

British Columbia Items.

The Kaslo Drug Co. has assigned. J. J. Sell, furniture, Kaslo, is selling off.

J. C. Thom is opening in clothing at Golden.

W. Meadows is opening in groceries at Kaslo.

A. Henderson, jeweler, Nelson, has given up business.

T. H. Holmes is opening in groceries at New Denver.

S. D. Weaver, grocer, Sandon, is giving up business.

A. W. Peck & Co., furniture, Nelson, have assigned.

W. G. Birney, painter, is opening business at Revelstoke.

S. B. Brunn, grocer, Nelson, has given up business.

S. D. Landecker, tobacconist, K. I. O., is giving up business.

S. Sanderson, stoves and tins, is starting business at Ymir.

A. Ferland & Co., dry goods, Nelson, is succeeded by A. Ferland.

McLachlan & McKay, are opening a general store, at New Denver.

H. Cleaver, butcher, New Denver and Silverton, has sold out to P. Burns.

T. Wilson, general store, Sandon, is giving up this branch.

Gregory & Ayling are opening in fruit, fish, etc., at New Westminster.

Geo. P. Murphy, freighter, Quesnelle, has sold out to H. P. Lewis.

J. W. Galloway is opening business at Chilliwack as butcher, fruit, dealer.

A. L. Stewart, general store, Illecetwaet, is reported to be giving up business.

W. Meldrum & Co., clothing, etc., of Calgary, have closed their New Denver branch.

Golden Lumber Co., Ltd., reported succeeded by the Columbia River Lumber Co., Ltd.

S. White & Co., men's furnishings and clothing, have opened business at Vancouver.

Jones & Emonde, hotel, Okanagan Landing, out of business and succeeded by John McLeod.

E. J. Schugel, lumber company, Fort Steel is succeeded by the Flathead Valley Lumber company.

F. Cawley, grocer and butcher, Chilliwack, has sold out his butcher business to W. H. Cawley.

Baker, Crawford & Co., ship brokers and commission, Vancouver, have dissolved. J. G. Crawford retires and will open on his own account.

The coal measures of the Crow's Nest Pass are to be developed at once so as to be ready to ship as soon as the railway can be operated.

H. A. Belyca, R. Fulton, and T. Goddard have formed a partnership and purchased the coal and wood business of Crane Bros., of New Westminster.

The following business items are reported from Rossland: P. A. Silverstone & Co., jewelry, have dissolved. T. Embleton is opening a general store. Devon & Devon are opening in groceries. F. H. Pokarney is opening in groceries.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Mrs. McDonald, Empire hotel, has sold out to Beattie & Gibbons. Mills & Hethune, boots and shoes, have dissolved; R. Mills continuing. Baker, Crawford & Co., ship

brokers and commission, succeeded by Baker Bros. & Co. Wm. Templeton, grocer, is dead.

Business Prospects in Ontario.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—January is always a quiet business month in Ontario, but trade is more active at the moment than usual for this season. Onedrawback is the bare roads in many parts of the country. With good sleighing more grain would come out of the farmers' hands, and that would greatly improve business. Orders for the spring trade are rather more liberal. Business in all sorts of supplies for the Klondike trade is showing some activity and goods especially designed for that country and for supplying parties going there are being imported in large quantities by local houses. Dry goods values are generally firm, and woollens show considerable strength. There is more inquiry for wool. The trouble with cotton operatives in the United States will, it is hoped, by Canadian mill men, tend to lessen or check the offerings of United States goods in Canada. There is a good demand for general hardware and metals, much better than experienced at this season for some years and it is expected that the building trade in Ontario the coming season will show much improvement. The export demand for Ontario wheat which was very dull, a week ago, has improved a little and there is a better demand for it now at slightly better prices. Peas are very firm and scarce. The prices for this cereal has advanced 8c since the first of the year, and is now 13c per bushel higher than it was a year ago, while Canadian corn is now 7c per bushel higher than it was a year ago, and the farmers in the corn producing counties in Western Ontario are feeding their corn to hogs and marketing very little. The pea crop was comparatively speaking, a failure the past season. The local money market is unchanged at 4 to 4 1/2 per cent for call loans, 6 to 7 per cent for mercantile discounts, according to name and date, and 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent, for real estate loans. Country remittances are fair; in the city payments are rather slow. There is a good demand for Canadian securities for investment and speculation and prices are very firm.

