Methodist clergy. A collection will be WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. taken at the door. The building com-

tario. On the 27th a low area appeared

the high still continuing over British Col-

umbia, the low area was gradually cover-

ergy and its centre had moved to Winni-

peg, our conditions remaining unchanged in this province. On the 30th the baro-

meter began to fall here, and by Sunday

evening a low area from the ocean devel-

oped, being central on the California

the province and snow in Cariboo, the

pressure continuing very high in the North-

weather over the province. The barometer

ranged during the week from 30.38 to

29.72. Indian summer prevailed most of

coast. On Oct. 1st. the barometer con-

mittee in charge of the matter of erect-Victoria Meteorological Office, ing a substantial annex to the Sabbath 26th September to 2nd October, 1900. The week opened on the 26th with a vast school are hard at work in the prearea of high barometric pressure extending liminaries. from the Pacific ocean to Western On--Collector Milne has been notified by

over Alberta, and the pressure began to the custom's representative in the Por-

give way in that district. On the 26th, cupine country of the new strikes made

meter in the Northwest, and generally fair trail will be placed on duty.

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DUNGANS IS PROSPEROUS.

Influence of the Mount Sicker Mines Is Making Itself Felt in the Cowichan Valley.

To the Editor :- Will you kindly permit me to give a small detail of last Satur-(Special correspondence of the Times.) day's Saanich show? Duncans, Oct. 2.-The many people The day proved fine, much more so. I who visited the exhibition given under am sorry to say, than did the show. Perstampede thither. Many of those in the the auspices of the Cowichan Agriculhaps it was owing a good deal to the ing the Northwest Territories, its centre rush to the new diggings, the officer tural Association here on Saturday last Duncan show being on the same date, and moving southward to Assimibola; on the states, are Americans who come from noticed a decided change for the better undoubtedly a little due to the want of 29th the storm area had increased in en- American territory, and are taking big in the handsome little village. Duncans outside competition. Last year I was quantities of supplies into the country is now putting on metropolitan airs, and much surprised and delighted with the without paying duty. In view of this it is all owing to the proximity of the magnificent show, both in and outside of fact, he recommended the establishment Mount Sicker mines. One of the first the hall, but instead of increasing, as it of a customs house at a point on the things to impress the visitor is the fact should do, it is decreasing. The value of Chilkat river just above Kluckwan, on that old buildings-buildings which were all the goods that were in the building, I the Canadian side, which would be in erected years ago and which years ago am sure, would not amount to \$25, when the direct line of all traffic. The re- had been left to the tender mercies of the last year it would have been a bargain at light rain fell in the southern portion of commendation has been forwarded on to elements and the boy with a penchant \$100. The exhibitors this year were the Ottawa, and it is expected some action for firing pebbles through any window officers, directors, their good wives, and a will be taken in the matter at once. In panes in vacant structures-are being neighbor or two. The stock certainly was

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THE SAANICH AGRICULTURISTS.

proved to be the best sample in the hall,

but they were under weight. There should

Now, it would have looked much better of

the directors if they had favored that out-

side man, but no; it was an opportunity

to disqualify those goods, which, of course

have been 50 pounds, and there was not

tied up in sacks, but nailed up in such in frame structures. Among the new close boxes, allowing only a little light to enterprises to shortly open will be an enter in at one side, that one could scarceextensive drug store under the superly recognize whether they were black or vision of a pharmacist of wide experiwhite We have to thank the kind people from

But what Duncans is pluming itself the city for a big crowd. It is hard to two nights. In the Northwest Territories Tuesday, and, judging by the prize list, most on just now is its fire department. have to admit that if it had not been for Compared with the chemicals, the steamthe citizens the county exhibition mus fell, and temperatures went down to 22 which would conduce to a very successful ers, the hook and ladder trucks and the have proved a failure. efficient force of fire fighters presided

If the show is to improve, outside com over by Chief Deasy, the fire department petition must be invited, and more than in the beautiful little village might sufthat, encouraged and a little favored But Duncans' fire department is rather than otherwise. Competition will new and, although some of the appliances bring a big crowd of farmers; it is a farmare crude in a way, they will be of great ers' exhibition, and they should not have of Private Smethurst of the first con-assistance in preventing the spread of to depend on the city to make it a success tingent. She was a native of Stafford- any conflagration that may break out The little party that now keeps it slidshire, and was 34 years of age. Her hus- there. And then, too, Chief Deasy is ing seems to be well aware that competinot one whit more proud of his commodi- tion is what they need. Outside competious fire halls and up-to-date apparatus tion is all right, just what they want and than is Chief Smith of Duncans, of the just what they like, as long as it is not too

new hook and ladder truck, of home strong for them. It is plain to see that it manufacture, thedatwo new Stempel is their, principle to keep the honors chemicals, and the new alarm bell-which among themselves as much as possible has just been received and will be placed and depend on the city alone to make the in position in a few days. The new fire show a success. hall, or rather the old building which To give an idea of how they serve the has been utilized for the purpose, was a outsiders, I will mention one act: An outsider exhibited some potatoes, which

centre of attraction during the fair. At the station are lying, too, large boilers and a splendid winch hoisting engine. They are consigned to the Tyee mines, and soon the machinery will be taken there and placed in position. There are evidences of prosperity in sight on every hand in the hitherto peace-

was neither unjust nor unfair, and I don't ful little Cowichan valley village, and it is plain that Duncans has a great future before it.

ing Duncans are said to be prosperous. A grain buyer who was here on Saturday reported that the Indians refused actually worth \$23 per ton. But then the price of oats is liable to go up, and although siwashes are not reading the papers they have begun looking out for market indications.

Concord Grapes Are-Reducedad

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New Westminster reports .04 inch rainfall; highest temperature, 62, on the 27th; lowest, 35, on 30th. Kamloops reports highest temperature 60, on 27th and 29th; lowest, 32, on 26th. Barkerville reports .08 precipitation; highest temperature, 56, on 27th; lowest, 22, on 30th.

degrees below freezing point.

26th; lowest, 40, on the 30th.



(From Tuesday's Daily.) -A requisition as to the advisability of holding a fair in Victoria has been sent to Mayor Hayward, and will come up for action at the next meeting of the council.

the time; temperatures were pleasant and tural Association is being concluded at ence. seasonable. Light local frosts occurred on Ashcroft to-day. It was commenced on and Manitoba considerable snow and rain the committee in charge omitted no effort exhibition. Victoria reports 47 hours of bright sun--The death of Mrs. James Smethurst shine; highest temperature, 59, on the occurred yesterday at the family resi fer. dence. The deceased was the wife of

James Smethurst, and the sister-in-law band and four young children survive

> -The death occurred yesterday in this ity of George Sharp, a pioneer of Victoria, who came to this country twenty years ago. The deceased has for the past four years resided at Cowichan, and leaves one son, a professor in the Presbyterian College at Kingston, The funeral will take place to-morrow from the Odd Fellows' hall.

on Bear and Clear creeks, and of the

(From Thursday's Daily.)

-The fall show of the Inland Agricul-

------The services in connection with the bservance of the Day of Atonement by the Jewish residents of Victoria were conducted last evening. Rabbi Klinkenstein delivered two eloquent sermons, one dealing with the historical origin of the

west. The week ended on the 2nd with the meanwhile Mr. Milne thinks that a looked after. Every old building in the a poor turn out. The poultry may have little charge in our weather conditions, squad of Northwest Mounted Police place is receiving attention. Several been magnificent, but unfortunately they low barometer on the Coast, high baro, from Camp Pleasant on the Dalton new business places will soon be opened