## THE COMMERCIAL.

and work will be commenced. The building will be three stories in height and will cost \$40,000.

Mr. Soronson has sold out his drug business at Vancouver to T. E. Atkins, who has lately arrived from Halifax. Mr. Soronson will embark in the wholesale drug business.

The Hamilton Powder Works Company have got ten of their new buildings at Nanaimo nearly completed and five car-loads of machinery are on the ground ready to be placed in position.

The Vancouver Gas Company are increasing their plant. A large gang of men are excaviting for a new gas holder with a capacity of 65,000 feet. Every year there is an increase in the amount of gas, consumed, of about 10 per cent.

The following barks are now receiving cargoes of lumbe at the Moodyville, B. C., mi's. India, Marguerita, Antionelle, Mount Washington and Guinivere. Their combined capacity is about 1,500,000 feet, and the majority are under charter for Australia.

A British Columbia exchange says: "Since the spring has or ned the cattle in the interior have picked up very fast, and large shipmonts of prime beef are being made to the coast every week, and the prospects are good for a continuation of this briskness for the remainder of the year.

The Angle-American Mining Company, with head-quarters at Yale; The Telegram Printing Company, of Vancouver; The Middle Creek Gold Mining Company, Victoria, and the Northwestern Gold and Silver Mining Company, of Victoria, have been granted certificates of incorporation.

Application is to be made to the British Columbia legislature next session for rights of construction of a railroad between Vancouver to the Peace River by way of Seymour Creek, Pemberton Meadows and Chilcotin, with branches to the Skeena and Stikeen Rivers and boundary of Alaska.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company have chartered the steamship Straits of Belle Isle, to make one voyage from Hongkong to Vancouver, owing to the large increase of freight on this routr. She left Hongkong on June 19th and is to leave Yokohema July 3rd, and will reach Vancouver about July 22nd.

Last year the C.P.R handled the following freight at Vancouver: Inward from the east, 101,546,000 pounds; Outward to the east, 27,-947,000 pounds. The Company's eisbursements in Vancouver for the year amounted to \$670, 640.58. The Company's three China steamers made eighteen arrivals at Vancouver, bringing 34,427 tons of freight, and carrying away 21,-808 tons.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company was held at the head office of the company at Vancouver recently when the following were elected as directors for the ensuing year, namely: H. Abbott, J. M. Browning and W. F. Salisbury. At a meeting a the directors, held immediately after, Mr. H. Abbott was elected president, Mr. J. M. Browning vicepresident, and Mr. J. D. Townley secretarytreasurer.

On and after July 2, the law as it refers to the licensing, numbering and naming of such small ships and vessels, other than those that come under the "Registration of Ships," will be en-

for red at ...Il British Columbia ports. One of the provisions of the section of the law is, that all such vessels shall have their names and port of license, and their number plainly painted on them. Another provision is, that there shall be recorded at the Customs House the full information as regards the vessel herself and the owners, and all changes of owners must be promptly recorded.

Oliver Harvey, general merchant, of Ashcroft and Enderly, has purchased the bankrupt stock of Robson, grocer, Kamloops. The stock will be moved partly to Ashcroft and the balance to Enderly. The stock was sold by tender, and the amount which will be reauzed by the creditors will be small-probably under 25 cents in the dollar. Robson made a bad failure and though but between two and three years in business succeeded in showing about \$8,000 of a deficit in assets, as compared with liabilities, allowing the fullest fi :.. as for alleged assets, which consisted or 5,000 stock, \$2,200 book debts and \$1,000 fixtures and sundrics, against \$20,000 liabilitios. The store and lot, put in with the assets, are mortgaged for all they will bring, and cannot be counted as worth anything. A large portion of the liabilities is made up of borrowed money. The wonder is how the bankrupt managed to acgotiate loans so freely as he had apparently done.

Negotiations have been concluded, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser, between Mr. J. J. Russell, of Muscatine, Iowa, and Mr. I. A. Kerr, of Outario, and a syndicate composed of the following gentlemen : E. H. Heaps, D. Oppenheimer, J. P. Tompkins, J. Hendry, C. D. Rand, J. D. Townley, A. W. Ross, R. E. Gosnell, R. G. Tatlow, A. St. G. Hamersley, S. K. Twigge, and F. C. Cotton, for the purchase of the patent right for British Columbia for machinery for the manufacture of barrels. These machines produce ventilated and other descriptions of barrels, which are becoming greatly in demand for the shipment of fruit and vegetables. The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association has adopted these patent barrels as its package for shipment, and as fruit culture increases in this Province a like demand may be experted to arise. It is the intention of the syndicate to locate the manufactory of the barrels and other articles produced by these machines in Vancouver.

## Grain and Milling.

The Ketwatin Milling (Company intend building an elevator at Griswold, Man, in a s lort time.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the United States Baking Company, of Indianspolis, which will do a general baking business at Indiana. The company is composed of all the leading baking firms of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Stock is taken by each firm to the value of its plant.

## Dairy Matters.

The make of cheese in the Eastern Townships, Que., during May was not much over half of that in the same month last year. The cows are now doing well, and the prospect is that the output for Jone will be a full average.

The imports of cheese into Liverpool from the United States and Canada, from May 29th to the 4th of June, 1890, were 27,732 boxes, and from the 1st of October, 1889. to the same date, 867,088 boxes, against 633,979, for the same period in the previous year.



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