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SHIPPING—Volume large and general activity noted. The salmon shipments, arrival of the sealers and so forth have contributed to this materially. At Victoria for the month of September 95 deep sea vessels entered and 142 coastwise. The barque Routenbeck has cleared for Liverpool with the first salmon cargo of the season, Messrs. Rithet & Co. being the largest shippers. The cargo consists of 33,800 cases, valued at \$901,875. The American barkentine Hilo has sailed for Sydney, N.S.W. from the Brunette saw mills with 581,673 feet of rough lumber and a quantity of manufactured stuff. The American barkentine C. Y. Crocker was loaded at Hastings Mills for Santo Rosalio. Her cargo consists of 733,000 feet rough lumber, besides flooring, poles, shingles, etc., valued at \$7,076. The American brig Geneva, 440 tons, sailed into Burrard Inlet the other day. She is loading at Hastings Mills for Sydney. The American ship Fuller has arrived with 175 tons of tea for the C. P. R. The incoming Australian ss. Miowera, due here Oct. 8, had on board 500 tons of freight and 40 saloon and 30 steerage passengers on leaving Brisbane for Honolulu. At the latter port there are several hundred tons of freight awaiting her.

The Empress of India arrived last week with a good cargo, and about 35 saloon passengers.

MINING—All indications are very encouraging, and a good deal of work and speculation are going on. References have been previously made to the finds at Albesni, which have created some excitement. A very rich strike has been made in the original Noble Five group, Slocan, which on assay yielded 1,684 ounces to the ton. Some excitement, the usual real estate flutter, has occurred at Nelson, owing to the arrival of Mr. Harvey, engineer of the Silver King mine. He has been examining the property with a view, it is thought, of determining the development work to take place next spring. The C. P. R. has contracted to ship ore out of Slocan at cheap rates, which are bound to give it the trade of that country. It is thought that considerable ore will be taken out of the mines by way of Nakusp this winter.

At the meeting of the Legislature an application will be made for permission to build from Three Forks to Kaslo in the spring, and thence to Balfour, along Lake Kootenay, to connect with the Nelson and Port Sheppard railway, thus affording a continuous line of rail from Revelstoke to Spokane, all to be completed within a year, as promised to the Spokane merchants during the summer by General Manager Van Horne.

A company has been formed to take over mining leases held by James M. Harvey and Thos. J. Trapp, Westminster. The company to be called the "Wycott Hydraulic Mining

Company," and is incorporated by Samuel K. Twigg, John Twigg, John M. Spinks, and M. H. Hirenberg, of Vancouver, and Thos. J. Trapp, of Westminster. The capital is placed at \$510,000, in \$10 shares.

The first annual meeting of the Kanaka Bar Gold Dredging Company was held on Tuesday night. The company anticipate success in their venture. Some valuable glacier discoveries have been made on the Similkameen, and a great deal of activity has been displayed of late in securing leases and staking out claims. The reports from Cariboo are also good. Five substantial companies are now at work, and while the output for this year may not be larger than usual the developments will have an important effect on the following years. The editor of the Vernon News, speaking of mining in Okanagan says:—"I completed a two weeks' tour of the gold mining camps in the lower Okanagan just before coming to Victoria. The prospects are exceedingly good. At Camp Fairview, the only one accessible by wagon road, the Strathelyre Mining Company have their quartz mill run using steadily upon ore from the Brown Bear and Wild West mines, and it is generally understood that the returns are fully satisfactory. The gold bearing quartz in this district is in unlimited quantities, and it appears to get richer the further it is followed. Camp McKinnon is by many considered to be as good as Camp Fairview, but it cannot be worked at present owing to the absence of roads to take in machinery. There are a great many camps in the Boundary Creek district, among which may be mentioned Attwood's, White's, the Greenwood, Skylark, Providence, Deadwood and Copper. From the Skylark and Providence ore is being shipped by pack trains to Grand Prairie and thence teamed to Marcus, where it is shipped by rail to Tacoma. The cost of transportation alone of this ore is said to reach between \$60 and \$70 per ton, which is ample evidence of its richness.

