WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
January 22nd to 28th, 1902.

The week has been chiefly remarkable for the continued high barometric pressure which has occupied this western portion of the continent, and the pronounced cold wave which accompanied it.

On Wednesday, 22nd, an extensive high barometer area covered the region between the ocean and the lakes, with generally fair weather west of the ranges, but with heavy rainfall and severe frosts in California.

By nightfall some indications appeared of a storm area of some energy approaching the Oregon coast. On Thursday, 23rd, the storm had moved southeastward and been followed by a fresh disturbance on the Washington and Vancouver Island coasts, while at the same time the pressure suddenly became unusually high in the Northwest Territories and a pronounced cold wave set in. These conditions caused an overflow of the heavier air from the high and colder area to the warmer district of the Lower Mainland and this vicinity, causing on Friday snowfall and a strong easterly gale, the wind at this station attaining an hourly velocity of 40 miles. This storm caused considerable damage along the districts bordering on the Straits and Sound, and at the same time a blizzard prevailed on the western slope of the Rockies. The storm passed rapidly to the southeast and centred in Utah, while the cold from the north overspread the Pacific states causing zero temperatures in eastern Washington and Oregon. On Saturday night the temperature rose in this vicinity and light snow fell on Sunday, and at Nanaimo nearly a foot fell, being the first snow there this winter. On Monday the cold wave had spread over the entire western half of the United States, with zero temperatures at many points and freezing temperatures along the whole Pacific Coast from Cape Flattery to southern California. The barometer on both Monday and Tuesday remained abnormally high; the temperature at this station becoming higher in the daytime, while in the Northwest the intense cold continued.

At Victoria 29 hours and 6 minutes of bright sunshine were registered; the highest temperature, 43.7, was on the 23rd, and the lowest, 12.3, on the 25th; precipitation (snow), .50 inch.

At New Westminster the highest temperature, 42, was on the 22nd, and the lowest, 4, on the 25th; precipitation (snow), .50 inch.

At Kamloops the highest temperature, 30, was on the 22nd, and the lowest, 8 below zero, on the 25th; no precipitation.

At Barkerville the highest temperature, 24, was on the 22nd, and the lowest, 24 below zero, on the 24th; precipitation, only a trace of snow.

Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The death occurred at the family residence, Fairfield Farm, Foul Bay, this morning, of Margaret Boucher Fairfull, late of Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland, aged 72 years.

—Silas Sheay died at the Jubilee hospital to-day in the fifty-fourth year of his age. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the Victoria undertaking parlors, Johnson street.

—Milk venders must secure permits for the year 1902 before the end of the month. The office of Sanitary Inspector James Wilson, in the rear of the market building, will be open each day until that time from 9 a.m. until 12 o'clock. All applicants must present certificates of health of their cattle from the provincial veterinary surgeon before they can receive permits.

—Another charge will be laid against the young man Burlison, who was yesterday afternoon remanded until Thursday, for stealing some clothes from Dr. Handyside, of the Naval hospital. When Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, searched Burlison's room on Douglas street, besides the stolen property he found a number of linen handkerchiefs marked H. N. Stevens. Investigation disclosed them to belong to the surgeon of the Egeria. A second charge will consequently be preferred against Burlison.

—Seymour Hastings Odell has received a letter from F. Finch Smiles, who left here some time ago on his second trip to South Africa, where he is now engaged with the British forces against the Boers. He has been somewhat under the weather of late, having been confined to the hospital at Pretoria with an attack of rheumatism. The letter was written there, and the writer wishes all his friends in Victoria a happy New Year. Although it was understood when Mr. Smiles left here that he would cast in his lot with one of the English regiments, he has apparently been unable to disregard his Canadian predilections, for he is now a sergeant with the Canadian scouts. His letter contains no particulars regarding the movements of the troops. Mr. Smiles has certainly had his share of campaigning, and his experience at Paardeberg evidently only whetted his desire to see more of it.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—The commissioner of lands and works has not yet decided between the two tenders for the substructure of the New Westminster bridge, namely, those of D. Bain, of New Westminster, and Morrison, Armstrong & Balfour, of Vancouver.

