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British Columbia.

Wm. Marshall, of the Gorge hotel, Victoria, is dead.

A new bakery has been opened at Westminster by J. Ferguson.

Mrs. Miller, of Vancover, has leased the Queen's hotel, Westminster.

Stewart & Cash will open a hotel at Westminster, to be known as the Central.

S. E. King, baker, Victoria, burned out, will build at once and continue the business.

Phil. Rollins, Eureka hotel, Dunganes, was burned out. Loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$2,500.

They are revelling in mosquitos on the Pacific coast. The Columbian says they have appeared by the billion.

H. Collins, general merchant, late of Calgary, is opening a dry goods store at Vancouver, near the Hotel Vancouver.

Johnston, Kerfoot & Co., lately established at Vancouver, in clothing, hats, caps, furnishings, etc., have added a tailoring department.

Clarke & Nichelson, tinners, Victoria, have dissolv d; J. H. Nicholson retiring and Ed. Pearson taken in under style of Clarke & Pearson.

R. E. Green, employment, real estate agent etc., Vancouver, has formed a partnership with H. E. Matthews, from San Francisco, and will continue business under the style of Green & Matthews.

During the month of February, there was exported from San Francisco to British Columbia 355,612 lbs. of sugar, valued at \$20,652; 12,078 lbs. of coffee, valued at \$2,147; 1,467 lbs. of tea, valued at \$317; and 1,000 lbs. of rice, valued at \$50.

MacArthur, Stevenson & MacIver, successors to W. R. Megaw, general merchant, Kamloops, took possession of the business on April 1st. They are putting in a large new stock, and have added a millinery and dressmaking department to the business.

Vancouver World:—On the street it is reported that the real estate transactions of several of our most prominent brokers for March, will range from \$50.000 to \$150,000. For the same month last year they were not more than one half this sum.

The B C. Legislature is taking up the question of the bridge across the Fraser river, being built by the C. P. R. Co., at Mission Station. The Legislature will protest against the construction of the bridge with a draw as narrow as that proposed.

The act granting a land subsidy to the proposed Columbia and Kootenay railway, provides for a grant of not more than 200,000 acres. The right of way of the railway is to be exempt from taxation for five years from the passing of the act, and all property of the company is free from provincial taxation for a period of two years after the completion of the road.

The Texada Mining Co., the owners of the "Golden Slipper" and other claims on Texada Island, have bonded the r properties to a syndicate of gentlemen who are represented by Mr. Ceperly, of Vancouver. The bonding price is in the neighborhood of \$75,000. It is understood that the bonding parties will immediately commence the work of development, and it may be reasonably expected that the true value of Texada quartz will be demonstrated before the close of the year.

In the report of the Provincial Minister of Mines the following statistics are given of the coal output :- The outp. of coal for the year ending 31st December, 1883, amounted to 489,-309 tons, as follows:

Nanaimo colliery output.......258.817 Wellington " East Wellington colliery output...... 30,092

Total output in the year 1888..........482,309 The coal exported in 1888 amounted to 365,-714 tons. Total hands employed in collieries, 8,012.

McLennan & Nelson, general merchants, Treherne, Man., are dissolving partnership. They will offer their stock for sale, en bloc, on April 12th, amounting to about 812,000,

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A Manitoba Testimonial.

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James Pve, Esq., Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.:

Dear Sur,—In handing you our check for \$1,301.24, in full for balance o 1, our contract for building and enlarging our mill, we without solicitation wish to state, that you have done your work in a manner highly salisfactory to this company. The capacity which you warranted at 275 barrels we find consiner bly under the mark, as we are at present making over 300 barrels, and the quality of the flour is all that we could wish for. Some of our largest purchasers trankly tell us, it is equal to any flour made in either Minnesota or this province. The yield also we find very eatsfactory. We must alse bear testlinony to your pleasing and gentlemally manner, and your willingness at all times to meet our wiches. This has made our business reactions plea-ant and we can honestly sav, that we recommend you to any person, requireing anything in the nill building or mill turnishing line. Wishing you the success that straight dealing merits, we are

Yours very truly,

THE PORTAGE MILLING CO.

Jas, MacLenavhan, Managing Director.

A BOARD of trade has been organized at Rat Portage, to be known as the Board of Trade of Rainy River. The first election of officers resulted as follows :- Richard Hall, president; Charles Chadwick, vice-president; J. A. Mc-Crossan, secretary; Jacob Hose, treasurer; and council esmposed of Messrs. Matheson, Newell, Mather, Monk and Ross. The board starts out with a membership of 54.

OVER 70 persons were present at the last meeting of the Winnipeg Grocers' Association, which shows that the organization is being liberally supported. A discussion as to closing at eight o'clock, was adjourned until the next meeting, which will be held in the board of trade rooms. The association is following up the movement of endeavoring to restrict wholesale dealers from selling to others than persons regularly in the trade. A committee was appointed to wait on wholesale fruit dealers, commission dealers, pork-packers, etc., with the object of restricting the sale of goods by such dealers, to parties out of the regular retail trade.

The value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, during the month of March, 1889, and compared with the same month of 1888, at the port of Winnipeg, is as below:—

Value 1888. Value 1889.

\$32,424 00 837,771 00 Goods exported ... Goods imported, duti-.... 115.488 00 140,615 00 able...... Goods imported, free. 15,004 00 12,973 00

Total imported \$130,492 00 \$153,588 00 Entered for consump. tion, dutiable.....\$117,998 00 \$141,564 09 Entered for consump-

tion, free 15,004 00 12,973 00

Total entered forconsumption.....\$132.702 00 \$154,567 00 Duty collected......\$36,641 61 \$44,515 54
Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for March, 1889, are as follows:-Tobacco.....\$ 7,328 Cigars..... Spirits..... 10.935 32 1,226 49 Malt

Petroleum inspection....

Total..., \$20,122 21

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