

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
" " (polished).....	90 00 @ 100 00
Best China rice ".....	80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1 " (mats).....	65 00 @ 80 00
" " (sacks).....	65 00 @ 80 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Broken rice ".....	30 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

## LUMBER.

The American barkentine C. C. Funk, 513 tons, Capt. Glaser, has been chartered to load at the Brunette Mills for California, and is due at mill early in January. The Chilean bark India sailed Dec. 26 for Valparaiso with cargo of 784,000 feet, valued at \$6,200. The American bark Colorado sailed Dec. 28 for Sydney, N. S. W., with a cargo of 765,601 feet, valued at \$6,904, and composed of 638,355 feet rough, 24,898 feet flooring, 48,610 feet pickets, and 318,830 laths. The ss. Cosmopolis, which sailed Dec. 20 from Royal City Mills, carried 323,000 feet lumber and 55,509 laths, valued at \$2,780, for San Francisco for orders. The Marion sailed Dec. 23 from Brunette Mills, with 235,632 feet lumber and 80,000 laths, valued at \$1,850, for San Pedro.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Hastings Mill—Am. schr. Aida, 507 tons, for Shanghai. Br. bark Cadzow Forest, 1,068 tons, for Melbourne. Total, 2 vessels, 2,187 tons.

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard: Rough, \$8.00 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$10; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$15; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$15; shingles, \$2; lath, \$1.75.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment:  
Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet, \$ 8 00  
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M..... 19 00  
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M..... 15 00  
Pickets, rough per M..... 8 00  
Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M..... 1 90

## FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Co's shipments for the week ending December 22:

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
18.	Carrollton, bark, San Francisco..	2,207
19.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend..	41
21.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend..	50
21.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend..	53
21.	Elwell, ship, San Francisco.....	2,186

Total..... 4,517

For the week ending December 29:

22.	Tyce, str., Port Townsend.....	107
22.	Rufus E. Wood, bk. San Francisco	2,109
24.	Bertha, str., Kodiak.....	639
26.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend..	54
26.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend....	54
26.	Oregon bark, San Francisco....	2,153
23.	Rapid Transit, str., Seattle.....	131
23.	Rapid Transit, str., Tacoma.....	125

Total..... 5,431

J. H. Piket, hotel, Union, damaged by fire, loss \$200.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

S T Tilley, tobacconist, has opened at Vancouver.

H. Stead, shoemaker, Vancouver, loss of \$100 by fire.

Keil & Kerr, draymen, etc., Vancouver, have assigned.

A. J. Turner, books, stationery and toys, Victoria, is dead.

M. Booth, confectionery and cigars, has opened at Kamloops.

Wm. Macfarlane has taken over the Pacific restaurant, Vancouver.

Louis Redon, of Redon & Hartnagle, Driard Hotel, Victoria, is dead.

F. C. Lawrence, watchmaker, from Whatcom, has opened at Lytton.

Chas. Nelson, druggist, Vancouver, has opened a branch at Chilliwack.

Wm. Patterson & Son, butchers, Nanaimo, have assigned to Robt. Brown.

Lockhart & Centre, undertakers, Vancouver, have dissolved. C. B. Lockhart continues.

The Dominion Express Co., will extend its system into the United States after January 1.

Fell & Co., Ltd., grocers and wine merchants, Victoria, are applying for incorporation.

A. S. Tolmie, Hotel Douglas, New Westminster, is in financial difficulties and the hotel is closed.

It is reported that the bark Ballachulish, which sailed from Vancouver, Oct. 11, loaded with lumber for Valparaiso, has been lost with all hands.

Simeon Duck and Thomas T. Hull are opening at 58 Broad street, Victoria, as auctioneers, commission and land agents, under the firm style of S. Duck & Co.

Negotiations are now on between the New Vancouver coal company and the builders of the whaleback City of Everett for the chartering of that vessel to ply between Nanaimo and San Francisco with coal.

Mr. D. R. Ker has just returned from a successful trip through the Northwest Territories and Eastern Washington, where he has purchased next year's supply of grain at remarkably low figures for the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., Ltd., of Victoria and New Westminster.

Canada has attracted the attention of the world by many of its celebrities, besides the great prairies and its great railways. Canada has great newspapers. The *Family Herald* and *Weekly Star* of Montreal is, indeed, a marvel. It is a marvel of excellence and a marvel of cheapness. To think of such a paper as the *Family Herald* and *Weekly Star* of Montreal for a dollar a year. It ranks with the wonders of the times.

## THE BANK STATEMENT.

The bank statement for November has been issued, and its leading features are always of interest to the business community. The bank note circulation was \$33,076,868 as compared with \$35,120,561 in November, 1893, and Dominion note circulation was \$15,164,916 as compared with \$13,011,516. The current loans for the month were \$195,823,973 against \$201,996,246 in November of the previous year; the call loans were \$17,722,565 compared with \$14,465,113. The deposits payable on demand amounted to \$69,364,659 compared with \$62,926,785 in November of last year; deposits payable after notice were \$113,842,322 as against \$104,414,955 in November, 1893. The total liabilities of our banks in Nov. and the previous November were respectively \$228,597,876 and \$216,771,481; the assets during the same months were respectively \$314,176,123 and \$306,455,370. While the November statement does not seem to indicate any increase in trade compared with a year ago, it shows the strong position of our bank, which is so satisfactory a feature of these returns. —*Toronto Empire*.

Under the firm style of Geo. Cassady & Co., Ltd., the business of Leamy & Kyle and Geo. Cassady & Co., both sawmills at Vancouver, have been amalgamated. The new company has been strengthened by the addition of \$40,000 cash. A new band mill is being put into the Red Mills, formerly operated by Leamy & Kyle.

The cause of the trouble in British Honduras, whither a force has gone from Jamaica, is the imposition of English currency on the inhabitants. A sol, or Chilian dollar the currency mainly in use on the Central American coast, is depreciated to seventy cents, and one can get a dollar and a half of the ordinary silver currency for an American dollar. The reason for a revolt against the good and unvarying money of England is not plain. The fighting season in these regions is just coming on, and this may account for the disturbances.

It is charged that the Alaska Packing company is endeavoring to secure at a nominal cost vested rights at Point Roberts that would enable them to virtually seclude from the fisheries there all smaller companies or individual fishermen not in their employ. The point is unquestionably one of the finest locations for salmon traps and canneries on the Pacific coast, for immense shoals of salmon sweep past there every year on the way to the Fraser River. The net profits of the Wadham's cannery alone in 1893 were said to be \$25,000, and the Drysdale cannery across on the Semiahmoo spit is said to have about as much. Both canneries are now in the trust, and Drysdale is the local manager.