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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 30.—Vancouver shipping men regard with great satisfaction the steady recent increase in the ocean traffic of the port. The average tonnage of Vancouver ocean steamers and sailing ships in port now reaches 25,000 tons irrespective of the tonnage measurement of many coasting craft of minor importance which daily enter and leave Vancouver. As a result of this development, Vancouver stands for the first time well ahead of Seattle as an ocean port, although the people of the latter city strenuously endeavor to make out that their port is still ahead of the Terminal city.

The lumbermen are still busy, and prices continue on a more satisfactory basis. The canners are endeavoring to enter into mutual arrangement to put up a somewhat smaller pack this season than that of last year, fearing otherwise, a glut in the world's market. Negotiations having this end in view are quietly proceeding, but it cannot be said that up to the present any sufficiently binding arrangement has been made. One thing that will improve the position of the cannery men this season and which may be set off against certain temporary disadvantages of the present situation is the expected large demand of the Royal navy for canned salmon, which will this year for the first time be supplied to the men of the various fleets as part of the usual weekly rations. It is expected that this Imperial government demand will absorb in amount the average output of about five fair sized British Columbian canneries.

The farmers are being advised to hang on to their hay, but there is very little of the old crop to hang on to, as it has been all bought up as

report goes by the reported Honolulu representative of the Jardine's of San Francisco. Owing to the complete failure of the Californian crop, hay and oats are extremely stiff at present prices and have a strong tendency to go upward. The Jardine representative made demands in the B. C. market that would have exhausted the supply in two months. He will not touch the new crop. McLaughlin and Jardine are now practically controlling the British Columbia market in hay and oats.

British Columbia Items.

A. Hanson, hotel, Field, is burnt out.

G. Gray, fruit, etc., Westminster, has sold out.

The Revelstoke Brick Co. has started business.

Pordue & Richardson, hotel, Nelson, have dissolved.

A. Burlinck, fruit and confectionery, has opened at Trill.

Chas. Jiskowicz, cigars, Nelson, is succeeded by Mrs. J. Jignac.

J. C. Durick, of Carlin & Durick, general store, Port Steele, is dead.

N. A. McPherson, Vancouver, has opened a tailor shop at Ashcroft.

The Cranbrook Trading Co. is opening a general store at Cranbrook.

Robinson & Co., clothing and boots and shoes are opening at Nanaimo.

P. Carrier, shoemaker, Slocan, has given up business and gone to Cariboo.

Sinclair & Co., boots and shoes, Westminster, offers to sell Vancouver branch.

R. Dodds, of Vancouver is opening a bakery and confectionery business at Golden.

W. H. Robertson, trader, Whaleton, Cortez Island, is succeeded by W. R. Drinkwater.

T. A. Empey & Co., general store, Rossland, have dissolved, S. Carnahan withdrawing.

McCallum & Millsbaugh, hardware, Slocan City, have dissolved; Mary McCallum continues.

Berry & Gillman, manufacturers, boots and shoes, Nanaimo; style now Berry & Thurston.

Campbell Bros., blacksmiths, etc., Ashcroft, have dissolved and are succeeded by Perkins & Peterson.

The Canadian Pacific railway will build a station from Robson to Midway and possibly to Pentleton, through the Boundary Creek country.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: N. Friedman, men's furnishings, is moving to Steveston. R. Marshall, restaurant, has sold out to Jacob Parker. T. A. Lytton, watchmaker, has opened business.

J. S. Smith has disposed of his store business at Kamloops to Woodside & Marshall. Tom Marshall has been in the employment of Mr. Smith for about two years, and J. H. Woodside was lately in business at Revelstoke. Mr. Smith intends to go to the coast.

The following items are reported from Victoria: Wing Chong & Co., Chinese merchants, have effected a compromise and resumed business. W. B. C. Mewburn, grocer has sold out. Taylor & Mahoney, Dawson hotel, have been sold out under distress for rent.

The Victoria board of trade has passed a resolution urging the construction of the Skeine-Teslin rail-

way this year, and expressing the confidence of the board that after the British Columbia government had voted aid to the extent of \$1,000 per mile, the Dominion government would surely grant any further aid necessary to secure the construction of the line.

The following items are reported from Vancouver—J. D. Foreman & Co., produce, have dissolved, S. G. Faulkner withdrawing. J. C. Bshop, picture frames, stationery, is giving up the stationery line. Chartered Trust Co., of British Columbia, Ltd., is incorporated. False Creek Feed and Produce Co. (Young & Murchie); now co-partnership formed. Scougale Bros., of Colbourne, Ont., dry goods and men's furnishings, are opening business. Jos. S. Edgar, of Windsor, Ont., is opening in boots and shoes. Thos. Coburn, has opened in groceries. Geo. W. Dunlop, carriage maker, is going into carriage supplies, and giving up manufacturing.

The following items are reported from Victoria—D. Haggerty, groceries, has sold out to Geo. Moran. A. B. Erskine, boots and shoes, is retiring from the retail trade, and going into wholesale. M. X. Smith, hotel, has sold out to G. Johns. W. J. Patridge, hotel, has formed a partnership with J. J. Ryan. J. Griffin & Co., jewelry, auctioneers, are moving to Vancouver. Carter, Hall & Baker, manufacturers' agents; have dissolved; George Carter continues.

The World's Wheat Crop.

The statistician of the United States department of agriculture has issued a detailed statement of the world's wheat production in 1897, from which the following general totals are copied, adding thereto figures for previous years, as previously reported by the department:

	Bushels.
United States	530,149,000
Canada	56,597,000
Mexico	12,000,000
Chile	10,500,000
Argentina	32,000,000
Uruguay	3,600,000
United Kingdom	54,527,000
France	251,298,000
Germany	107,000,000
Austria-Hungary	133,370,000
Other European countries	600,163,000
Asia	358,990,000
Africa	36,200,000
Australasia	27,636,000
Total, 1897	2,214,030,000
1896	2,428,000,000
1895	2,510,000,000
1894	3,676,000,000
1893	2,563,000,000
1892	2,482,000,000
1891	2,432,000,000

The report says: "The best estimates which can be obtained for the principal wheat growing countries of the southern hemisphere for the year 1897-98 are as follows: Argentina, 50,000,000; Chile, 15,000,000; Uruguay, 8,500,000; Australasia, 30,500,000; India, 198,000,000.

The Cincinnati Price Current has issued its annual statistical supplement, giving much tabulated information in regard to grain, provisions, live stock, crops, etc. A very useful pamphlet.

Dominion supplementary estimates contain the following items: Winnipeg custom house repairs and improvements, \$1,800; Regina land titles office, \$13,000; Medicine Hat court house, \$6,000; Vancouver drill hall, \$20,000; trail from Edmonton towards Yukon district, \$15,000.