

## Brief Business Notes.

(From our B. C. Editor.)

Mackinnon & McFarlane, hotel, Vancouver, have been sold out by mortgagees.

D. W. Morrow, of Morrow, Holland & Co., insurance and financial agents, is dead.

The Victoria Plumbing Co. have taken over the business of A. J. Thomas, plumber, Victoria.

The proposal to amalgamate the Victoria and Phoenix breweries is almost an accomplished fact.

Mayor Haslam, Nanaimo, has been elected by acclamation to the House of Commons to succeed D. W. Gordon, deceased.

Rennie & Paterson, of the Columbia carriage works, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership, Rennie continuing the business.

Mr. Keefer, in charge of the Kootenay reclamation scheme, states that this year will witness the reclamation of no less than 12,000 acres of rich land.

T. R. Pearson, Westminster, has resigned the secretaryship of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Association, and A. B. Mackenzie takes his place.

Victoria's customs returns for April amounted to \$79,325.34. The imports were valued at \$310,121, and exports at \$33,514. The inland revenue returns totalled \$13,778.61.

Articles of incorporation of the War Eagle Mining company were recently filed in Spokane, capital stock, \$50,000. The trustees are R. J. Roberts, Austin Corbin, George K. Reed and William H. Samson, all of Spokane, and A. A. Pugh, of St. Paul, Minn. The mines of the Company are in Trail Creek district, B. C.

The townsite of Nakusp, on Arrow Lake, the point at which the C.P.R. will begin building into the Slocan mines, has had a remarkable movement. In one week over three hundred lots were sold and the demand is still brisk. Its promoters predict that it will have as rapid an advance as Kaslo, on the other side of the summit of Slocan hills. Work on the railway will begin within a few weeks.

The Redondo Island iron mine is turning out some fine ore. There are now about 3,000 tons on the dump. Some 24 men are now at work, and under manager Alexander are fast developing what is bound to be a rich property.

If there is anything in present prices, says a local exchange, the lumber trade is at present flourishing in British Columbia, and the market is extending. A new name on the list of ports drawing its lumber supply from Vancouver is Marseilles, France, for where the Gryfe, now discharging stores at Esquimalt, will load at Hastings mill this month. There are at present four vessels loading at the Hastings mill, and one of these, the Heinrich, is taking a cargo for Hamburg, Germany, being the second ship ever known to convey lumber from British Columbia to that country. The other vessels at Hastings are the Blairhoile, for Sidney, N.S.W.; Siguard, for Port Pirie, and the Mary Low, for Peru.

## Inebriety and Life Insurance.

One of a series of lectures on alcoholic drunkenness was delivered by Dr. Norman Kerr, in London, last month, at the rooms of the Medical Society. He took strong ground, as he always does, in favor of total abstinence, contending that even moderate indulgence in alcoholic beverages lessens the duration of human life and renders the body more susceptible to disease. Said the doctor: "We know that one prominent effect of alcoholic poisoning, whether spread over a longer or shorter period of years, is premature ageing. If there is one fact concerning alcohol better established

than another, it is that it operates in accelerating the day of our death."

He quoted the claims by death expected during 1891 in the Sceptre Life Insurance Company (calculated by the Institute of Actuaries Home table) as compared with those that actually occurred, which were as follows:—

General Section.—Expected claims, 115; actual claims, 93. Rate per cent., 80.86.

Temperance Section.—Expected claims, 61; actual claims, 30. Rate per cent., 49.18.

These figures prove that even strictly limited dietetic use of intoxicating beverages is prejudicial to health, tends to shorten life, and considerably increases the liability to disease. Besides, it lessens the recuperative power of the system in recovering from sickness. We do not recall an instance among the experiences of life insurance companies either in this country or Britain in which the ratio of mortality was not less among teetotallers than those who habitually use alcoholic drinks.—Exchange.

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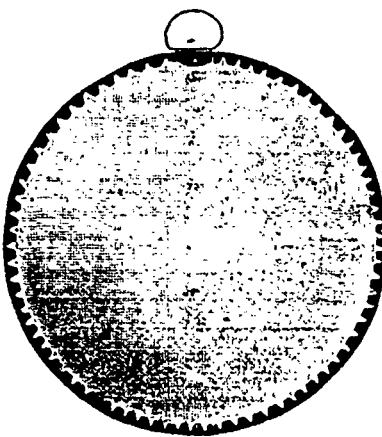
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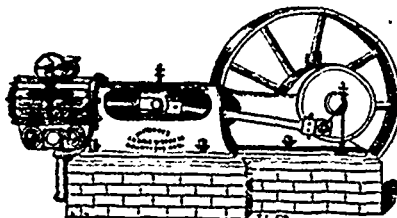
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