

British Columbia.

Arthur Rullock, dry goods, Nanaimo, B.C., has announced his intention of retiring from business.

The movement for a reduction in the hours of work by the mechanics of Victoria is making good progress.

R. F. Lemon, general merchant, Revelstoke, is offering his stock for sale, with the object of leaving the place.

Tenders are asked for the purchase of the Arlington hotel, Kamloops, together with the furnishings of the house.

Donald Truth: The sheriff has levied on the property of Jeffrey Brothers, the contractors, now operating near Field.

Victoria proposes expending \$45,000 on its streets and bridges this year. A by-law granting the council that sum will shortly be voted upon.

The C. P. R. Co. has inaugurated a steamer service, tri-weekly, between Vancouver and Nanaimo. It is desired that the line may be made a mail route.

Brackman & Kerr, proprietors of the Saanich oatmeal and flour mills, Vancouver Island, are erecting a large brick building at Victoria, where they will do a flour and feed business.

The Dominion Government has decided to plat and sell the townsite of Donald. Surveys will be made this month, and the sale of lots will, it is stated, take place on or about the 15th of May.

C. E. Grigg, son of S. Grigg, of the Grigg house, London, Ont., has leased premises at Vancouver for the purpose of establishing bottling works in that city. He will handle Labatt's ale and porter.

Joseph Haywood, of Victoria, lately presented that city with a beautiful drinking fountain, costing him over \$2,000. He now proposes to denote 600 choice trees, to be planted under his own direction and at his expense in Beacon Hill Park.

Vancouver World: It is believed there are more new buildings in process of erection in Vancouver at present than ever before in its history at one time. They are not by the dozen, but by the hundred and in every quarter and section of the city.

A two-story frame building, 60x50, is being built on the corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets, Victoria, by G. Ledingham, who will occupy it as a carriage factory. All the iron work necessary in the construction of vehicles will be done on the premises.

M. E. De Candia, a Victoria grocer, has left the city, leaving a stock valued at about \$1,500, and liabilities to over double the amount. He has written from the United States, stating that he had become so involved that he sought relief in flight. N. Buttocio is his principal creditor.

Donald Truth says: An important change has been made in the policy governing Dominion lands within the railway belt in this province. The time for homesteading these lands has been extended to the first of January, 1891. The price of lands within this belt sold

for speculative purposes, without conditions of settlement, has been increased from \$2.50 to \$5 per acre.

The *Grocers' Gazette*, of London, England, says of British Columbia salmon: The bark *Norc-o-s* has arrived. She is the last of the B. C. salmon fleet, but B. C. salmon is as scarce as ever and strongly held. This quality is more liked than any other and seems to be taking the place of the Columbia River salmon. Consumers seem fully satisfied with the former. We cannot, however, say the same of Alaska, but at the the existing difference in price, buyers are ready to take it for ordinary quality.

Victoria Standard: A representative of the Welland Vale Manufacturing Company, of St. Catharines, J. D. Chaplin, at present staying at the *Drriad*, has made arrangements to have a branch factory of the company started here, where all kinds of edge tools, agricultural implements, etc., will be made. It is more than likely that the factory will be erected on either a piece of land, part of the Pemberton estate or on the old Nesbitt property. A manufacturing business like the above started in the city could not fail to be beneficial.

Mr. Foster has given notice in Parliament of a resolution that the Governor-in-Council may give to any company to whom may be given the contract by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, a subsidy not exceeding 15,000 pounds sterling per annum for a monthly steamship service between British Columbia, China and Japan, such subsidy to be given for such a term of years as may be deemed expedient, provided always that during such time the Government of Great Britain and Ireland gives to such company a subsidy of not less than 45,000 pounds for a monthly service or of not less than 75,000 pounds per annum for a fortnightly service. Also to grant 25,000 pounds sterling per annum to assist in establishing an effective fortnightly steamship service between British Columbia and the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, such subsidy to be given for a term of years on such conditions as the Governor-in-Council may consider expedient.

The Travelling Men.

"Yes," said the new drummer to the Hebrew clothier, of whom he was about to secure an order, "yes, I know your name is Isaacs, but what is your Christian name?" That order never went in.

Toronto Merchant: Norman Phillips, one of the best known drummers of Ontario, was notified recently of an increase in his family. It was twins, and, to reconcile the father to his lot, a baby was borrowed from a neighbor, and when he arrived he was introduced to the little strangers and heartily congratulated. His greeting to his wife was, "Why, Mary, what do you mean?" but after a time an explanation was made, and the father, with a sigh of relief, remarked that there are times in life when a pair is better than three of a kind.

The typical commercial man cannot be charged with selfishness, but there are exceptions to the rule. On a C. P. R. train the other day a couple of knights of the grip were observed

occupying four sittings, having stretched their feet across the seat opposite them, while two ladies were standing for some time near by, being unable to obtain a seat. The ladies looked wistfully at the seat occupied by the feet of the drummers, but the latter paid no attention to the silent request. This was an exhibition of hoggishness and ungallantry which we are sure few gentlemen of the road would be guilty of.

Pure Gold Roberts was at Rat Portage recently. Hearing some of the boys talking of fishing, he naturally wished to participate in the sport, so borrowing an outfit from Louis Hilliard he started off and swished and swashed the water back of the first falls for about an hour and caught one of those deadly colds that everybody has nowadays. But Roberts was not going to be left. He dropped into Goodman's and bought a couple of herrings and swears to the boys he caught them at the falls. But Billy gave him away and now the boys say "herrings" to Roberts and he won't fish again --not this season.--*Husler*.

Montreal Hide Market.

Prices were on the weak side, and quoted as follows by the *Gazette*:

Toronto, No. 1	6c @	6 1/2c
Toronto, No. 2	5 @	5 1/2
Hamilton, No. 1	5 1/2 @	6 1/2
Hamilton, No. 2	4 3/4 @	5 1/2
Western, buff and upper, No. 1	6 1/2 @	7
Western buff, bands, No. 2	5 1/2 @	6
Heavy steers	8 1/2 @	9 1/2
Bull, heavy	5 1/2 @	6
Dry hides	10 @	11
Calfskins, Chicago	7 1/2 @	8
Green butchers' No. 1	5 @	0
Green butchers' No. 2	4 @	0
Green butchers' No. 3	3 @	0
Calfskins	7 @	0
Lambskins, each	0 @	15
Sheepskins, each	80 @	\$1 00

Fur Prices at Montreal.

Our quotations may be taken as a fair guide for average lots, and any choice parcels will likely fetch an advance on our figures. We add to the list spring muskrat at 20 to 25c.

Beaver, per lb.	\$ 4 50 @	\$ 4 75
Bear, large, per skin	12 00 @	18 00
Bear, small, "	5 00 @	10 00
Bear cubs, "	3 00 @	7 00
Fisher, "	5 00 @	7 00
Fox, red, "	1 40 @	1 65
Fox, cross, "	2 50 @	5 00
Lynx, "	4 00 @	5 00
Marten, "	1 10 @	1 15
Mink, "	0 75 @	1 25
Muskrat, winter	0 17 @	0 20
Muskrat, spring	0 20 @	0 25
Otter, per skin	8 00 @	12 00
Raccoon, per skin	0 25 @	0 75
Skunk, per skin	0 25 @	0 75

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Foote & Snider have been appointed agents at Portage la Prairie, Man., for the Canada Life Assurance Co., in the place of W. A. Prent, resigned.