

British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

The Hall Slocan Co., (ltd), New Denver, has assigned to Nelson creditors; liabilities, \$12,000.

Mr. Vandermere, of Nanaimo, is building a small screw steamer, 40 feet in length, 8 feet beam, at the smelter wharf, Revelstoke.

The concentrator of Thunder Hill mines, East Kootenay, is now running. There is a great improvement in the general outlook for prospectors.

The SS. Premier, which has been thoroughly repaired and refitted and registered as a British lottom, has temporarily taken the place of the Islander on the Vancouver-Victoria route.

The steamship Mogu', with freight and passengers, sailed for Yokohama last week. She took 100,000 feet of lumber from Victoria.

The barque Thermopylae, arrived last week, 45 days from Hong Kong with paddy for the Victoria rice mills.

John Murphy is erecting a salmon saltery at South Westminster. Salmon will be salted for the export business entirely.

D. McGillivray has secured the contract for the clearing the right of way of the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake Railway.

Harry Rhodes, late accountant of the Bank of B. C., Vancouver, has commenced business as an accountant and financial broker.

Rousseau's tannery's, Westminster, burned down. Loss \$9,000; insurance, \$5,000.

The American barque S-minole, 1439 tons, from Santa Rosali, 39 days out, is loading lumber at Moodyville.

Sutman & Frank have shipped the first consignment of this year's seal skins to London. It consists of 1000 skins.

Wednesday's C.P.R. express, outwards, had 13 cars, drawn by two engines. This was the heaviest passenger train that ever went from Vancouver.

J. C. Keith, President of the Vancouver, has gone on a trip to Great Britain.

The American barque, Sycama, 998 tons, will load lumber at the Hastings mill for South America.

J. A. Russell and J. J. Godfrey, formerly connected with Yates, Joy & Russell, Vancouver, have entered into legal partnership.

James Rousseau, Westminster, whose tannery was burned down Dominion Day will rebuild immediately.

J. D. Hall, Vancouver, has been gazetted sheriff for the new Vancouver judicial district.

A staff of engineers are at work locating a line through the Crow's Nest Pass country and Southern Kootenay to Nelson, construction upon which is to be begun at an early date.

The Galena Trading Co., Pilot Bay, has opened a branch at Lardo.

W. H. Smith has purchased a half interest in the McGillivray addition to the New Denver townsite.

Excellent developments of gold and galena mining are reported from the Boundary Creek district of the Okanagan. About one hundred prospectors and day workers are there now busy.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the Victoria & Sydney railway, and trains are expected to be running before the year is out. The line from Sydney is graded as far as Elk Lake and 180 men are at work. The ship which brings the rails from England is expected next month at Sydney, where she will go to the wharf and discharge, and the work of laying the iron will commence from that end. There are two bridges to be built between Elk Lake and Victoria, but these are not very large, and can be put up without delay.

Pestill Bros., of Vernon, have opened a butcher shop in the Delbruck block, Vancouver. They will secure their supply of cattle from Okanagan, and will have their slaughter house and stock yards on Sea Island.

Max. Mowat, Westminster, has shipped a sample of 500 lbs of fresh Salmon to England. The fish is treated with a new chemical process and the result is looked forward to with considerable interest.

The steamer Cariboo Fly on its last trip from the north brought down a shipment of yellow cedar lumber for Tacoma. It will be used for house finishings. It takes a fine finish, is very durable, and will ultimately come largely into use for that purpose.

The Empress of China arrived last week from the Orient. She brought 123 soloon passengers, 8 intermediate, 270 Chinese and 67 Japanese. Her cargo consists of 1,712 tons or 2,376 tons measurement, a large portion of which is now teas, and 50 sacks of mail.

The China Creek gold mine at Alberni is now being worked and stated to show a maximum of \$190 to the ton and a minimum of \$40. J. Dunsmuir and other Victoria capitalists are to inspect the mine, doubtless with a view to the possibility of taking stock in the venture.

The Vancouver World says: George Giles, manager of the British Columbia Mercantile and Collecting Agency here, sued Charles M. Gray for \$70, the yearly subscription to the agency. Mr. Gray stated that he had subscribed to the agency believing that it would protect him against bad debts, but the courts had stopped the agency from doing business, and therefore he had received no value. His Honor gave judgment for the defendant, without costs, telling him he should not have been a party to such a blackmailing scheme.

