

PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

The Chilliwack paper will make its appearance about April 1st.

Harber Bros. will start a paper at Vernon next month, to be called The News.

G. S. McConnell has been appointed agent in this province for Messrs. S. W. Sims & Co. of Montreal.

The first shipment of the spring catch of seal skins was made from Victoria, Friday morning, when 510 skins were shipped to San Francisco.

The Pacific Express and Parcel Delivery Co. (Ltd) propose starting a general express and parcel delivery system in Victoria.

Fred. J. Stephens, who has been in the service of the C. P. R. for some years, has been appointed agent for the company at Vancouver.

The Shuswap Milling Co's saw mill at Kamloops was set in motion on Wednesday after the winter idleness. The orders on hand give promise of a busy season.

W. L. Tait, of Winnipeg, is erecting a shingle mill at Vancouver. The mill will have a capacity of from 35,000 to 10,000 daily, and will be in operation in about a fortnight.

A carload of assorted lumber was shipped to the East Wednesday from the Royal City Planing Mills. These mills are now running again, and are prepared to make an extra heavy cut this season.

A large casting has been turned out by the B. C. Iron Works Company, Vancouver, for the carriers to the refuse burner at the McLaren-Ross Mills at Westminster. The casting weighs over 2,000 lbs.

C. F. Jones, who for the past three years has been connected with Dun, Wiman & Co's branch at Victoria, has been promoted to the position of local manager vice Mr. Matthews, who goes to Winnipeg to take charge there.

Steveston Enterprise, March 14th: The fruit and vegetable canning enterprise which will be established here during the coming season, will have the effect of stimulating gardening and horticulture in this neighborhood.

Messrs. J. Mahrer and E. Pollexfen have gone to England as representatives of the brewers in this Province to enter into negotiations with a syndicate of English capitalists for the purchase of all the breweries, with the exception of the one at Revelstoke.

The B. C. Cattle Company has received 84 head of the finest beef cattle from Chilotin, 10 head of steers from Calgary, and 100 splendid grain fed hogs, raised in the Province. The cattle from the Northwest Territories are said to be especially worthy of note, and with present freight arrangements, it is expected that large drafts will be made from this section.

It has been reported that the cargo of sugar for the B. C. Refinery, ex Spartan, was badly damaged. Inquiry has been made and the management of the Refinery affirm that although it looked bad to start with, it turned out better than was expected and in better condition even than that which arrived ex C. P. R. steamers. In fact they contend that it was in excellent condition.

Judge Bolo has reserved judgment on the Pratt vs. C. P. S.S. line.

W. T. Jackman, of Markdale, Ont., is arranging for the publication of a weekly paper at Centreville.

Buyers of sealing skins say that those obtained from the Indian canoes are fully as well cured as those brought in by the white schooners.

Half a million of salmon fry were turned out in Pitt Lake on March 11th, and half a million more were deposited in Silver Creek on the 17th inst.

The steamer Lorne, Capt. Christiansen, came in from the Cape last week with 110 seal skins, which she had taken from the schooner W. P. Sayward.

The Westminster woollen mill started up on Wednesday last. It is proposed to run it steadily from now until the usual time of closing down, after the wool market begins to slacken in the fall.

The assessment roll for 1891 for the City of Westminster shows that the value of real estate and improvements is \$7,004,820. Last year the total assessment was \$1,595,865; increase over last year \$2,108,955, or more than 50 per cent.

The William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, (machinery,) Peterboro, Ont., are discussing the advisability of establishing a branch factory in British Columbia. The works are now engaged in constructing some extensive mining machinery for the Vancouver Coal Company, Nanaimo.

Public opinion in the Okanagan country is very strongly in favor of a charter being granted, permitting the continuation of the S. & O. down to the boundary line. Railway development is what the country needs, and the few kickers are "cattle kings," who see that the monopoly they have long held cannot continue to exist, if the iron horse and civilization get a firm footing in the district.—Inland Sentinel.

Andrew McLaughlin, manager of the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company, has arrived at Westminster from the East, where he successfully floated the stock of the company, and a mill will be built there this summer. A portable saw mill is now on the way. The company has large timber limits, and logging camps will be established immediately. The exact site of the mill has not been selected, but it will be one of the largest and most extensive employers of labor on the coast.

Messrs. McPhee Bros.' shipyard presents a very busy appearance these times, and is a place of considerable attraction to those who have the time to spare to visit it, says the New Westminster Columbian. A large number of vessels are under construction, and orders are on hand for more, which will be commenced as soon as there is room in the yard for them. A handsome little tug, 50 feet over all beam 9 ft. 6 in., and depth of hold 5 ft., is being built for Mr. J. Wheatfield, of Nanaimo. It will be both strong and speedy. Three sealing boats are being built for a Victoria firm. A pretty little sloop, 32 ft. over all, and 10 ft. beam, is being built for Mr. Johnson, who intends using her for deep sea fishing. These and other craft are well advanced towards completion, and, as mentioned before, others will take their place on the stocks as soon as they can be launched.

J. Mahrer, Nanaimo, contemplates the erection of a large hotel in that city.

Dun, Wiman & Co. have opened an office at Vancouver with Frederick Cockburn, late of Winnipeg, as manager.

It is reported that rich discoveries have been made on the Salmon river, 15 miles from old Fort Sheppard. The ore is said to be gray copper, carrying high silver.

The jewelry store of Mr. A. A. Clayton was closed Saturday, and officers of the Customs are in possession. The seizure was made for under valuation and other alleged breaches of the revenue law.

The work being daily turned out by the British Columbia Iron works, at Vancouver, is an exemplification of the enterprise that started and now pulses through the veins of that establishment. A Vancouver Telegram reporter paid a visit to the works recently, and was shown a fifteen hundred pound casting, the first of a ser that has just been turned out. The casting is a cable grip wheel of a new design, invented by Mr. Kendall, of New Westminster. A new and expensive pattern had to be made for the wheel, and the casting was of such a character as to entail considerable risk. This one is the first of the kind ever made in this Province, and was therefore something of the nature of an experiment. The result fully establishes the company's ability to handle work of this magnitude and of this character, where skill and care are required. Mr. Kendall intends introducing his invention throughout the Province and as it is just the thing that lumber men have been looking for, it will no doubt find a large sale. The British Columbia Iron Works are also working on a Wilkin's balance compensating gang belonging to the Columbia River Lumber Co., which was sent in from Donald. It is the intention to remodel it almost entirely.

NEW POSTOFFICES.

The following new postoffices have been opened in British Columbia:

Brownsville, opposite New Westminster, opened February 1st; John Beaton, postmaster.

Coquitlam, at New Westminster Junction, opened March 1st; R. B. Kelly, postmaster.

Errington, 33 miles north of Nanaimo, on the Alberni route, opened March 1st; J. A. McCarter, postmaster.

Hornby Island, 40 miles north of Nanaimo, on the Comox route, opened March 1st; Geo. Foulds, postmaster.

Sapperton will have a postoffice next month, H. L. DeBeck to be postmaster.

A coal famine prevails in Chile.

American farm exports are increasing considerably.

The colony of Barbadoes has declared in favor of reciprocity.

Commercial agencies in Dakota are required to deposit \$2,000 with the State treasurer as a guarantee for any judgment obtained for misrepresentation of a firm's credit.