—Alfred Edward Redfern, son of Ex-Mayor C. E. Redfern, has captured the entrance scholarship presented by the Bishop of Columbia for the Collegiate school for the year. His percentage was 85. Hans Morgan, who was second, secured 60. Eighty-five is the highest percentage yet won in competition for this scholarship.

—The city engineer announces that he will not be ready for the government [illegible] until May. The unfavorable [illegible] which has prevailed the past [illegible] has brought the work on the wall to a standstill. The stone [illegible] son and Salt Spring islands is to arrive to-morrow or the [illegible] When the snow clears work [illegible] ontinued on the wall, which will be completed in about three months, should the weather permit. The cofferdam will then be removed and the dredger put to work.

—"The Capital" Literary Society of the Congregational church had a most enjoyable sleigh ride last night. After a two hours' drive the members returned to the home of Rev. R. B. Blyth, where coffee and cake were served. Next Tuesday evening a debate will be held on the question: Resolved, "That Imperial Federation would be in the best interests of Canada."

—W. P. Daykin, lighthouse keeper at Carmanah, states that he hears the vessel seen bottom up and broken in two at Cape Beale is painted green and copper painted on the bottom. Both Mr. Daykin's boys and a fineman say that the vessel seen off Bonilla was painted black with copper paint on the bottom. Besides, the writer states the Cape Beale vessel is smaller than the one first reported, and if these conclusions are correct there has been a wreck as yet unaccounted for.

—Phelps Johnson, the representative of the Dominion Bridge Company, of Montreal, which has secured the contract for the construction of the superstructure of the New Westminster bridge, has presented the city engineer with a couple of handsome pictures of two well known bridges built by his company. One is the steel bridge on the C. P. R. over the St. Lawrence at Lachine, near Montreal. This structure was built sixteen years ago, and is as good as ever. It is 3,660 feet in length, and the metal in it weighs 9,035,296 pounds. The other picture is that of the Alexandra bridge over the Ottawa river, between Ottawa and Hull. It is 2,290 feet in length. Before Mr. Topp is finished with the Point Ellice bridge question he will have enough bridge literature to fill a library, and enough bridge pictures to stock a picture gallery.

—The annual election of officers of Post No. 1, Native Sons of B. C., was held last, fully three hundred members being present. It was after midnight before the final results were announced as follows: Past chief factor, Wm. C. Moresby; chief factor, Jos. E. Wilson; 1st vice-factor, Thos. Watson; 2nd, vice-factor, W. H. Langley; hon. treasurer, Geo. Thos. Fox; recording secretary, Arthur E. Haynes; secretary-treasurer, E. Purcell Johnston; inside sentinel, J. A. McTavish; outside sentinel, Hy. Smethurst; committee of management, G. H. Barnard, E. E. Wootton, D. R. Ker, K. V. Munro and H. C. F. Briggs. The successful candidates were loudly cheered. Favorable reports regarding the grand ball to be given in the Assembly hall on February 7th were made by the various committees. Tickets may be procured from T. N. Hibben & Co., Challoner & Mitchell, Sea & Gowen, Dixi Ross & Co., or from any member of the general committee.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The remains of the late Silas Sheay were interred in Ross Bay cemetery today. The funeral took place from the Victoria Undertaking parlors at 11 a.m. Rev. Elliott S. Rowe officiated at the grave.

—Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday afternoon gave judgment in the injunction cases against the V., V. & E. He allowed the motion made for the prolongation of the injunction in each case, until the hearing of the action. The question of costs was reserved.

—The purchasing agent is calling for tenders for supplies for the Home for the Aged and Infirm, and also wood, per cord, delivered and piled at North Dairy pumping station. Further information will be found in the advertising columns of this paper.

—The downfall of snow which has taken place within the last few days has furnished an opportunity for many sleighing parties, while the youngsters have enjoyed it to the full. The warm sun of to-day, however, has made short work of "the beautiful," and the probability is that to-morrow the streets will again be bare.

—An inquest was held this afternoon to inquire into the death of Lee, the domestic employed by Dr. Fagan, who was found dead in his room yesterday morning. The evidence showed that death was due to asphyxiation, the unfortunate domestic having left charcoal burning in a coal oil tin when he retired. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

—Sealed tenders addressed to the postmaster-general will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, February 28th, for the conveyance of H. M. mails on proposed contracts for four years, six times per week each way between Garnham and Victoria and once per week between Milne's Landing and Victoria, both from April 1st. Contract forms may be seen at the post offices of Garnham, Maywood, Colwood, Milne's Landing and Victoria at the office of the post office inspector, E. H. Fletcher.