Charles Ramos, General Superintendent, and W. F. Sargent, Secretary, of the Slough Creek Mining Company, arrived down from Cariboo last evening and are staying at the Oriental. They report that the Alabama, Flynn Bros.' claim on Mo'quito creek, has finished pumping for the season and closed down for the wash-up, which they expect to be a big one. The hydraulic claim on Nelson creek is also washing up with good prospects, while the Waverly has plenty of water, but is still piping. The owners of the Mason, on Antler creek, have let a contract for the repair of the pipe, and will resume work in the fall. Harry Jones & Co., on Lightning creek, have tapped the shaft of the South Water Co. with good success. High water has been very troublesome in the district this season, but a good summer is anticipated; while the frequent rains have made the roads bad, they have covered the hills with the brightest green, and have transformed Tingley's ranch across the Thompson into a veritable garden of loveliness.—Victoria Colonist.

British Columbia Customs and Inland Revenue Returns.

The Inland Revenue returns at Victoria for the month of June are as follows:—

Spirits	\$ 6,371 63
Malt	2,332 44
Tobacco	2,025 64
Cigars	1,077 00
Petroleum	100 50
Other receipts	125 10
Total	\$126,833 21

VANCOUVER.

The Customs returns for the port of Vancouver for the month ending June 30th, 1893, were as follows:

Duty collected	\$26,668 70
Other revenues	2,306 72
Total	\$28,975 42
Imports free	\$43,733 00
Imports dutiable	79,265 00
Total	\$123,003 00
Exports	\$39,875 00

During the corresponding month in 1892 the collections were \$32,832.72, the decrease thus being \$3,907.30

The collections for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1893, were as follows:

Duty collected	\$283,323 53
Other revenues	37,075 07
Total	\$317,998 60

The collections during the previous fiscal year ending June 30th, 1892, were as follows:—

Duty collected	\$269,621 23
Other revenues	60,417 42
Total	\$330,033 65

The receipts for the past year thus show a deficit of \$12,040.05. This is, however, accounted for by a falling off in the Chinese revenue, as the duty on imports shows an increase of \$10,702.30, so that there is really a gain in the business done.

The Inland Revenue returns for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1893, are as follows:—

July	\$9,074 52
August	9,113 35
September	8,968 62
October	10,244 49
November	7,312 81
December	8,092 91
January	6,604 18
February	5,733 62
March	5,787 12
April	7,412 86
May	8,929 15
June	10,979 81

The Inland Revenue returns for this district for the month of June were:—

Spirits	\$ 5,900 39
Malt	1,374 34
Tobacco	2,953 75
Cigars	627 30
Petroleum inspection	99 60
Other receipts	25 00
Total	\$10,979 78

During the corresponding month of 1892 the collections were \$17,700.29, this year's increase being \$3,273.49.

WESTMINSTER.

The Customs returns for the port of New Westminster for the month ending June 30th, 1893, were as follows:—

Duty collected	\$12,632 55
Other revenues	571 97
Total	\$13,204 52
Imports free	\$10,070 00
Imports dutiable	40,875 00

Total \$50,945 00

Exports

During the corresponding month of 1892 the collections were \$11,532.00, the decrease thus being \$1,672.52.

United States Plate Glass Troubles.

For the first time in the history of the trade every plate glass factory in the United States is closed, and that indefinitely. Fully 10,000 men are idle as a result. The depression is attributed to three elements—over production, a tight money market, and the arbitrary method of the Plate Glass Trust. There are twelve plate glass factories in this country where a few years ago the entire industry was carried on by two concerns. It has been the custom to operate plate glass factories the year round, notwithstanding the usual summer shut down of other glass industries. Every plant in the country is now stocked with a large surplus, with no orders. A meeting of plate glass manufacturers was to have been held in Pittsburgh to consider the situation but up to the hour of 2 p.m. they had not assembled at the appointed place. It is the impression that the factories will resume about the middle of September. Many of the glass workers are in straitened circumstances and are entirely dependent upon aid.