

### British Columbia.

Mrs. H. Peters, brewery, Victoria, has been burned out.

Lamy & Kyle are establishing a sash and door factory at Vancouver.

The proposed C.P.R. shops at Vancouver will be proceeded with immediately.

The steamers Cline and Duchess are now making regular trips between Golden and the Columbia Lakes.

The brick work of the C.P.R. hotel at Vancouver has been completed. Over a million brick were used in its construction.

The steamer Alysinnian left Yokohama for Vancouver on Monday last. This is the first steamer on the regular line established between the ports named. She carried 2,500,000 of tea, 63 bales of silk, and 35 tons of general merchandise.

A by-law will be submitted to popular vote at Vancouver, guaranteeing 3% per annum on the first mortgage bonds of the Coquitlam Water Works Co., for ten years. There is strong opposition to the by-law, with a prospect of a close vote.

The Vancouver News of Saturday last says: "A carload of goods arrived yesterday consigned to E. R. Ewington, Sydney, Australia. This is the first shipment of goods over the C.P.R. for Australia, and is the commencement of a large trade that will, in the natural course of events, follow.

Though it is claimed that British Columbia is well adapted to stock growing, yet it seems that the requirements of the province are not entirely supplied at home. The Victoria Standard lately spoke of the importation of seven cars of sheep over the Northern Pacific, for city butchers.

### Dairy Matters.

D. M. Finlayson has established a butter dairy at Battleford.

J. C. Wallis will manufacture cheese at Broadview this season.

Cheese manufacturers will find full reports of eastern cheese and butter markets, etc., in the THE COMMERCIAL.

The output of cheese from eastern Canada is expected to be very large this year. The market opened at Liverpool, at 58s for white and 56s for colored, new Canadian fodder cheese. Prices have since been easier.

The special committee of the Manitoba Legislature on agriculture has recommended in a report to the House that a grant of \$50 be given to cheese factories manufacturing 100,000 lbs. a year, and to creameries manufacturing 4,000 pounds of butter a year, all these institutions to be under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture. It is explained that in the past cheese factories and creameries have had difficult work struggling through, and that if some assistance be not given, many of them are likely to close. If the suggestion be adopted it can hardly be said to be a business like proceeding. The principle of such grants or bonuses is decidedly wrong. Besides, it is news to be told, with so many new factories opening, that many factories will be closed unless assistance be given.

### Pacific Coast Salmon.

The industry has for the last two or three years been an exceedingly profitable one on the Pacific coast. Last year was the year of the pool, managed by William T. Coleman & Co., that resulted in very large profits for the syndicate. Some 600,000 cases were controlled, and prices were advanced \$1 a case. This year salmon opened \$1 a case higher than the opening prices of last year, and 750,000 cases have been sold at prices that will realize a very handsome profit to the canner. The principal operators have been again Messrs. William T. Coleman & Co., who claim to have sold between 400,000 and 500,000 cases already. They will control on commission consolidated packs of the Sacramento river and Alaska, besides the product of some fifteen canneries on the Columbia river and the principal outside packs. This concentration has enabled prices to be firmly maintained, and it is said that at no time in the past has the salmon-packing industry of the Pacific coast been upon a more substantial financial basis.—*Ex.*

At a meeting of the millers of Dublin, Ireland, on April 26, a resolution was adopted in favor of placing a duty of a crown per bag on American flour."

The new duty in Italy raising rate on wheat from 1 franc 40 centimes per 220 lbs to 3 francs, and flour from 2.77 francs to 5.5 francs per quintal, has gone into effect.

A KNOWLTON, Que., firm has purchased, through a London agency, a large quantity of hides in Hong Kong, China, which will be shipped to Knowlton by the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Pacific coast.

The Northwest Miller says. "Whatever may be the cause for the heavy and steady advance in wheat values, we still insist that it is not a legitimate boom, and do not hesitate to say that we look for a sudden and heavy decline.

SPEAKING of the question of disallowance, the Lethbridge Alberta, News says: "The Northwest is as much concerned in the issue as the people of Manitoba and Winnipeg. The town of Lethbridge more especially, depending as it does on mines seeking further outlets for their extension, finds railway communication to the American markets essential to her growth and progress, and if it be true that the Northwest members are going to oppose Mr. Watson's resolution on the ground that it is purely a Winnipeg matter, they are seeking by a lame excuse to palliate a vote which they are aware will be condemned by their constituents."

NUMEROUS articles, says the Bulletin du Commerce Extérieur, which were once the monopoly of English manufacturers in the Brazilian market such as iron, hardware and cheap pottery, are now supplied chiefly by France, Germany or other European countries, via Hamburg and Havre. Fancy articles are supplied either by France or Germany; and the wholesale trade is principally in the hands of houses of the latter nationality. Commercial habits have altogether altered. Formerly one would find in the shops only English articles; to-day however, these shops supply articles of French, German or European origin other than British.



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