—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Victoria Building Society will be held to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock, in Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street. The business will consist of the following: Receipt of the directors', auditors' and secretary's reports, and the balance sheet; the election of officers and board of management and the holding of the eighty-fifth drawing for an appropriation. The present officers are W. W. Northcott, president; Alex. Stewart, vice-president; G. A. Carleton, J. Fullerton, G. W. Anderson, W. J. Anderson and C. D. Mason, directors; A. St. George Flint, secretary; Jno. Taylor, surveyor; Fell and Gregory, solicitors, and J. E. Church and W. Scowcroft, auditors.

—The streets, bridges and sewers committee held a meeting in the committee room of the city hall last evening, when, among other matters, the Point Ellice bridge question was informally discussed. The replies of the various bridge experts to the city engineer's communications were read and considered. The engineer in his letters inquired of each his fee for preparing plans for the superstructure of the bridge, and also what each would charge for acting as consulting engineer. The answers were varied, some offering their services for a percentage of the cost and others stating a certain amount. The terms of Mr. Waddell, consulting engineer for the provincial government, were favorably commented on, but no action was taken by the committee in either case, and there will be nothing to report to the council.

NEW ATLIN TRAIL.

Department of Lands and Works Issues Instructions For Staking One.

Acting on the representations of Jas. Stables, M. P. P., the department of lands and works is to-day issuing instructions for the laying out of a new trail from Atlin to Log Cabin. There has been in use now for a season or two a shorter and better trail than formerly, but it has lacked stakes, and was thus liable to be lost in a storm.

The government will stake the new road at intervals of 25 or 50 yards across the lake, and as far as Tepee, and then through timber out to Log Cabin. This will necessitate the construction of two bridges—one over the Tutchi river and one over the Big Horn river. The entire distance traversed will be about 65 miles.

Mr. Stables himself, with his companions, came out over this route a few days ago, and found it in good shape, but the moment it is left the traveller is liable to go down, or if on the lake, go through. The lake sections has to be staked every winter, after the forming of the ice.

CONTRACTS AWARDED TO VICTORIA FIRMS

Promoters of Osborne Bay Smelter Brooking No Delay—Plans for Big Wharf Prepared.

The preliminary operations in connection with the erection of the Osborne Bay smelter are being prosecuted with all possible dispatch, and the actual work of construction will be soon under way. Already this city is beginning to reap benefits from this enterprise, a couple of important contracts having been awarded to Victoria firms. The contract for the grading of the site has been given to the Victoria Transfer Company, while the Victoria Machinery Depot will construct three 200 horse power boilers for the smelter.

The contracts for the masonry and timber will be awarded in a day or so, while George Lewis, of Duncans, will supply the piles for the wharf to be erected at the Bay. By these it will be seen that the smelter promoters are going on with the work without delay. The plans and specifications for the wharf will be ready for tendering on to-morrow. The wharf will be 750 feet long, and will be equipped with double tracks for narrow and standard gauge cars. The ferry slip will have three tracks, so that three cars may be landed from the ferry simultaneously. This means that copper treated at the smelter can be shipped to New York in bulk from the smelter, while Mainland freight for Osborne Bay can be handled direct. There will also be an ocean dock for loading and unloading Alaska and other Pacific liners.

The significance of these operations is apparent. A great proportion of the work will undoubtedly be done by Victorians, and the effect of each stage in the operations will be beneficially felt here. The construction of the ferry slip and the operation of ferries between the Bay and the Mainland will give Osborne townsite and Mount Sicker generally all the advantages of trans-continental connection, and every indication points to a bright outlook for this district, with the welfare of which this city is directly concerned.

DEATH OF A. B. GRAY.

Demise of Prominent Business Man, for Many Years Resident of Victoria.

The business community in particular, and residents of the city in general, who have been here for any extended period will learn with deep regret of the death at Nelson to-day of one who came to this country in pioneer days, and who for many years was a successful and very prominent business man.

