

"Fire Balloon Over Salt Springs Island, BC

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(43) Victoria, B.C. Times. 3 Aug. 1897.

(44) Loren. E. Gross: Charles Fort, the Fortean Society, & Unidentified Flying Objects, p. 18.

About the first of August the mysterious "fire balloon" was spotted by some women near Victoria. The glowing object appeared to be over Salt Springs Island moving slowly northward. The thing was described as: ". . . red column of fire apparently 50 feet long [?]." (43.)

Sunday, August 1st, around 2 o'clock in the morning, three men near the community of Goldstream, British Columbia, saw a point of light rise from the top of Mount Skirt and then move to the northwest, passing over the Goldstream railway station. The men said: ". . . light was the color of an electric light, and . . . It was steady, throwing out rays. " Furthermore: "It was not very high. . . [and] was not affected by the wind." (44.)

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