all their canneries this season. On the Fraser River the canneries will put up 50 per cent. of their capacity, and on the northern rivers, including Skeena River, Naas River, River's Inlet, etc., they will only put up 25 per cent. of their capacity. The Alaska canners have also by an agreement bound themselves to pack not more than 400,000 cases, which is 50 per cent. of the capacity of their canneries, which last season put up 800,000 cases salmon. The overstocked condition of the London and Liverpool markets is the direct cause of the cutting down of the packs of the Pacific Coast. In British Columbia, however, the unsatisfactory condition of the fishery regulations has had much to do with the action of the cannerymen, who feel that undue restrictions have been imposed on the canning industry, and the licensing system being also unsatisfactory.

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

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| Japan rice, | per ton | $77 50 |
| China rice | " | 70 00 |
| Rice flour | " | 70 00 |
| Chit rice | " | 25 00 |
| Rice Meal | " | 17 50 |

LUMBER.

The following new charters are announced: British ship Burmah, 1,647 tons, Burrard Inlet to Valparaiso, 35s; Nor. bark Emblem, 1,152 tons, at San Diego, Burrard Inlet to Cork, U. K., 62s 6d (2s 6d less to direct port); Br. ship Crown of Denmark, 2,029 tons, Vancouver to Melbourne, 37s 6d; Nor. bark Ursus Minor, 605 tons, at San Diego, Burnette mills to Sydney, 37s 6d; The British India cleared March 31 for Valparaiso, with a cargo comprised of 680,372 feet rough and clear lumber and 204,913 feet t & g flooring, valued at $9,315. The Br. bark Toboggan, 676 tons, arrived April 2, at Vancouver. She will load for Wilmington, Del. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, $9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, $19; dressed flooring, $17; pickets, $9; laths, 4 feet, $2.

Since the failure on the part of lumbermen to effect an organization and fix uniform prices for lumber, considerable cutting has been going on, and it is said that rough lumber has been delivered at different points in the city for $8 per M, while the regular quotation is 9 per M in the yard. Shingles are also cut 25c per M, and are being sold for $2 in the yard.

## FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the foreign coal shipments for the month of March:

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| New V. C. Co | 25,539 |
| Wellington | 19,037 |
| Union | 8,660 |
| East Wellington | 2,832 |
| Total | 56,068 |

The following are the shipments for the week ending April 2:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

| *Date.* | *Vessel and Destination.* | *Tons.* |
|---|---|---|
| 28. | Wachusett, shp, San Francisco | 2,455 |
| 28. | Mogul, str, Port Townsend | 36 |
| 28. | Elsie, str., Sitka, Alaska | 39 |
| 31. | Commodore, ship, Wilmington, Cal | 3,031 |
| 1. | Sea King, bark San Francisco | 2,282 |
| | Total | 7,843 |


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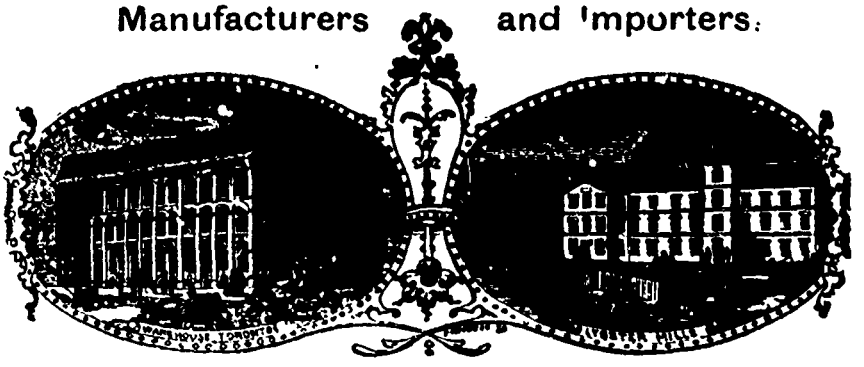

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## BUSINESS CHANGES.

W. C. Dowd, general store, Riverside, out of business.

Fletcher & Co., general store, Nelson, are out of business.

J. H. Illingsworth, grocer, Vancouver, is out of business.

A. G. Marks, hotel, Nelson—style now, Marks & Vaness.

Dr. W. Bell Campbell has removed from Donald to Nanaimo.

Horrocks & Co., drugs, Vancouver, have gone out of business.

Veith & Borland are opening a general store at Quesnelle Forks.

B. S. Tesch, variety store, New Westminster, is out of business.

The Vancouver Steamship Co. was sold out by the sheriff, last month.

Duncan A. Macfarland, brick yard, Vancouver—business for sale by tender.

Borland & Hamilton have sold their saw mill on the Cariboo road to P. Egan.

George T. Lundy, boots and shoes, New Westminster, is selling off by auction.

Ed. Johnson has bought out Mr. Clement's boot and shoe business, Chilliwack.

Wright & Johnston, brewers, New Westminster, have closed out their business.

Major J. M. Mutter will shortly open a general store at Somenos station, E. & N. Railway.

Kirschberg & Marymont, clothing, Victoria, have dissolved. Joseph Marymont continues.

D. M Cashin, of San Francisco, proposes establishing an artificial ice freezing house in New Westminster.

A. S. Ferguson, general dealer, at Ladner's Landing, has closed out his business and gone to California.

John Barker has severed his connection with the Chilliwack sash and door factory, and removed to Vancouver.

The stock of Jas. R. Rousseau, boots and shoes, New Westminster, has been damaged by fire. Loss, $1,000.

The Hudson's Bay Co. intend opening a general store at Nelson with Mr. J. A. Turner, of Kamloops, in charge.

Lee & Griffin, Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, have dissolved. Henry Lee assumes all liabilities and continues the business.

Hirst Bros., have taken over the business of the late John Hirst, Nanaimo, from J. C. Prevost, receiver of the Hirst estate.

R. Frank, baker, Vancouver, has admitted Thos. Barnwell into partnership, under the firm style of Frank & Barnwell.

Wm. Brown, grocer, Victoria, who purchased the business of Demers & Son a few months ago, has sold out to F. J. Hall.

A. E. McPhillips has been admitted into the legal firm of Wootton & Barnard, Victoria, under the style of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard.

John Braden, late senior partner of Braden & Stamford, plumbers, etc., Victoria, will shortly open in the same line on his own account in Victoria.

Fred J. Coulthard has retired from the real estate business in New Westminster, and will manage the business of Lowenberg, Harris & Co. in that city.

Beeton & Pike, general merchants, South Westminster, have assigned to Michael Hayes, South Westminster, and James Punch, New Westminster.

R. F. Tolmie, F. S. Findley and Geo. A. Cooper have entered into partnership under the style of The Tolmie Land Co., to do a real estate and insurance business.

H. G. Ross & Co. have been appointed agents for the Imperial Fire Insurance Company, for New Westminster and district, succeeding W. J. Armstrong, resigned.

The Victoria Truck and Dray Co. (l'td), has increased its capital stock from $20,000 to $50,000 in shares of $100.

An outport of customs, under the survey of New Westminster, will be established at Douglas, formerly known as Blaine, July 1.

A joint stock company, with a capital of $75,000, has been formed in Nanaimo, to take over the electric light plant in that city from A. Shaw who retains 25 per cent. of the stock.

J. J. Connor, who has been identified with the mining interests of Montana, for some years, is now travelling through this Province, looking at some properties on behalf of European capitalists.