinary care, be secured. It would pass away to the north of the rugged and high mountains of the Huron, Superior, Nipigon and Winnipeg, through a vast region reported generally of alluvial soil, with abundance of wood and water power.

"When the day arrives to open new railway as a through route it will be found to possess advantages, in respect to distances, as compared with the route via San Francisco and New York. From Yokohama to Liverpool the passage across the Pacific ocean would be 605 miles, and across the Atlantic 195 nautical miles less. While the route via San Francisco would be 502 statute miles less, making a total saving on the whole distance of about 1,323 statute miles.

Regarding simply from a Canadian standpoint, I cannot conceive any public undertaking which would better meet the wants of the New Dominion, throughout its whole extent. I rejoice to know of the general opinion in Canada that history has brought up for serious consideration."

INVITATION DECLINED.

President Roosevelt Will Be Unable to Include Victoria in Western Tour.

The invitation extended to President Roosevelt to include this city in his Western itinerary has not been accepted. In reply to a telegram sent to the President, Mayor McCandless this morning received the following message:

White House.
Washington, D.C., March 26th, 1903.
Hon. A. G. McCandless, Mayor, Victoria, B. C.

Telegram received and invitation gratefully accepted. No time or no place that it will not be possible to change itinerary, which has been completed.

(Signed) Wm. LOEB, JR., Secretary.

London averages 475,000 telegrams daily; Paris has 120,000 only.

SITTINGS OF THE ASSIZE COURTS.

COMPANY TO HANDLE THE PATENT PATENTS.

Official Notices Which Appear in This Week's Issue of the Provincial Gazette.

The Gazette this week contains notice of the following appointments:

Robert James Skinner, of Vancouver, timber inspector, to be a supervisor of the "Timber Measurement Act, 1902."

John Cochran, of Victoria, Henry Holgate Watson, of Vancouver, and F. C. Stearns, of Nanaimo, to be members of the board of examiners under the "Pharmacy Act," for the year 1903.

Edward Owen Malins, of New Westminster, to be acting district registrar of the Supreme court for the Westminster district, during the illness of J. J. Cambridge, district registrar.

William Graham McMyrn, of Greenwood, S. M., to be a magistrate under the "Small Debts Act" in and for the county of Yale.

To be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia: Harvey Atkinson, of Sumnerland; Henry Garfield, of Victoria; William Harrison, of Vancouver; Walter William Walsh, of Vancouver; barrister at law; Ainsley Megraw, of Camp McKinney, J. P.; and the Honorable Cecil Edwards, of Vancouver.

Walker Ashby Wilkins, of Bullion, M. D., to be resident physician for the Quebec Forks district.

Leslock Reid Forbes, of Fernie, S. M., to be registrar of the County court of Kootenay, at Fernie.

Henry Knight Dunn, of Vancouver, to be collector of votes for the Vancouver city electoral district, vice Thomas Cunningham, resigned.

William Dalby, of Victoria, to be mining recorder for the Bennett Lake mining division, collector of revenue tax for Atlin assessment district, provincial police constable, and collector of duties for the "Maritime Act," vice T. D. DesBrisay, resigned.

The resignation of J. W. Fairhall, of Comox, as justice of the peace, accepted.

Notice is given that sittings of the assize court will be held in the court house, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely: Golden, 5th May, civil and criminal; New Westminster, 5th May, civil and criminal; Victoria, 5th May, civil and criminal; Kamloops, 7th May, civil and criminal; Revelstoke, 7th May, civil and criminal; Vernon, 18th May, civil and criminal; Vancouver, 14th May, civil and criminal; Nelson, 18th May, civil and criminal; Nanaimo, 19th May, civil and criminal; Port Moody, 20th May, civil and criminal; Clinton, 26th May, civil and criminal.

Notice is also given that sittings of the Supreme court for the trial of civil and criminal matters only, will be held in the court house, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely: Victoria, 5th May; Rossland, 12th May; Vancouver, 27th May.

There appears in the Gazette also a number of notices that application will be made for licenses to prospect for coal and petroleum on lands east of lot 45, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

acres of land for the purpose of the Shuswap school. This is to be available upon payment of the usual patent fee of \$10.

SHERIFF REDGRAVE DEAD.

The Sheriff of the Old Colony for Assize at Golden on Wednesday.

The death occurred at Golden Wednesday of Sheriff Redgrave, well known to the people of this city and throughout the province. For years he served most capably as an instrument of justice, and when called by death was still in the prime of his life. He was stricken down by heart disease which had been long in the making.

The late Sheriff Redgrave was born on 8th Feb. 1851, in Birmingham, England. In 1882 he left the Old Colony for Australia with Mrs. Redgrave and family, commencing there for seven years he moved to South Africa. From there he returned to England and afterwards migrated to Toronto.

In 1892 he came overland to British Columbia as a member of an expedition which was organized in the Fall, falling a victim to the gold fever, he went to Cariboo and secured claims on Lightning and Williams creeks. He afterwards returned to the gold fields, and in the fall of 1893 he went to California, and in the following year took up his residence in the city of San Francisco. He was appointed sheriff, mining recorder, registrar and stipendiary magistrate for Kootenay. Of and on he held these offices for many years, being at one time in charge of the largest jail in the province. He was Sheriff of Fairfax, Virginia, Mrs. G. D. Troy, of New York; Harold Redgrave, of the city of London; and three great-grandchildren.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF BOARD OF TRADE.

The Appointment of Harbor Commissioners Again Discussed This Morning—Other Business.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held on Thursday, at which the question of the appointment of a board of harbor commissioners was again discussed. Letters were received from J. J. Shalleross and D. W. Higgins in regard to the matter. It was decided that they should not be dealt with until a report was received from the special committee appointed at a former meeting to submit a printed synopsis of the proposed provisions of the bill under which it is intended to appoint the commissioners. They were, therefore, laid on the table. President L. G. McQuade occupied the chair, and those present were Messrs. T. W. Paterson, M. E. B. Schuchman, J. D. Leiper, J. Thomson, C. H. Lagrin, Capt. Cox, H. Burns, S. J. Pitts and J. Mara.

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