

British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

O'Rourke & Jarvis, liquors, Vancouver, dissolved.

H. E. Keat, grocer, Vancouver, selling out by auction.

Lillio Izen, cigars, fruit, etc., Nanaimo, stock sold by sheriff

W. J. Meakin, hotel, Vancouver, sold out to John Jarvis.

Wm. O'Dell, contractor, Nanaimo, assigned to George Hay.

MacKinnon, Macfarlane & Co., real estate agents, Vancouver, dissolved.

George W. Reid, blacksmith, Victoria, successor to John McLean, deceased.

C. Z. Perry, manager of the Sun Life Insurance company at Vancouver, is dead.

Ogle, Campbell & Freeman, dry goods, New Westminster, assigned to Wm. Skeene.

Dempster & McLaughlin, blacksmiths, Victoria, dissolved; P. W. Dempster continues.

The first shipment of the Prescott Sturgeon Co. has gone forward to Chicago. It was a ton on consignment.

The Nelson and Fort Shepherd railway shipped during January 1,214 tons of ore, valued at \$156,030.

The Kamloops Cattle Co. have sold out their two places of business in Vancouver to their late employees, J. Hall and Jas. McGregor.

A. Leishman, senior member of the lumber firm of Leishman, Maundrell & Co., Woodstock, Galt, Stratford, Preston and Orillia, Ont., left yesterday for Calgary. Mr. Leishman spoke highly of B. C. shingles, pronouncing them highly thought of by astern-builders.

W. H. Cunningham succeeded J. C. Allerdyce as manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. six weeks ago. W. H. Cunningham has already defaulted for some \$300 and left the city hurriedly.

The customs returns for January, Westminster, show imports, \$83,118; revenue collected, \$14,894; exports, \$33,110.

Major and Eldridge have purchased a large consignment of butter from the government dairy at Ottawa.

A. McCracker, owner of the Temple woollen mills, Kildare, Ireland, proposes to establish woollen mills at Mission City. He has been offered a grant of land and liberal inducements.

The Norwegian ship Beaconsfield has finished loading her cargo of lumber at the Hastings Mill, and cleared for England. She takes a cargo of 1,055,411 feet rough lumber, at \$13,491.

J. A. Macfarlane, partner in the firm of MacKinnon, Macfarlane & Co., Vancouver, is returning to Mexico to manage the smelting works of Boles & Co. at Santa Rosalia.

A limited liability company has been formed in England to acquire the Hon. Col. Baker's estate at Cranbrook, East Kootenay, a property containing about 18,000 acres, with 120 under cultivation as a stock farm. Part of the area is to be developed as a townsite. The capital is fixed at £65,350.

The Vancouver city council is prosecuting civic retrenchment on an extensive scale, and are cutting down both salaries and staff.

Word has been received of the total destruction of the tug boat Estelle by explosion, and the loss of the entire crew, numbering eight persons. The explosion occurred last Sunday near Campbell river, at the northern part of Vancouver island. The Estelle was owned in Nanaimo and valued at \$25,000.

The Vancouver News Advertiser of January 31st had the following: "To-morrow there will be inaugurated a new railway service between Vancouver and Seattle, Canadian Pacific trains running right through to that city over the Great Northern coast lines. The trains will be "solid," running through to Seattle and

vice versa without a change. Not only will Canadian Pacific cars run through to Seattle, but the first-class train of the Great Northern will run through to and from Vancouver, taking the place of the present tramway connection at New Westminster for this city.

The British ship British General has arrived at Vancouver 98 days from Java with a cargo of 2,500 tons of raw sugar for the refinery. She had good weather and nothing of note occurred on the trip. Her arrival relieved the refinery merchants of considerable anxiety as two vessels sailing with sugar before her, the Morayshire and Blair Athol, both disappeared and nothing has since been heard of them.

R. Balfour, representing a company of eastern capitalists, has offered to build an iron and steel bridge across the Fraser for railway and general traffic, first class in every respect, the company to collect tolls not higher than the present ferry charges, and the city to guarantee interest and sinking fund on the bonds to be issued by the company to the face value of \$250,000. On completion of the work the city is to hand over to the company city bonds of the face value of \$250,000, on which the interest and sinking fund are guaranteed, the city to have the first lien on all the tolls collected to secure payment of the interest and sinking fund on the bonds of the company guaranteed by the city. The work will, it is said, be started as soon as the contract is signed and all necessary legal formalities have been completed. The council has the proposition under consideration.

The Nanaimo customs returns for January are as follows:—

Duty collected \$1,829 45

The customs returns at Victoria, for January were as follows:—

Exports—Products of Canada... \$ 20,172 00
 " Not products of Canada... 73,344 00

Total \$ 93,516 00

Imports—Dutiable..... \$168,195 00
 " Free 26,515 00

Total \$194,710 00

Total revenues \$56,818 17

The Vancouver customs returns for the month of January, were as follows: Total revenue, \$20,742 98; total imports, \$80,916; total exports, \$26,446.

