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THE Nakusp Ledge is the latest addition to the list of newspaper ventures in British Co-Inmhia.

It is reported that at an early date the interior of the Bank of British Columbia in Victoria, B.C., will be entirely remodelled and arranged.

THE movement of grain through the country, says the Manitoba Free Press of a recent issue, notwithstanding the low price of wheat, is on the increase, and the railroads are hauling twelve to sixteen carloads east every day.

In New York the big retail stores are complaining of the hard times. It is the opinion of some merchants that people have spent their money to go to the Fair, instead of buying goods, as usual.

HON. LOUIS TOURVILLE, Joel Leduc, J. M. Fortier and Hyacinthe Beauchemin are applying for an act of incorporation, under the name of the South Shore R. Co., to build and run a railway from Levis to Valleyfield in the Province of Quebec, to connect with the Canada Atlantic Railway. This line will open some of the finest farming country in the Province.



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THE storekeepers at Macleod, N. W. T., held an At Home for some days last week, the guests thus honored being the members of the Piegan and Blood Indian tribes. Tea and cake were provided for the dusky visitors.

Mr. Orr, the general traffic manager of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic railway, states that the Duluth and Winnipeg will next spring be extended into the Red River valley and also to Winnipeg, where it will connect with the main line of the Canadian

HERE are some figures showing the stand of British Columbia as a coal furnisher to the Pacific coast: The receipts of coal at San Francisco from Jan. 1st to Aug. 1st of the present year were as follows: British Columbia, 276,674 tons; Australia, 85,606 tons; Great Britain, 68,589 tons; Japan, 1,100 tons; total 431,969 tons bituminous coal; anthracite from Great Britain, 7.946 tons.

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CANADA'S exports to Great Britain show a decrease in the past nine months of 17.4 per cent. This is due to smaller shipments of cattle, sheep, wheat, cheese, bacon and fish.

In Richmond, Que., Messrs. Cleveland and Munns have completed a dam on the St. Francis River, for which the citizens voted a \$3,000 bonus. Just below the dam, and beside the G. T. R. railway track, a building of moderate dimensions is to be erected at once by the same parties, the town furnishing a bonus. This has been undertaken with the view of attracting some industrial concern to the town in search of a good location and cheap water power.

WE find in the Oswego Palladium a Washington paragraph dated last week, which says that the joint Congressional Committee to inquire into the status of the law organizing the United States executive departments, etc., has made a report showing that there are 6,128 more persons employed therein than are specifically appropriated for, and that of 17,599 employes, 5,610 have from one to nine relatives each in the Government service at Washington.

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