With painful surprise the announcement came by wire this morning of the demise of A. B. Gray. Deceased for the past five or six years has been acting as R. P. Rithet & Company's agent in that city. No particulars are given in the sad message received, and the cause of death is therefore not known. Deceased leaves a widow, two daughters and two sons to mourn his loss, all resident in the province. Mrs. Gray and one daughter are still residing in Victoria, and the news has come to them as a severe blow.

Like so many pioneers of this province, Mr. Gray was attracted to British Columbia by the gold rush to Cariboo in 1862. He came direct from Ireland, and spent a year or two in the upper country. On his return to this city he remained a year or two in the employ of John Wilkie & Company, at the corner of Yates and Bastion streets. He then started business on his own account in the city of New Westminster. Some years later he removed again to the present capital, and established a retail drygoods business at the corner of Government and Yates streets. Later on he gave this up and opened a wholesale liquor and drygoods business at the corner of Bastion and Wharf streets, where he remained for a good number of years, earning for himself the name of one of the most successful business men in the city. But good fortune was not always his. His business thrived and was constantly expanding until the period of depression struck the city. Then reverses were met, and Mr. Gray withdrew from business. Afterwards he entered the employ of R. P. Rithet & Company, and has been with that firm ever since, in charge of the Nelson branch of the establishment.

Deceased, as stated, was a native of Ireland, and 61 years of age.

GOOD COLONISTS FOR THE PROVINCE

AMERICAN SETTLERS TAKING UP B. C. LAND

Will Form Settlements in the Cassiar District and on Queen Charlotte Island Group.

The government of the province has now before it two propositions, both of which, if carried into effect, will have an important bearing on the problem of populating some of the northern districts of British Columbia.

Two colonization companies, the agents of which reside in Vancouver and in Victoria respectively, have made proposals to the department of immigration for certain concessions, in return for which they undertake to establish settlements in districts which are now unpopulated and almost inaccessible. One proposition is to establish twenty families on the Queen Charlotte islands, and the other to form a settlement of one hundred families in one of the fertile districts of Cassiar.

The two districts which will thus be converted from blank assets of the province into revenue producers are both extremely fertile and capable of producing fruit, vegetables and cereals equal to any agricultural districts in the province, or in the world. C. W. Clifford, one of the members for Cassiar, on a recent trip to his constituency, brought back with him specimens of the fruit of one of these valleys, which was sufficient evidence of its adaptability for raising apples, plums, pears, and indeed any of the fruits even for which the Okanagan valley is famed. Completely protected, and enjoying immunity from frost, this portion of Cassiar is capable of becoming one of the richest portions of the province.

The same remark applies to Queen Charlotte islands, where there are great tracts of land only awaiting the advent of the settler.

The drawback to these districts in the past have been the lack of means of communication and of transportation. Settlers were deterred from entering a district so far from markets, and stripped of the rail and steamboat facilities necessary to forward produce to the consumer. The rapid mineral development of both districts recently have rendered the double service of attracting railway men and steamboat men to the country, and of providing a ready market for the agriculturist at the mines themselves.

One of the conditions under which the settlement takes place is that the government provide main highways, and this will involve primary expense. The settlers, however, will provide the branch roads. The government will also have to provide two or three school houses for the education of the children, as the districts are now without these facilities. The colonists in each instance are from Washington and other Pacific coast states.

Legal Intelligence.

The following applications were disposed of this morning in Chambers before Mr. Justice Walkem:

Reay vs. Reay.—Application for directions, re partition of estate. Stood over, no one appearing for either party.

Child vs. Shafer.—The facts in this matter are as follows: The defendant, Shafer, obtained a judgment for $204 in the County court of Nanaimo. Mrs. Child, the plaintiff, in this action applied for a garnishee order, which was granted. Shafer then paid the amount of the judgment into court. Mrs. Child this morning applied for a charging order absolute upon the provincial treasury. Order granted by default.

Richardson vs. Richardson.—Martin Griffin, of Tupper, Peters & Griffin, applied for an order for leave to file supplementary petition. Stood over.

