

The Puget Sound & Alaska S. S. Co. has passed into the control of the Northern Pacific.

The British barque *Chili* is due from London with merchandise consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co.

Over \$10,000 worth of coarse gold has been taken out of Hal Creek, West Kootenay, this season.

The British barque *Thermopylae* with 1,150 tons of paddy rice is enroute from Nagasaki to Victoria.

Two more canneries are to be built on the Fraser in anticipation of the big salmon run next year.

The Sydney Coal Co. is a new firm in Victoria, handling Wellington coal. J. G. Rayner is manager.

The *Miner* says that there is no doubt that from reports from Scotland, the Silver King has been sold.

The steamer *Mystery* has been chartered by the Port-Winch Co. to fish for halibut on the Northern Coast.

W. J. Harper, late of *Vernon News*, contemplates publishing a weekly paper at Fairview Camp, West Kootenay.

Part of the *Empress of India's* last cargo was a small consignment of Ingersoll (Ont.) cheese for the oriental market.

An assay of \$135 to the ton has been reported from one of the recently discovered claims in the Slave river valley.

Bourne & Co., merchants of Revelstoke and Nakusp, have bought out Hunter & McKinnon, general store, New Denver.

John White, ex M.P., of the Toronto Milling Co., is building a saw mill at Sydney, B.C. It will have a capacity of 60,000 feet per day.

The British barque *American* is ready to sail from Liverpool with a full cargo of merchandise consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co., Victoria.

American barque *Colorado* has brought 1,350 tons bituminous rock for street paving in Vancouver from Port Hartford, Southern California.

Thos. York of Sumas has purchased the Kingston building in Huntingdon, formerly occupied by E. E. Morrissy, general merchant.

Victoria passed a \$25,000 street loan by-law the other day, but defeated the \$100,000 surface drainage by law. The latter was badly needed.

An order has been granted by the Supreme Court calling on Vancouver city to show cause why the \$300,000 bonus by-law in aid of the N. P. R.

R. G. Howell & Co., pictures, etc., Victoria, have assigned to J. G. Brown and Joseph Sears. Assets \$2,800, liabilities \$1,400, of which \$1,100 is local.

Webster & Edmunds are going to reopen the works of the defunct Vancouver Manufacturing & Trading Co., and carry on the manufacture of tubs and pails.

The barque *Scammell Bros.* has just loaded at Hastings mill with 891,000 ft. of sized lumber and four spars, 90 ft long for the U.S. navy. Value, \$11,763.

B.C. Cooperage and Lute Co., Vancouver, capital \$50,000, is asking for incorporation. The provisional trustees are B. T. Rogers, Wm. Prentice, Watson Eastman.

The schooner *Haleyon*, popularly supposed to exist by smuggling opium, Chicamen, etc., to the other side has been seized and fined \$800 by the Victoria collector of customs.

The R. P. Rithet, a new steel barque, with a carrying capacity of 1750 tons dead weight, has arrived from the Clyde. She is owned in Honolulu and will be represented by R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria.

H. V. Edmonds, J. A. Webster and J. W. Vaughan, Vancouver, are applying under the

Companies' Act for incorporation as "The Coal Hill Kamloops Mineral and Mining Co." Nominal capital is \$150,000.

Capt. Cooper, of Westminster, is going to try an experiment to increase the speed of the *Courser* by adding 35 feet to her length and putting side wheels as well as a stern wheel, with a double set of engines.

A. A. Richardson, dry goods merchant has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. The assignee is John Ferguson of Toronto, accountant in trust for the creditors. A receiver has been placed in charge.

M. H. London has completed the sale of a piece of land on Lulu Island to Heennessy, Winch & Alexander, who will erect a cannery with a front of 184 feet on the river. The capacity of the new cannery will be 20,000 cases.

Negotiations which have been in progress for a number of months for the purchase of the W. P. Sayward mills, Victoria, by a Tacoma syndicate, have been concluded. The mills, which have a capacity of 100,000 per day of 10 hours, will resume work immediately.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria and Sydney railroad was held on Wednesday and the following officers elected: President, P. C. Duplexy; vice president and treasurer, M. H. Cowan; secretary, Robert Irving; directors, W. J. Macaulay, Julius Brothour, M. H. Cowan, P. C. Duplexy and R. Irving.

John T. Edwards, of Kamloops, manager of the Kamloops Cattle Co., is making arrangements for the opening of a butcher's shop in Vancouver. He has engaged the old slaughter house at Hastings and will use two stalls in the city market. James Woodland, of Kamloops, will be local manager, and Mr. Edwards will look after the supply of cattle.

George Attwood and Mr. Reynolds, of London, have bought the Rattler mine and mill at Fairview, British Columbia, and also the Brown Bear, Ontario and Wynn, all gold properties. These gentlemen will now go to England, and on their return, in a couple of months, will build reduction works on the properties. They have already secured land on the Okanagan river for millsite, etc.