During the corresponding month in 1893, the collections were \$24,631.90, the decrease being thus, \$3,908 94.

The following were the January inland revenue collections for the Vancouver division:—

Spirits \$3,782 76
 Tobacco 1,894 51
 Malt 546 16
 Cigars 350 70
 Petroleum inspected 62 00

Total \$6 666 13

Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Holders were taking a few cars, but exporters were out of the market, except at such figures as holders were unwilling to accept. A sale of 10 cars of white wheat, middle freight west, was reported at 59c, and a sale of 6 cars of spring, west, at 60c, both to millers. Red and white, north and west, sold at 57c, also to millers. Spring on the Midland was wanted at 61c. Manitoba holders are dull and unchanged. Winnipeg holders were asking 80c for milling in transit No. 1 hard, but millers refused to touch it at that figure.

Flour—Very dull, with values heavy. Straight roller, Toronto freights, is quoted at \$2.65 to 2.70.

Oats—Car lots of mixed changed hands west at 32c and white at 32½c, and cars on track were held at 33½c. A lot of 10,000 bushels, C. P. R. and C. T. R. west, was offered, however, at 32c, but not taken. The demand is exclus-

ively local, prices being above an export basis. Barley—No. 1 offered outside at 43c. Feed stuff is easy. Old barley is quoted west at 36c and 1893 crop at 36½c. Car lots east offered to-day at 37½c.

Eggs—The market flooded. Fresh have dropped about 1c. Quotations are: 11 to 11½ for pickled; 12½ to 13c for choice limed; 12½ to 13c for "hold"; 15½ to 16c for fresh gathered.

Apples—Selected apples are quoted at \$3 75 to \$4, and cooking apples at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Dried stock quiet, but firm, and is quoted at 5½ to 6c, and evaporated are held at 10 to 10½c.

Beans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are paying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white, and 5 to 5½ for Limas.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are getting 1 to 1½ per lb for yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate and prices are steady at 7½ to 8c for extracted, and \$1.50 to 1.75 per dozen for sections.

Poultry—Quotations for strictly fresh killed stock are as follows, with "snowed" 1 to 1½ lb lower:—Turkeys, 9 to 10½c; geese, 5½ to 7c; chickens, 25 to 45c; and ducks 50 to 80c.

Dressed Meats.—Quotations are: Beef fore, 4½ to 6c; hinds, 6½ to 8c; carcass lamb 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c; and veal, 7 to 8c; pork, \$6 25 to 6.50.

Cured Meats—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.75 to \$16 00; short cut, \$16 75 to \$17.00; shoulder, mess, \$14 to 14.50; bacon, long clear, case lots \$3; lard, Canadian tierces, 9½c; tubs, 10c; pork, 10½ to 10½c; and compounds in pails and tubs, 8 to 8½c; smoked hams, 11½ to 11½c; bellies, 12 to 12½c; rolls, 9 to 9½c, and backs, 11 to 11½c. Packing salt is quoted at 60c per sack for coarse, and 62c for fine.

Butter—Offerings continue large, but demand is better at the decline, and a good deal of the stuff is being worked off. Creamery is in poor demand owing to the quality of fine dairy pressing for sale. Choice dairy tubs sell at 19 to 20c, with an odd lot of extra fine at 20½c. Rolls sell at 16 to 18c. Bakers' butter is quoted at 14 to 16c. Creamery pounds sell at 24 to 25c, and creamery tubs at 23 to 24c.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is fair and prices steady. Full cream, September and October, sell at 11½ to 11½c.

Wool—Super is easy at 19 to 20c, and extras at 23 to 24c. Fleece wool is entirely nominal at 17c for merchantable.

Hides—Prices easy at 3½c for No. 1 green, and 4c for steer hides, 60 lbs. and over. Cured is dull at 4c for No. 1. Skins—Demand here is dull and prices unchanged at 75 to 80c for sheepskins and 5 to 6c for No. calf. Cured calf is quoted at 7 to 8c, but there is no movement. Tallow—Easy at 5½ to 5½c. Dealers are jobbing at 6c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ending on the dates given, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding week a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horno to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 27.	Feb 5
Extra Manitoba					
hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	48	29	38	27	21
No. 2 hard	34	13	11	7	15
No. 3 hard	4	2	1	0	0
No. 4 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern	6	7	1	2	0
No. 2 Northern	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White type	2	1	0	1	4
No. 2 White type	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Spring	1	2	1	0	1
Rejected	5	4	0	8	3
No Grade	2	0	0	0	0
Total	103	68	68	45	49
Same week last year	225	153	173	153	96

*Wheat inspected at Emerson, going out via the Northern Pacific, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.