The Full court to-day is hearing the appeal in the case of Wilson vs. the Canadian Development Company. The plaintiff is a Dawson trader, and in the Yukon court, at the trial before Judge Craig, recovered judgment for $28,000 damages in respect to goods shipped from S. J. Pitts, of Victoria, for plaintiff. On account of the blockade near White Horse in 1899 it proved impossible for the carrying companies to get goods to the river, and they decided to take no goods after 20th August, 1899, and undertake to get them through to Dawson. The goods in question were taken under an agreement which defendants contend they are relieved from any warranty to deliver at Dawson that season.

On account of the amount involved the case is very important, and E. V. Bodwell, K.C., has been presenting the defendants' side of the case all day, and he will be followed on the same side by L. P. Duff, K.C. Fred Peters, K.C., and A. G. Smith appear for the plaintiff. Mr. Smith was formerly deputy attorney-general, but is now practicing in Dawson, and is here for the session of the court, several cases in which he is interested being on the list.

The following applications were disposed of this morning before the Honorable Mr. Justice Walkem:

Robinson vs. Okell & Morris Canning Co.—Application on part of the plaintiff for judgment under Order XIV. Application refused with costs. Martin Griffin, of Tupper, Peters & Griffin, for application. H. M. Cleland for defendants.

Richardson vs. Richardson.—(Divorce proceedings). Application by Martin Griffin, of Tupper, Peters & Griffin, for an order giving leave to file supplementary petition. Order made.

Okell & Morris Canning Co.—Application by T. Fell for an order for discovery. Adjourned until to-morrow.

Reay vs. Reay et al.—Application for directions as to consideration of sale. G. H. Barnard for plaintiff, and J. H. Lawson and H. B. Robertson for defendants.

Provincial News

NELSON.

The funeral services of the late J. Roderick Robertson will take place in New York to-day, and, in accordance with the wish of deceased, will be of simple character. The mines of the London & B. C. Gold Fields Company will be closed for the day. Mrs. Robertson and family have received very many messages of condolence and sympathy from private persons and public bodies.

KAMLOOPS.

A meeting of the Kamloops District Liberal Association was held in Raven's hall on Monday night, President J. D. Swanson in the chair. The matter of sending delegates to the Liberal convention at Vancouver was discussed, and Messrs. J. D. Swanson and M. P. Gordon, of Kamloops, and A. R. Carrington, of Nicola, were elected delegates. A resolution was passed instructing the delegates to vote in favor of party lines in provincial politics; in other matters they are given a free hand.

GREENWOOD.

H. P. Large, who has a stationery and news business at Midway, met with an accident on Thursday. Whilst out riding his horse fell, breaking the rider's leg between knee and ankle.

The big crusher for the B. C. Company's Mother Lode mine has arrived and preparations for getting it in running order are being pushed so as to make it available for crushing a larger output. By this time next month the second furnace will be completed at the company's smelter.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The adjourned hearing of the civic election petition, in which ex-Alderman A. E. Woods called in question the qualification of Alderman-elect W. E. Vanstone, who claimed the seat as the next highest candidate, was resumed on Friday before His Honor Judge Bole, who made an order declaring the seat vacant, and for a new election, R. L. Reid consenting for the respondent, Mr. Vanstone. J. D. Kennedy appeared for Mr. Woods. His Honor, in making the order, remarked incidentally that he was pleased that an amicable settlement had been arranged. The action had been taken in a friendly spirit, and no costs had been taxed nor even asked for by Mr. Woods, who had only taken this course to hurry matters after Mr. Vanstone had declared publicly his intention not to take his seat on account of his alleged disqualification. The writ was issued on Monday for the aldermanic bye-election. W. E. Vanstone, whose qualification was questioned, will run again, also ex-Ald. Woods.

There are two cases of smallpox among the Indians of Cultus lake reserve, near Chilliwack. Indian Agent Devlin, who has just returned, says the patients contracted the disease across the line while visiting Washington Indians, among whom are eight cases at least, and practically nothing was being done to check the spread. There are only the two cases at present on this side of the line, but as a precaution all the tribe were vaccinated and Cultus lake and Sumas reservations are under strict quarantine.

Four nights ago an East Delta farmer had a valuable team of horses stolen from the barn. On Saturday night an officer at Huntingdon, while fumigating the mail, at 11 o'clock, accosted a man about to cross the line with two horses. When the officer called at him, the supposed horse thief decamped.