Western Business Items.

T. G. Dagg, butcher, is opening business in Winnipeg.

D. Ripstein, liquors, Winnipeg, is succeeded by David Cleland.

W. Kittson has purchased the store of Vezna Couture, of St. Boniface.

Chapman & Co., at Virden, Man., will open a general store on March 1st.

The Swan Lake Fur Co., general store keepers, Fort Pelly, has assigned.

T. M. Walsh, clothing, Winnipeg, has given up business and removed to Vancouver.

A meeting of the creditors of J. B. Henderson, general merchant, Carberry, Man., is called for Thursday, Jan. 27.

Geo. Halliday, of Virden, has moved to Hargrave, Man., where he has purchased the general store business of Mr. Hayes.

Marlatt & Housser, lumber, Portage la Prairie, Man., have dissolved partnership. F. R. Marlatt retires and G. B. Housser & Co., continue the business.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Jan. 21.—2 p.m.—Money on call easy, 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3 to 3 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.81 5/8 to \$4.81 3/4 for demand and at \$4.82 1/2 to \$4.82 3/4 for sixty days. Posted rates, \$4.83 to \$4.83 1/2 and \$4.85 1/2 to \$4.86. Commercial bills, \$4.82. Bar silver, 56 7/8. Mexican dollars, 45. Government bonds weak.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—C. P. R., London, 91 1/4; Com. Cable, Montreal, 182 1/2.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE PRICES.

A private cable received in the city on Friday from Liverpool states that Canadian cattle are quoted there at 5 1/4d per lb.; and Americans 5 3/8d. Sheep are quoted at 4 1/4d. The ocean freight rate is now 35 shillings.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE PRICES.

The following were the prices obtaining on the Liverpool market for Canadian products on January 8th: Cheese—Strictly fancy cool Canadian, colored, 44s to 45s; strictly fancy cool Canadian, white, 43s to 44s; fine rich silky stock, white and colored (summer's) 39s to 40s; useful meaty slightly skimmed, new, 36s to 38s.

Butter—Fancy colonial creamery, boxes, 96s to 98s; fine colonial creamery, boxes, 92s to 95s; fancy Canadian, creamery, new separator, 90s to 94s.

Bacon—Singed Wiltshire, heavy to light, 44s to 48s; long rib, light weights, none; Cumberland cut, light weights, 46s to 48s.

Hams—Canadian long cut, light, 45s to 48s.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 21.—The stock market opened slightly lower all around, in sympathy with lower prices for Americans in London. Northern Pacific preferred soon developed an exceptional weakness on heavy realizations and lost a point.

New York, Jan. 21.—The stock market opened weak. Atchafson 12 1/2; Sugar 13 1/4; Tobacco 86 1/2; General Electric 35 1/4; Burlington 98 7/8; Rock Island 89 1/8; St. Paul 94 3/8; Northwestern 121 1/2; Louisville 53 3/4; Western Union 90 1/8; Southern preferred 30 1/2; Wheeling 3; Manhattan 116 1/4.

Noon—Money on call easy at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 to 3 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.81 3/4 to \$4.85 for demand, and at \$4.82 3/4 to \$4.83 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.83 to 1/2 and \$4.85 1/2 to \$4.86. Commercial bills \$4.82. Silver certificates 56 3/4 to 57 3/4. Bar silver 56 7/8. Mexican dollars 45. Government bonds firm.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Jan. 21.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 112 11/16; consols for the account 112 15/16. Canadian Pacific 91 1/4. Bar silver quiet at 26 3/8d. Money 1 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills was 2 1/8 per cent.

D. Fraser, of Donald Fraser & Co., has returned from an eastern trip.

I. W. Martin, of the Gurney Store and Range Co., Winnipeg, returned from a visit in the east.

E. G. Hicks, manager of Manitoba Produce company, has been making a tour of the southern portion of the province.