

British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

Wm. Beveridge, clothing, Nanaimo, business closed out.

Keller & Lukey, printers, Nanaimo, dissolved. R. Lukey continues.

Kitchen & Waterous, real estate, etc., Nanaimo, new co-partnership formed.

Mercor & Fitzpatrick, Central hotel, Nanaimo, successors to J. A. Thompson.

H. Grensfelder & Co., jewellery, etc., Northfield, opened a branch at Wellington.

Sherman & Henschliffe, general store, Port Guichon, out of business; succeeded by the Fisherman's Canning Co., Ltd.

Cope & Young, house furnishings, are opening at Vancouver.

James M. Fox, baker and confectioner, opened at Vancouver.

F. W. Hart, furniture, etc., Vancouver, selling out house furnishing department.

J. F. Beck & Co., late carriage builders, Victoria, stock advertised for sale by auction, 21st inst.

Estate of Wm. Jordan, baker, etc., Victoria, property and plant advertised for sale by sheriff, 33rd inst.

W. H. Perry, hardware, etc., Victoria, contemplates admitting John Turner into partnership.

J. Whitelaw & Co., purveyors, Victoria, burnt out, 14th inst.

Estate of L. G. Burns, plumber, Victoria, stock advertised for sale by tender to 29th inst.

J. A. Thompson, furniture and hotel, etc., Wellington and Nanaimo, has leased hotel to Mercer & Fitzpatrick.

The Miner Publishing Co., Nelson, incorporated under style of the "The Miner Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd.

J. Johnson & Co., Victoria, estate of, stationery, etc. Meeting of creditors called.

F. J. Beck & Co., late carriage builder, Victoria, stock advertised for sale by auction.

Reid & