

British Columbia.

Dr. Chipp, of Nicola, has permanently located at Vernon.

Mrs. S. J. Green, fancy goods, etc., Victoria, desires to sell.

Wm. Hammond, C.E., died at the Victoria hospital recently.

Gordon & Raab will open a furniture store at New Westminster.

W. C. Anderson, late proprietor of the Clarence hotel, Victoria, is dead.

T. W. Carter brewer, Victoria, admits W. F. Tolmie, under style of Carter & Tolmie.

Lee & Co., commission, etc., Victoria. G. W. R. Lee of this firm is reported to have left.

James Daley, of Victoria, has bought the Quamichan hotel, Duncan's Station, from Price & Jaynes.

Customs collections for the month of January at Victoria were \$58,750. Inland revenue returns were \$4,512.

J. B. Simpson has bought a half interest in the Boulder hotel, Vancouver, and with J. E. Davis will conduct the house.

Tatlow & Spinks, real estate and insurance, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. M. Spinks will continue the business.

During his visit to England, says the *Ledger*, Bell Irving arranged a syndicate to purchase six of the Fraser river canneries.

D. W. Morrow & Co. have been appointed agents at Victoria for the London and Liverpool and Globe Fire Insurance Company.

Times: The contract for the five sisters block, Victoria, for the Douglas estate, at the corner of Government and Fort sts., was awarded to G. C. Mescher. The contract price is nearly \$100,000.

Davies & Berridge, clothiers, Nanaimo, have dissolved partnership, after having been in business for about two years. T. Davis will continue the business.

W. E. Rushnell, president of the Union Ice Co., of Tacoma and Seattle, arrived at Vancouver recently. This company intends to start a branch manufactory in Vancouver.

The first number of the *Steveston Enterprise* has made its appearance, a neat paper which will no doubt fill "the long felt want" in that enterprising townsite on the river.

The Glasgow hotel, Vancouver, has changed hands, W. Williams having purchased the interest of A. Robertson. The hotel is now conducted under the firm of Williams & Lee.

Edward McCoskrie, Victoria, calls for tenders for the erection of a three storey and basement hotel building to be built on Dallas road for Wm. Jensen, of the Occidental hotel, Victoria.

Work on the Shuswap & Okanagan railway is progressing, the grading being almost completed to Enderby. The cut through the rock about twelve miles from Sicamous is the principal work unfinished.

Victoria Times: "It is understood that while the city council have the consideration of the commercial travellers' tax in hand, the passing drummer escapes. A meeting of the board of trade is to be called to reconsider the matter, and it will be again brought forward at the council meeting to-morrow night.

The total pack of salmon for the province last season is placed by a Victoria house at

409,461 cases, of which 265,082 cases were shipped to the United Kingdom, 29,162 cases to Australia, 60 cases to the United States, and 78,566 cases went to Canadian dealers. The balance of 36,604 cases remain on hand.

The following are the shipments of coal to foreign ports from Nanaimo for the month of January:—

	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Company....	36,748
Wellington Mines.....	13,790
East Wellington Mines.....	4,060
	54,598

The *Revelstoke Star* says: Bourne Bros., general dealers, have the foundation laid for their fine new store, and the work of building will be carried on to completion as soon as possible. The building will be 30x80 feet, two stories high, and will make quite an imposing structure. The first flat will be used as a store, and the second as a public hall, which will be fitted up with a stage and necessary appliances.

Vancouver News: The vessel with 1,100 tons of tramway rails for the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway left England on the 26th January and will arrive about the middle of June. The work of grading the track, and fixing the overhead wire will be carried out, so that it will only remain to lay down the rails, and if the ship meets with favorable weather the line will probably be completed by July.

In the last official Gazette, J. J. Blake gives notice of application for a charter for the Vancouver and Northern Railway & Navigation Co., the line to extend to Alaska; McPhillips & Williams apply for an act to incorporate the Burrard Inlet & Ferry Co.; Blake & Magee for a charter for the Vancouver & Lulu Island Electric railway. Application is made for the incorporation of the Burrard Inlet Sealing and Trading company, \$150,000 capital, in \$1,000 shares, by C. D. Rand, G. A. Fraser, A. St. G. Hamersley, H. T. Ceperley, A. H. B. Macgowan, J. H. Hallett and Andrew Linton.

The formal ceremony of driving the last spike in the New Westminster Southern railway which connects at the boundary with the Fair haven and Southern railway, was celebrated on Saturday Feb. 14, and was witnessed by nearly one thousand people from British Columbia and Washington. The ceremony was participated in by Gov. Laughton, of Washington, and Lieut. Gov. Nelson, of British Columbia, members of the legislature of British Columbia and members of the legislature of the state of Washington. One end of the last tie put in was on United States soil and the other on Canadian. When the tie was placed in position, Governor Nelson drove the last spike on the Canadian side, and Gov. Laughton did the same thing on the United States side.

A serious fire occurred at New Westminster, Sunday, Feb. 15. The fire started in the building occupied by F. Stirsky, on Columbia st., near the centre of the town, and spread rapidly among the frame buildings adjoining. The fine Masonic block was also destroyed. Following are the losses: D. Lyall & Co., books and stationery stock, \$20,000, insurance, \$11,500; H. L. Read & Co., hardware, loss \$22,000, insurance \$9,000; T. J. Trapp & Co., hardware, \$22,000, insurance unknown; H. Morr & Co., books, \$7,500, insurance, \$2,000;

W. E. Fales, furniture, \$8,000, no insurance; Murray & Groig, paints, \$3,000, insurance, \$3,000; Telephone company, \$1,500, insurance, light if any; Campbell & Co., dry goods, \$22,000, insurance, \$17,000; A. Marhing, druggist, stock, \$25,000, insurance, \$10,000; Rousseau & Co., boots and shoes, \$8,000, insurance unknown; J. E. Phillips, clothing, \$18,000, insurance, \$11,550; Ferin & Morrison, lawyers, \$2,000, insurance, \$500; Masonic and Oddfellows block, \$33,500, insurance, \$25,000; F. Stirsky, stock, \$9,000, insurance, \$4,000; A. F. & A. M., \$1,500, no insurance; I. O. O. F., \$2,000, insurance, \$1,000; Sons of England, \$5,000, no insurance; Knights of Pythias, \$500, insurance \$500; A. O. U. W., \$300, no insurance; I. O. F., \$250, no insurance; Armstrong Scoullar block and stocks in same, \$1,600, fully insured. Turnbull & Co., contractors, \$200, no insurance; Southern Railway Co., \$200, no insurance; L. F. Bonson, liquors, \$500, no insurance; Board of Trade, \$330, no insurance; damage to other property is estimated at \$2,000, the value of the wooden building could not be ascertained; Bouchier, Croft & Mallettes, real estate, \$2,000, no insurance.

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A branch of the Dominion post office saving bank will be opened at Regina shortly.

W. & P. Dickson, general merchants, Balgonie, have sold out to Shereling & Hawkes.

W. Cruikshanks & Co., general merchants, Regina, have assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

McPherson & Shellington, blacksmith, Regina, have dissolved partnership. Shellington will continue the business.

The early closing system has adopted at Regina. It is pleasing to see that many points are going in for early closing. Let the good work go on.

E. T. White of Medicine Hat was summoned before the court recently for selling goods by auction in his own store and fined \$10 and costs. He has appealed the case.

Fort Qu'Appelle l'Idette: At the recent annual meeting of the Qu'Appelle board of trade the council presented their report, which related to a number of matters of importance to this district such as immigration, prairie fires, fishery inspector, establishment of a fish hatchery, expropriation of old trails, and improvement of trails into the valley at different points. In the matter of the fish hatchery and fishery inspector, with the last letter received from Mr. Dowdney on these subjects was inclosed a letter from Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Fisheries, which says, "I would personally be glad to have a hatchery in the territories and in Manitoba, and shall bring the matter again before the council. The report also sets forth that the volume of trade in the town for the past year reached the amount of \$475,000, which includes the post office orders that were issued for something like \$6,000 and the revenue received for stamps for the same period which amounted to \$1,300. The following officers, were elected for the current year: President, F. S. Proctor; vice-president, J. Nixon; secretary, D. H. McDonald; council W. Sutherland, H. B. Joyner, J. Zinkan, S. C. Elkington, A. E. Iredale, J. Benson, C. E. Poulin, and H. Noble.