Now that the winter is approaching the exodus from the Kootenay district is commencing. There promises to be a big immigration into there next season, while there will be more work carried on this winter in the mines than in any previous year. It is now possible to reach most of the important centres by the trails which have been constructed, and Mr. Wardner expects to pack ore out from Slocan throughout the winter.

The Texada Gold and Silver mining Company, who hold four mining claims as well as acreage property on Texada Island, have given a "bonded lease" to American capitalists. It is understood that if the negotiations are consummated a strong American company will be formed to test the value of the quartz ledges. The Texada company comprises the following citizens: Dr. Praeger, A. Raper, T. D. Jones, E. Priest, W. E. Webb, T. Morgan, D. Jones and J. W. Stirtan.

Van Loben Sels is adopting a slightly different plan for the Sumas dyking operations, from the original project. It is now proposed to make a canal through the Sumas lake and district. The estimated cost of the work is as follows:—Gates, pump house and works, \$100,000; river dykes, \$60,000; Atchelitz dyke, \$10,000; pipe line to gates from head of Luck-a-Kuck, five miles at \$15,000 per mile, \$75,000; improving Luck-a-Kuck, \$20,000; extras, \$10,000. Total, \$275,000.

A change has been made in the firm of J. E. Crane & Co., real estate, insurance, etc. John Bennett and R. A. Cunningham have associated themselves with Mr. Crane, and the firm's business is extended to include a mercantile line. Mr. Crane will attend to the insurance depart-

ment, Mr. Cunningham to the real estate and bond department and Mr. Bennett to the mercantile department. A large number of English firms in a number of lines will be represented for the Dominion.

Beckwith, Thompson & King, general commission and manufacturers' agents, Victoria, have dissolved. J. L. Beckwith withdraws, continuing the agency of Mann, Byars & Co., dry goods, of Glasgow. F. Ord Mickle is admitted under the style of Thompson, King & Co. Geo. C. Thompson has removed to Toronto to open a branch business there, handling British Columbia products. Mr. Thompson was formerly of Toronto, having at times been connected with Thompson, Bradshaw & Co., and the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of that city.

General Superintendent Abbott, of the C. P. R., has returned from Vernon, where he has been principally to make arrangements for the building of a new steamer by the C. P. R. to ply on the Okanagan Lake. He found the traffic in that district large enough to warrant the construction of this steamer, and he expects that it will largely increase shortly, as considerable movement in mining matters in that district is anticipated. The steamer will be built at Okanagan Landing, and will be a stern-wheeler. She will be 145 feet long, and her engines are to be guaranteed to give a speed of 15 miles.

The *Victoria Times* says: Five carloads of machinery for the Thunder Hill Mining company arrived at Golding last week. Two steamboat loads of it have already gone into the mine, and the third will go in early next week. The machinery will be erected immediately and will be ready for work in December. The machinery now at work is turning out 100 tons of stone a day. The latest reports from the superintendent are very encouraging. Another belt of ore was recently discovered. It is forty-five through and samples taken out assay 3.69 ounces of gold and 27 ounces of silver to the ton. A one pound sample taken out of the original mine assayed \$650 to the ton. Mr. Sweetey, of the Bank of Montreal, who recently visited the mine says the company has one of the best properties on the continent. There are richer mines in Kootenay, but the Thunder Hill is so much easier to work that it is much more valuable than the richer ones.

The Farnham, Quebec, beet root sugar refinery is again in operation. W. T. Costigan & Co., will have some of the refined product for sale shortly.

The *Northern Farmer* is the name of a new agricultural paper which has been established at Grand Forks, North Dakota. We have been favored with a copy of the first number. It is well printed, and apparently a valuable paper for the prairie farmer.

J. H. Glass, of London, Ont., who is one of the best known boot and shoe men on the road, in Western Canada, arrived in Winnipeg last week on a business trip. Mr. Glass is now representing Louis Cote, manufacturer of staple, and J. & M. Cote, manufacturer of fine goods, in boots and shoes, of Quebec. This is his first trip for these firms, and he will go through to the coast as usual. Mr. Glass contemplates moving his family to Winnipeg, and making his permanent headquarters here.

The auction sale of 5,712 pkgs of tea for account of John Duncan & Co. was held at their warehouse, Montreal, on October 12. The attendance was large, and the bidding at time spirited, every pound advertised being sold under the hammer. The Japans consisting of 3,654 pkgs sold all the way from 10½ to 27½c. Young Hyson sold at 12 to 30½c; Gunpowder, 11 to 28c; Congou, 18 to 28c; Indian and Ceylon, 14 to 24c; Imperial, 22½ to 23c; Orange and Scented Pekoe, 20½ to 27c. Although the prices were considered rather a low average the sale was a success, and the trade generally was well satisfied.