B. C. Market Quotations.

DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Live steers are 3½; cows 3c; beef, 6½ to 7c—sheep, 4½ to 5c; mutton, 11c; lambs, \$3 75 to \$4.50 each; lamb, \$5 for carcass; calves, 6 to 7c; veal, 9 to 10c; hogs, 7½c; pork, 10½c.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$0.00; XXX, \$4.35; strong bakers, or XX, \$4.05; superfine, \$3.55. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.65; strong bakers, \$4.30; ladies choice, \$4.50; prairie lily, \$4.25; Oregon, \$4.90. Enderby mills—three star, \$4.75; two star, \$4.50; oatmeal eastern \$3.00; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.25; National mills, Victoria, \$3.60; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.60 per sack; Westminster Mills, 4c per lb.; cornmeal \$2.75; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; best China rice, do., \$100; China rice, do., \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23; shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$33 to 35; wheat \$28; oil cake, \$50; hay, \$16. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$25.00 per ton; oats \$30; chop barley, \$30. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3.95. Shorts, \$23; bran, \$21; barley chop, \$26; Brandon Mills, Hungarian, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.40.

FISH—Prices are salmon, 5 to 6c; flounders, 4 to 5c; smelt, 5c; sturgeon, 6c; seabass, 5c; cod, 6c; halibut, 7c; smoked salmon, 12½c; smoked halibut, 10c.

MEATS—Quotations are as follows: Hams, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 17c, backs, 15 to 15½c; long clear, 13½c; short rolls, 14c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tin, 15c per pound; in pails, 15½c; in tubs, 15c. Corned beef \$3.00 per barrel; mess pork \$20; short cut \$21. Commission agents quote American meats f.o.b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium ham, 15c per pound; heavy hams, 14½c; choice breakfast bacon, 19c; short clear sides 14½, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 pound pails, 13½c per pound. Armour's gold brand meats, hams, 16½c; bacon, 21½c.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes \$18 per ton; onions, silver 'skins', 1½ to 2c; cabbage, 1c; carrots, turnips and beets, ½ to ¾c.

DAIRY—Eastern creamery is quoted at 20½ to 27c; Manitoba dairy at 22 to 27c; cheese, 12½c.

EGGS—Eastern case eggs, 20c.

FRUITS—Bananas \$1.00 to \$2.75 per bunch; lemons, Australian, \$3.25; peaches, \$1.00 to 1.25; plums, 50c to \$1.25; grapes, \$1.30 to 1.50; apples, \$1.15 to 1.40 per box; tomatoes, 75 to \$1.25; pears, \$1.25 to 1.50; evaporated apples are quoted at 8c per lb; apricots, 20c; peaches, 14c; dates, 7 to 8c; Smyrna prunes, 9c; layer raisins, \$3; cocoanuts, \$1 per doz; Australian oranges, \$2.25 per box; prunes, \$1.10.

Brief Business Notes.

There is a proposition to erect a watch factory at Mission City.

C. Woodward, dry goods, Vancouver, is offering to compromise with creditors.

A. S. McArthur & Co., general store and butchers, Kamloops, are admitting a partner.

T. R. Merrow and Chas. Nelson, druggists, Vancouver, are opening branches at Mission City.

D. McGillvray has commenced in Vancouver the manufacture of cement paving tiles for sidewalks.

Jas. A. Dubé, blacksmith and carriage maker, Steveston, has admitted James A. Wallace into partnership.

The Hudson Bay Company have contracted with E. Cook to erect a three story warehouse at Vancouver.

G. E. Farrar, Vancouver, has been appointed local agent for the North American Life Assurance Co., Toronto.

The C. P. R. has been granted the use of Howe street for the Lulu & Vancouver railway at a nominal rental.

Dan McGillvray, Vancouver, has secured the contract for the building of the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake Railways.

The staff of the Fraser River hatchery are now securing salmon ova. It is the intention to hatch about between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 fry.

The mammoth fish building at Mission City, built by the citizens there as a public enterprise, is about completed. It will be utilized next summer.

The Westminster Slate Co. has been promised the order for all the slate required to roof the new Northwest Mounted Police barracks to be built soon.

Foster Macgurn, Supt. of agencies for the Mutual Life of New York, appointed Stanley Henderson, of Vancouver, as manager of the company for the mainland.

The Pacific Fish Co., of which M. M. Mowat is manager, will commence halibut fishing in northern waters about the 10th of October. Mr. Foley, foreman of the fishing department, left for Victoria on Saturday to charter a steamer to be used in making weekly trips to a fishing station which will be located at a convenient point. Operations will be carried on throughout the winter, and the necessary fishing gear is now being got into order. Westminster will be the headquarters of the company, and the cargoes of halibut will be shipped east from here.