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W. J. Tippins, manufacturer of candy, Victoria, has removed to larger and more commodious premises.

Thos. D. Cyrs has resumed the management of the Granville Hotel, Vancouver, of which he is the proprietor.

Redgrave & Ella's candy factory, Victoria, was again visited by fire. About \$700 damage was done. Fully insured.

The Dominion Department of fisheries is arranging for a continuation of the exploration of deep sea fisheries in British Columbia.

Alex. Ewen, of Victoria, has given instructions to the Victoria Machinery Depot for the construction of a steam tug for fishery purposes.

The proprietors of the Leland Hotel, Vancouver, will soon have the 14 new rooms which have been added to their establishment, ready for the reception of guests.

The salmon run in the Fraser river is very light. The high water is credited with keeping the salmon out of the river. A small run of sockeyes was in progress four weeks ago, but since the high water set in these fish have disappeared.

A couple of sacks of Queen Charlotte Island coal have reached Victoria. It has a bright, glossy appearance and burns freely, leaving behind it a clean white ash. It is claimed for this coal that it equals the famous Lehigh coal of Pennsylvania. For domestic and heating purposes, as well as for use about foundries and machine shops, if at all what its owners claim for it, the coal will be found to be invaluable and will prove a splendid investment for its owners.

Westminster *Columbian* says: Real estate is still booming, and more confidence than ever is now felt in the prosperous future in store for Westminster. Lately many large transfers of real estate have been concluded and a number, involving many thousands of dollars, are pending. Victoria and Vancouver men are among the most recent purchasers of property, and many commissions from outsiders to purchase desirable property, are now in the hands of our real estate dealers. Building operations are being carried on with great activity on all sides, but not sufficiently rapid to keep pace with our increasing population.

The Southern Railway Company has been fully organized. A meeting of the shareholders was held in Westminster lately, when the following gentlemen were elected officers and directors: Ben Douglas, president; John Hendry, vice-president; Henry Elliott, treasurer; T. J. Trapp, secretary. D. Drysdale, E. S. Scoullar, H. Hoy, A. Ewen, C. M. Beecher, directors. The board are already at work arranging for the early commencement on construction. It is the intention of the company to make a connection with the American system somewhere in the vicinity of Lynden, in Washington Territory, to which point the Seattle & West Coast line is now being surveyed. The greatest obstacle to surmount is the crossing of the Fraser river.

During the first five months of the present and last year the merchandise exported from

San Francisco to this province were valued as follows:—

MONTHS.	1888.	1887.
January.....	\$ 24,300	\$ 36,948
February.....	65,204	38,993
March.....	73,920	94,772
April.....	61,930	85,679
May.....	91,783	97,240

Totals..... \$317,137 \$353,632

Showing a comparative decrease this year of \$36,495. With the exception of February, the exports have been less for each month than in 1887.

The monthly exports from this province to San Francisco for the same period were:—

MONTH.	1888.	1887.
January.....	\$ 91,473	\$132,931
February.....	99,461	71,625
March.....	93,717	112,726
April.....	102,391	89,131
May.....	166,872	114,030

Totals..... \$552,914 \$520,459

Showing an increase of \$33,455 for this year. The imports during the past five months were \$236,777 ahead of the exports against an excess of \$166,827 for imports during the same period in 1887.

General Notes.

The Moncton, N. B., refinery is making large shipments of sugar to Winnipeg and points further west.

A. Cameron, who up till recently was a shipper of general country produce from Pembroke, Ont., has opened a produce commission business at No 295 Commissioners Street, Montreal.

Morris Moss has shipped to Rock Creek, B. C., a saw mill manufactured by Spratt & Gray, of Victoria. The mill will be used for sawing lumber for a flume for the Laura Hydraulic Company in which several Victorians are interested.

In Marseilles, France, alone, there are 97 establishments for making soap, whose product in 1886 was valued at \$10,620,180, using largely peanut oil; that there were imported into the same place 324,520 tons of oil seeds, mostly shelled peanuts, from the East Indies via Suez Canal.

The British Board of trade returns show a further contraction of British exports to Canada, but an expansion of imports from Canada. Exports decreased 60 per cent. for May; 14 per cent. for five months; imports increased 99½ per cent. for May, and 96 per cent. for five months.

A company has been formed at Toronto for the purpose of manufacturing pure ice, and for freezing and cold storage. Application has been made for incorporation under the title, "The Freezing and Cold Storage and Artificial Ice Company, Limited, of Toronto," with a capital stock of \$150,000.

Another problem about as villainous as that of the hen and a half has been propounded. We give it as something with which merchants can wrestle during the summertime dulness: "A tells the truth three times out of four; B tells the truth four times out of five; C tells the truth six times out of seven. What is the probability of an event which A and B assert and C denies?"