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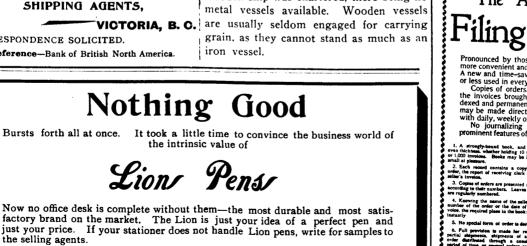
THE Berlin brush works have removed to Waterloo.

THE shareholders of the Noxon Manufacturing Company have elected a new board of directors. It is now composed of Wm. Watterworth, R. H. Cotter, C. C. L. Wilson, H. Irwin and C. W. Riley. It was also proposed at the meeting to amend the firm's by-laws, so as to permit of the introduction into the firm of certain employees as shareholders.

WORD comes from Nelson, B.C., under date of November 13th, that James J. Hill will immediately start building his new British Columbia railroad from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, to Nelson. The contract was let there recently to Folliett & Guthrie. The line will be 60 miles long and is to be known as the Nelson & Beddington railroad. This will give the Great Northern a second artery in the northern British Columbia mineral fields.

CHARLOTTETOWN advices of 16th inst. say that a schooner sailed from New London, or French River, Prince Edward Island, with produce for Pictou, and another is loading, while two schooners cleared for Lunenburg, N.S. Mr. T. J. Dillon has shipped from that province to Great Britain, 18,181 boxes of cheese, valued at \$101,813, and from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick he has shipped to the same market 9,864 boxes, valued at \$61,-238. The same despatch gives market prices at Charlottetown as follows: Oats are 28c., potatoes, 25c.; turnips, 10c.; pork, 5¼c.

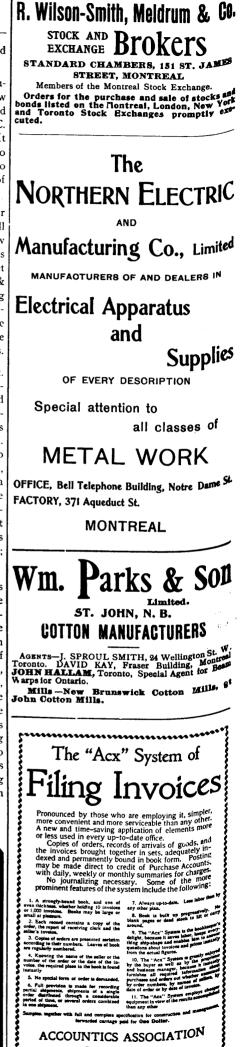
NOTWITHSTANDING the many steamers that were out of employment when the Alaska business declined, says The Victoria Times, it is a significant fact that the tramp steamer is conspicuously absent in the wheat carrying trade. The majority of the wanderers are finding paying traffic, it is said, in Chinese and others waters, and have not looked to the wheat trade for business. Another notable fact is the absence of steel and iron sailing vessels in the trade. Yesterday another big wooden ship was chartered, there being no metal vessels available. Wooden vessels are usually seldom engaged for carrying grain, as they cannot stand as much as an iron vessel.



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