

**British Columbia.**

Lord Durham is erecting a block at Vancouver.

A fire-limit by-law has been introduced by the Vancouver council.

The salmon pack of the province is said to be considerably under previous estimates.

W. C. Van Horne is having a large block erected at Vancouver, size 100x65, four stories in height.

"The Cobweb" is the name of a hotel lately established at Donald, by Geo. Sutherland. Very appropriate, no doubt. "Walk into my parlor," etc.

Dr. McAlpine, of Revelstoke, has opened a drug store at Rogers' Pass. His son John takes charge of it and the Doctor proposes visiting the Pass weekly.

Kamloops *Sentinel*: The new Chinese store is now finished, and the firm of four Celestials, or some of them have gone to Victoria to purchase goods. They will probably do a large Celestial trade, upon Celestial principals.

The salmon train with canned Fraser river salmon left New Westminster on August 18th with 17 cars, for the following destinations: Brontford 2 cars, Hamilton 1 car, Kingston 2 cars, London 4 cars, Quebec 3 cars, Toronto 6 cars. Next week another big shipment will be made by canneries further down the river.

Illecilwaet, has attained a considerable reputation on account of the discovery of silver mines in the mountains thereabouts. A correspondent of the *Calgary Tribune* writes: "The town is located at a point where the gorge of the mountains widen out and leaves a timbered flat probably half a mile in width. An irregular row of frame houses hastily put up, crude in appearance, and paintless, constitutes the town. All about men are engaged in felling the giants of the forest to allow of more houses being built, and great clouds of smoke ascending day and night from the fires that are consuming the logs and debris of the clearing. About a mile to the west of the town Mr. Fox, has put up a little sawmill capable of cutting three or four thousand feet of lumber a day, and he is kept busy filling orders to supply the new town. A Government surveyor is now here laying out a townsite.

At a public meeting held at Vancouver to discuss the proposed action of the city council regarding the granting of bonuses to industries, the following resolutions were carried unanimously. Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting a bonus should be granted to any party starting smelting works, foundry and machine shops or such other industry as will give employment to a number of our citizens and attract capitalists amongst us. And be it further Resolved that at the present time when, through the completion of the C.P.R., rapid strides in the development of the mineral and other resources of this Province will be made; it is the duty of the Council and citizens to take immediate steps to centre such work as may aid in such development in this city, which is, from its position as the terminal city of the railroad and the leading seaport of the province, the natural point at which works such as indicated should be constructed.

Building operations are brisk at Kamloops. Costerton & Hannington, general storekeepers, Spallumcheen, intend closing out business. A quartz mine has been discovered, eight miles from Vancouver, on the north side of the Inlet.

The committee of Vancouver citizens, appointed at the public meeting, had a meeting with the city council, to consider the bonus question. It is gratifying learn that the bonus proposals have been greatly narrowed down, as will be seen by the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: *Resolved*, That at present the council confine the bonus to smelting works alone, and that the sum of \$25,000 be granted; to be paid upon the completion of works to cost not less than \$75,000, and to have a capacity of not less than 50 tons daily; such bonus to be paid only after 1,000 tons of ore are crushed.

The Asiatic steamer Parthia arrived at Vancouver on August 20th, with freight and passengers. The following is the manifest. "New York, 8754 pkgs, 340 tons tea and 738 pkgs curios and silk. Chicago, 6855 pkgs, 200 tons tea, 85 pkgs miscellaneous. Boston, 191 pkgs, 5 tons tea. Kansas City, 150 pkgs, 6 tons tea. San Francisco, 1040 pkgs, 52 tons tea, 3010 pkgs rice and general merchandise. Portland, 49 pkgs curios. Montreal, 5261 pkgs, 168 tons tea. Toronto, 2232 pkgs, 69 tons tea, 200 pkgs, 10 tons rice and 2 pkgs curios. Hamilton, 1256 pkgs, 26 tons tea. London, 320 pkgs, 14 tons tea. Winnipeg, 261 pkgs, 10 tons tea, 75 pkgs curios. Ottawa, 110 pkgs, 4 tons tea. Kingston, 37 pkgs, 3424 lbs tea. St. John, N.B., 250 pkgs, 9½ tons tea. Quebec, 105 pkgs, 4½ tons tea. Victoria, 126 pkgs, 16½ tons tea, 31 pkgs merchandise and curios, 15 pkgs, 4677 lbs opium, 100 pkgs rice, 7 pkgs beans. Vancouver, 39 pkgs merchandise and curios. A total of 31,034 packages or 2075 tons."

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