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CENTRAL AMERICAN TRADE.

Prospect of the Immediate Establishment of Another Important Open Line to Victoria.

Mr. F. C. Davidge Will Manage This City's Business For the Isthmus Republics.

It is probable that before many months Victoria's shipping interests, which are rapidly becoming the most important on the Pacific coast, will be extended to Central America. The earnest efforts of W. M. Calhoun, J. E. Chibber and others, of Seattle, during the past year have resulted in practically assuring the operation of a steamship line from Puget Sound, which will make Victoria the first port of call and the last of departure on each and every voyage.

THE SALMON PACK

On the Northern Rivers—It Will Be Under Two Hundred Thousand Cases.

A Two-Thirds Pack For the Skeena—Other Late News of the North.

The C.P.N. steamer Danube arrived from the North yesterday morning, completing a voyage that had rendered extremely disagreeable by rain, sleet and wind.

As the trade increases the passenger traffic will be stepped up to important proportions, and it is believed the scheme will pay from the start.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Assessment Complications at Vancouver—Harvesting in Chilliwack—Waterworks for Westminster.

Bush Fires—Latest From the Mines—Waterworks to Be Constructed at Wellington.

Vanouver, Aug. 12.—The diphtheria scare at Burnaby is over, and the few cases are making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The complication over the food property assessment at Burnaby, mentioned some time ago in the COLONIST, is receiving the attention of the authorities.

Mr. F. G. Richards, of Victoria, gave us a call this week. He is here in the interests of some Victoria gentlemen, amongst whom is Mr. H. Croft, who propose to operate a system of waterworks in Wellington.

ALERT BAY, Aug. 10.—A settler from the Keight Inlet district states that the grubs are playing terrible havoc with the root crops there. This pest has made its appearance here, but the crops have not suffered to any great extent by them.

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H. M. S. Hyacinth yesterday took on a further supply of Nainaimo coal. Her engine state that the tests so far made with Nainaimo coal have proved eminently successful.

WELLINGTON. (From the Enterprise.) A carload of ore from the Eureka is going over via Kailo.

The receipts at the New Denver record office for July amounted to over \$2,000.

The Spotted Tail and Ida claims at Rossland have been sold for \$300 each.

The Jenny Lind, adjoining the Read & Robertson on Four Mile Creek, has been bonded to some Spokane parties.

S. S. Ballew is doing survey work on the Payne Street. The Surprise and Antoine will be worked as soon as the water is out of the tunnels.

George Hughes obtained an assay from rock from the Beat, a claim on Seaton creek, showing 100 ounces of silver and 16 per cent. copper.

About 75 per cent. of the claims recorded in this district are staked on Lemon and Springer creeks and some exceptionally high assays have been obtained from rock coming from these creeks.

Shipment from the No. 1 mine, Ainslie, will be delayed in consequence of the damage to the road by forest fires.

About twenty-five men are at work on the ore bins for the Hall mines. The towers for the tramway at this end are all erected as far as the spur of the Morning Mountain where the Silver King trail crosses the right of way.

RAILWAY EXTENSION. VANCOUVER, Aug. 13.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have decided to extend the Nakusp and Slocan railway from Three Forks to Sandon.

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Tom McRae has sold his Big Bear claim—extension of Glangarry—to some parties in Winnipeg.

Prospecting is in full swing up Fish creek, and some rich strikes have been reported on the Kootenay Gold Mining Co., are pushing work on the Sable creek claims, which go high in gold, silver and copper.

T. Downing and B. Ramey have finished assessment work on the Black Bear claim on Poole creek; the rock ought to run considerable in gold. Assessment work has also been done on the Wagner group on Poole creek. The Trapper claim looks very promising, and shows some high grade ore.

The navigation of the Columbia river above Revelstoke is a live question with the people in the Big Bend country. Steamboat communication would be of incalculable assistance by reducing the cost of getting in supplies and facilitate the getting out of ore, as beyond doubt, there will be shipping mines on both Barnes and McCulloch creeks within a year.

NEW DENVER. (From the Ledger.) Senator Teller, of Denver, Colorado, has been in the Slocan surveying the great silver camps whose reputation has become continental.

T. C. Davenport will work the Homestake at Rossland. It is said to be good property, for which Honest John will pay \$35,000.

On Saturday a number of Silverton miners went down to Springer creek. They manifest no little excitement over the late discoveries.

I. Cagne, of Cariboo creek, brought in some fine looking rock to be assayed which he obtained from his gold property there.

Since August 1 the following shipments of ore have been made: 80 tons from Almo

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