

British Columbia.

John Campbell, barrister, from Ontario, has opened an office at Vancouver.

W. J. Armstrong, merchant, Spilimichene, has opened a tin shop at Revelstoke.

R. Kenyon and J. Michael have been awarded the contract for the new Nanaimo Hospital.

The sockeye variety of salmon are now running in the Fraser River, and the canneries are in full blast.

B. B. Johnston, auctioneer and real estate dealer, Vancouver, has been appointed agent for the province of the Manufacturers' Life and Accident Assurance Company.

The ship *Titania* has arrived with general merchandise, direct from London, England. She is consigned to Boll, Irving & Patterson, Vancouver, and left London on March 7.

The partnership business carried on by Robson & Co., grocers and provision dealers, Kamloops, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Fred. H. Robson.

The strike of the Vancouver carpenters, which is explained in another column, has been settled, the contractors having agreed to accept the situation. This establishes the nine hours' system in Vancouver.

B. S. Pettingill, of the Vancouver soap factory, is on a trip to Eastern Canada and the United States, to visit soap factories of the large cities with a view of becoming acquainted with the latest methods. He will select a stock of improved machinery to be used in the Vancouver factory.

Great things were expected from the Vancouver smelter, which was completed a few months ago, in the direction of furnishing an impetus to the mineral development of the province. So far, however, nothing has been done towards operating the smelter, though a great deal of money was spent in constructing the works.

The *Westminster Columbian*, of July 11th, says: There was laid on our table yesterday a bunch of wheat heads, fully ripened, which was cut on the farm of Robert Alexander, Boundary Bay, on July 3rd. It is a hard wheat and very similar to the Red Fyfe variety. The kernels are hard, and, without doubt, fully matured. The grain was sown this spring, and has, like other crops, made amazing progress since the day it was put in the ground. The crop will average at least 60 bushels to the acre.

A Vancouver alderman who became hilarious and tried to run amuck on the streets of that city, armed with a Winchester repeating rifle, will resign his position in the civic government. Civilization has evidently advanced at Vancouver, when an alderman finds it necessary to disappear from public life, on account of a little episode of this kind. The worthy alderman should go south to some of the new western states' towns, where such little enterprises as the one he engaged in at Vancouver are more highly appreciated.

Vancouver World: A telegram has been received from New York by Angus Mackintosh, president of the Merchants National Bank of

Seattle, that all financial arrangements had been completed in connection with the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern, and that the work of construction would be pushed rapidly to a completion. Mr. Mackintosh said that contracts would be let immediately. It is understood in Seattle that the satisfactory position in which the finances of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern have been placed is due to the influence of Mr. Van Horne. The line will, it is said, be completed to the boundary and connected with the C.P.R. by the 1st of December. This is the road which will connect with the C. P. R. at Mission Station, east of Vancouver, and give the latter road an entrance to Seattle and Puget Sound points.

Lumber Cuttings.

The logs in the Riding mountains are mostly hung up this year. Mr. Christie, of Brandon, has a lot of logs hung up on the Bird-tail river. He got down a million feet or so last fall which he has been cutting at the Brandon mill.

A big drive of logs reached Winnipeg last week, for D. Sprague's mill here. The saws will now commence to hum. The drive has been forty-three days in coming from Grand Forks, where it was locked for a time, and blocked the river for two miles.

The Eau Clair Lumber Company, of Calgary, has entered a claim for thirty thousand dollars against the Government and Canadian Pacific on account of the latter company cutting timber on the Bow river limits while the railway was being constructed.

It is reported that the rains of the last fortnight have so filled the streams that all last winter's cut of logs tributary to the Lake of the Woods will be released, and in time to be manufactured this season. If this be true the lumbermen will feel happy.

Westminster Columbian: The barque *Thos. S. Stowe* is at present lying in the Royal roads ready to depart for Deptford, England. The vessel carries as cargo 250 spars for the use of the imperial government. The spars are each 100 feet long and 2 feet square, and were cut by the Moodyville sawmill. They are pronounced exquisite specimens of pine timber, clear and straight as an arrow. They were loaded into the vessel by a pile driver and donkey engine.

The settlement made with their creditors by Marks, Dobie & Co., merchants' and lumber dealers, Thessalon, has fallen through, owing to the Montreal creditors refusing. The firm has assigned to Robt. Balfour, of Brown & Balfour, Hamilton, and the business will be wound up. Creditors will likely realize 35 to 40 cents. During the interval many local creditors were settled with, but the failure will cause much local distress. Thessalon is the centre of an important lumbering industry in eastern Algoma.

The lumber sawing capacity of all mills in Washington Territory, as computed from lumber shipments and local sales, is 306,961,270 feet, valued at \$6,759,580.25, the actual lumber production being about 350,000,000; the remainder is divided up into laths, pickets, shingles, spars and small lumber. The production

covers the territory of Puget Sound, Gray's Harbor mills, Columbia river, Shoalwater bay, and in a few internal mills. The Puget Sound lumber product for the year 1888 was 285,000,000 feet, which was sent to the various points on the Pacific Coast, and the foreign shipments went to all parts of the world, the largest shipment, however, being consigned to the colonial markets, which have continued to demand lumber with a steadiness that insured a profit to the ship-owners.

Port Arthur Sentinel: The failure of Rayburn & Son, of Thessalon, Algoma district, Ontario, on the 6th inst., and their departure from the country, created quite a little stir. They had been engaged in the lumbering operations during the past winter and evidently had got behind. Referring to this failure the *Thessalon Advocate* says: "This is now the last chapter in the records of the lumbering operations during the past winter, which resulted so disastrously. The effect upon the district has been serious, as many men are unable to get their wages. The proceedings all through were of the most disgraceful character and appeared to be taken with the express intention of defrauding the poor workmen out of their wages."

General Notes.

A Salem, Dak., newspaper prints the following advertisement. "If John Jones, who, twenty years ago, deserted his poor wife and babe, will return, said babe will lick the stuffin' out of him."

The Barnum Iron Works Co., of Windsor, Ont., manufacturers of bank, counter and office railings, wire work, iron fences, fire escapes and general architectural iron work, have recently completed a contract for refitting the Dominion Government buildings at Ottawa, with their appliances and designs of in iron work.

The city of St. John, N.B., which has recently enlarged its borders by the addition of the adjacent city of Portland, and has been brought within eighteen hours of Montreal by the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, feels that it ought to celebrate its increased importance. Nothing on a scale so extensive has before been attempted in the maritime provinces. The people of St. John appear to be an enterprising class, judging from the reports which reach us from that quarter. It is likely, therefore, that their summer carnival will be a big affair.

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