

titles of stone are being taken out at Lake Frances, for use in the construction of a pier and other harbor works at Oak Point. The C.N.R. opened a line to Delta on the southern shore of the lake, but it is stated that as a port it has not been a success, and will be abandoned.

B. C. and Pacific Coast Shipping.

The United Canneries Co. has ordered 15 fishing boats to be built in Vancouver and to be ready for the fishing season of 1903.

The Vancouver Canning and Packing Co. has had a steamer, the *Surprise*, built at False Creek, Vancouver. Her engines are 85 h.p. and she has a capacity of 100 tons.

The Packers Steamship Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act with a capital of \$25,000 for the purpose of owning steam and other vessels, as well as for other purposes.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* has recently been fitted with a new boiler, 10 ft. 6 in. in diameter by 10 ft. in length, built in Vancouver, B.C. The plates were purchased in England under Lloyd's supervision and shipped to Vancouver.

Two tugboats named *Bahadda* and *Wyadda*, have been launched at Seattle, Wash., for the Admiralty Tugboat Co., an affiliation of the Puget Sound Tugboat Co. The steamers are 90 ft. long, 19 ft. beam, 11 ft. 6 in. depth of hold, and are fitted with Scotch boilers and compound engines of 390 h.p.

The Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine has issued tide tables for Victoria, B.C., and Sand Heads, Strait of Georgia, for 1903, with tidal differences for Esquimalt, Vancouver, New Westminster and Baynes Sound, and the current in first narrows, Burrard Inlet.

The Alaska Packers' Association of San Francisco has been awarded \$25,000 dam-

ages for the stranding of the ship *Santa Clara*, on Trail Island in Dec. 1901, due to the negligence of the crew of the tug *Mystery*, of Victoria, B.C. The verdict was recorded against the tug and her former owner, S. A. Spencer.

The C.P.R. str. *Princess Victoria* was expected to be completed in Jan. and to leave the builders' yard, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng., by the end of the month for Victoria, B.C. She is expected to make the trip in 60 days. Upon reaching Victoria, the upper works will be put in position, and the decorative work, both inside and out, completed.

The most recent stretch of navigation to be opened in the Yukon territory, during the season of 1902, was to lake Arkell, 95 miles up the Tahkma river, a tortuous stream running southward from the Yukon river, some distance below Whitehorse. The Joseph Clossett made two round trips before navigation closed.

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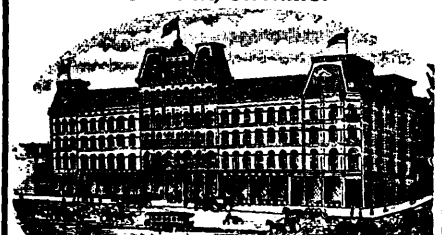
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