There was a fire at Columbian Methodist College on Friday night, but though the concert room was crowded at the time with those attending the annual conversazione, very few knew of the danger in an adjoining room. The chimney being on fire, the over-heated brickwork is supposed to have set the wainscotting on fire. A telephone message brought the brigade from No. 2 hall, and a Babcock extinguisher did the rest.

Cold, but fine, weather continues, affording good skating on the neighboring lakes. A couple of skaters had a narrow escape from drowning by venturing on weak ice.

SOUTH VICTORIA LIBERALS.

"The South Victoria Liberal Association meeting for the appointment of delegates to the convention at Vancouver, advertised for 24th inst., has been postponed to Friday afternoon, 31st inst., at 4 o'clock. All Liberals are invited to attend."

MORE COLDS are cured by Pyny-Balsam than any other one remedy. It cures quickly and certainly. Bronchial affections give way readily to it. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

AN HEROIC NURSE.

Noble Sacrifice of the Sister of a Victorian in Nova Scotia.

The Brooklyn Eagle, of January 4th, contains the following reference to Miss C. M. McLean, a trained nurse of that city. She is a sister of Donald McLean, of the customs appraiser's office, in this city:

"It is learned that the death of the late Miss C. M. McLean, a well known Brooklyn trained nurse, was not less than heroic. Miss McLean was a graduate of the Long Island College hospital, and after nursing in Brooklyn and in many of Brooklyn's best families for several years, had gone to her home near Hopewell, Nova Scotia, to care for an aged mother, who is almost blind, and for an invalid sister, intending to return after a time to her work in Brooklyn.

"With work in her own home to tax the strength of a strong person, she would gratuitously respond to the calls of neighbors and friends to help them care for their sick and dying. Two of these calls having come in one week, the latter one of the severest and most complicated cases of her life, the patient having undergone an unsuccessful operation for appendicitis, she nursed on and on until she had gone seven days and seven nights with but ten hours of sleep. Finally, the doctor seeing her overtaxed condition, ordered her to her room for a little rest. In a few hours he was called to give her some medicine to relieve a severe pain in the chest, and before the glass of water for which she asked had touched her lips, she was dead. The heroic impulse that had stirred her to say to her mother and sister when leaving her home, 'I must see this case through if I can stand on my feet,' had proved too much even for one of such great physical strength."

G. R. Reed and J. H. MacLafferty, of San Francisco, are here on their periodical business trip to the city. Both are staying at the Victoria.

THE LATEST PLOT IN JOHANNESBURG

MANY FOREIGNERS ENGAGED IN SCHEME

Plans to Kill or Seize Kitchener and Milner, and Burn the City.

Bennet Burleigh, writing to the London Daily Telegraph from Klerksdorp, says:

The latest Johannesburg plot was conceived on a more gigantic scale than some of the previous conspiracies. The object was no less than to kill or seize Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner and their staffs, shoot down the police and the Rand Rifles, set fire to Johannesburg, laying it in ashes, and work as much havoc as possible before decamping into the mountains.

It is understood that there were, nominally at least, over 300 foreigners engaged in the scheme. Only a small number were Boers and burghers, and of these very few are prominent men. The New Club here may have contributed a member or two. Anyhow, several of them were under suspicion, and I believe there has been an arrest in that connection. Matters, however, are sub judice, and further comment must be deferred. The authorities very quietly, when the gist of the plot and the names of the conspirators became known to them, arrested, in the course of some 24 hours, some 30 persons, who were at once

Examined and Incarcerated

in the fort. Since then about 30 others have been added to the list of prisoners. A week ago arrests of others of the gang were made at Elandsfontein, a few miles out from Johannesburg, on the Pretoria line. To-day it is given out that the trials of the accused will begin before a court. I have been told that already a military tribunal has adjudicated in one case, and that the prisoner has paid the extreme penalty for his crimes. Undoubtedly the conspirators are keeping up a correspondence with the Boers out on commando. The scheme of the plotters was little short of devilish. Some eleven hundred men were to be enlisted, whose work it was, upon a given signal, to assassinate a like number of Rand Rifles. That excellent local volunteer body have been wont to proceed to drill, carrying only their rifles. The conspirators, who had ticked off the private addresses of most of these volunteers, delegated one or more of their number to each residence.

When the fatal date, which was to be about the middle of last December, came round, the signal for the South African Sicilian Vespers was to be given. Meanwhile every plotter was to be in readiness at his assigned post, either lurking in the doorway, or, if possible, within the dwelling of the marked rifleman. Murderers prefer the dark for the commission of their crimes. In the dusk of evening the leaders

Were to Rush the Mine,

and capture the "hooter" thereat, which, "by order," has to sound the first note of warning to the public. The complement thereof, to show there is danger abroad, and that the enemy are about, is the firing of three rounds by a cannon from the fort. To a conspirator was entrusted the task, on hearing the "hooter," of firing a gun, or small mines, to simulate the second official alarm.

When these sounds are heard "by order," every civilian must seek shelter within the nearest house, and the riflemen get their weapons. The false signals given here was the instant for the traitors. The unsuspecting Rand riflemen were to be sand-bagged, or struck down and killed upon their doorsteps, or stabbed to death with their own bayonets as they entered their homes. Kemp and one thousand Boers, who had been communicated with by the garbage cart drivers, were to be in hiding near the city. In the tumult and uproar expected to ensue they were to force an entrance, helped by their friends from within. Then the work of robbery,

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was to proceed with relentless hot haste, so that it might be finished, and the conspirators and their allies could fly the British troops and vengeance ere morning light. But the plot has failed, and, happily, many of the conspirators have been laid by the heels, and later on possibly will be held by the neck. Already they are following their nature, in making haste to give evidence against each other, that they may save their individual wretched lives. For some little time Johannesburg has been afflicted with an outbreak of political criminal violence. There has been assaults and attempts at waylaying and assaulting the police. "Sandbagging" and bludgeoning are the methods adopted. Latterly, as in evil districts at home, the police after dark go about in twos, but a little while ago a soldier doing sentry-go at the large railway goods station in the suburb of Bramfontein, Johannesburg, was assassinated, and his rifle and bandolier carried off.

An instruction has been issued to all officers who may be abroad after dark in Johannesburg to go about armed, and to walk in the middle of the road. This has been rendered necessary because of the ruffians lurking in doorways and under the balcony shadows that covet most of the pavements in this metropolis of Mammon.

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DELAYED BY STORM.

Schooner Kilminy Takes Ten Days to Make Voyage From Sooke.

Although Sooke harbor lies but 25 or 26 miles from Victoria, it took the schooner Kilminy, which arrived in Esquimalt this morning, 10 days in which to make the voyage here. Before the schooner arrived reports had been circulated about her having turned turtle. A four-ton trading sloop is said to have been seen floating bottom up off Race Rocks, and the vessel was believed to be the Kilminy. Such, however, proved not to be the case. The schooner met with no mishap, and her crew suffered no privations.

According to Capt. J. Mugford, her captain, the schooner had been down to Sooke with a cargo of lumber, which she discharged at Beecher bay. She had just started out on the return trip when on Thursday the storm arose. The schooner was half an hour out from the bay when the wind sprang up from the southeast, and accompanied by a heavy snow fall rendered navigation very difficult. Captain Mugford decided to put back for shelter, and sailing up and down past Church Island, under fore sail, awaited a favorable opportunity. Getting into port the schooner remained at safe anchorage until the storm passed over. Starting out for Victoria the vessel was again overtaken by storm, and had to put into shelter in a little cove on the other side of Race Rocks. Leaving there yesterday morning she came on to Esquimalt, making port last night. Capt. Mugford says he saw no wreckage whatever on the trip.

IMPROVEMENT OF SEED.

To the Editor:—By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured by the Director of the Experimental Farms from the record-breaking crops recently had in the Canadian Northwest. It will be worth while for farmers generally to renew their seed of oats when varieties which have produced more than 100 bushels per acre can be had. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, field pease, Indian corn and potatoes. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications for more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 15th of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort or variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the kind asked for be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director Experimental Farms.
Ottawa, January 15th, 1902.

BIRTHS.

STEPHENS—On the 26th instant, the wife of R. W. Stephens, of Pine street, Victoria West, of a daughter.

STEWART—At Rossland, on Jan. 18th, the wife of Stonewall J. Stewart, of a daughter.

WOLLASTON—On Jan. 27th, at 119 Menzies street, the wife of F. H. Wollaston, of a daughter.

GREATRIX—At Kamloops, on Jan. 22nd, the wife of Alfred Greatrix, of a son.

MARRIED.

GRAHAM-M'NAUGHTON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 28th, by Rev. Dr. McLaren, J. H. Graham and Miss K. McNaughton.

HOLLAND-SUMNER—At Vancouver, on Jan. 27th, by Rev. L. Norman Tucker, George Holland and Miss Gertrude Sumner.

HOLDEN-ROWBOTHAM—At Vancouver, on Jan. 25th, by Rev. Dr. McLaren, Clement Holden and Florence Rowbotham.

M'INTOSH-EMERSON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 22nd, by Rev. Dr. McLaren, G. A. McIntosh and Miss Annie M. Emerson.

WILLIAMS-MOENS—At Vancouver, on Jan. 21st, by Rev. J. H. Underhill, A. B. Williams and Miss Alice L. Moens.

M'CREERY-BERRY—At Langley Prairie, on Jan. 22nd, by Rev. A. K. Sharp, William McCreery and Miss Charlotte M. Berry.

HUMBLE-HAY—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. W. C. Calder, William Humble and Ella M. Hay.

ALYWIN-O'NEILL—At New Denver, on Jan. 21st, by Rev. A. E. Roberts, Harry Alywin and Miss Florence M. O'Neill.

CROFT-M'EWING—At Nelson, on Jan. 22nd, by Rev. Dr. Wright, James W. Croft and Miss Grace McEwing.

DIED.

CAMPBELL—At the Royal Jubilee hospital, on the 29th inst., Grace, beloved wife of Frank Campbell, of Esquimalt, and daughter of T. W. Clark, late of Vancouver, B. C., aged 26 years. (Vancouver papers please copy.)

FAIRFULL—At the family residence, Fairfield Farm, Foul Bay, on the 28th inst., Margaret Boucher Fairfull, late of Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland, aged 72 years.

BROWN—At Vancouver, on Jan. 24th, Mrs. E. E. Brown, aged 27 years.

KAY—At Seattle, on Jan. 25th, 1902, of scarlet fever, Horace, dearly beloved child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Kay, aged 5 years.

HARMAN—On the 28th inst., at Oak Bay, Cecil John Howard, infant son of Arthur H. and Rosa E. Harman, aged 5 months.

WOODERMAN—At Rossland, on Jan. 20th, Thomas F. Wooderman, aged 67 years.

MECREDY—At Vancouver, on Jan. 27th, Rosa Marie Augusta Caradec Le Fourdrey, wife of J. K. Mecredy.

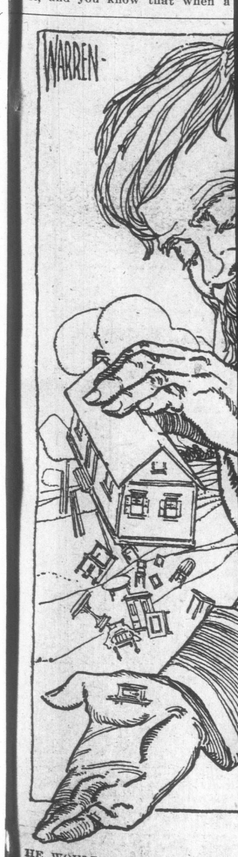
Mail Contracts.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 28th February, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails on proposed contracts for four years, six times per week each way between GARNHAM AND VICTORIA, and once per week each way between MILNE'S LANDING AND VICTORIA, both from 1st April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions for proposed contracts may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Garnham, Maywood, Colwood, Milne's Landing and Victoria, and at this office.

E. H. FLETCHER,
P. O. Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Victoria, B. C., 17th January, 1902.

FOR SALE—Cheap, 120 acres easily cleared bottom land in Bella Coola valley; 3½ acres free from stumps, 4 acres slashed; frame house, also stable and shed; 6 miles from wharf by road. Write to J. P. Robertson, Port Renfrew, B. C.



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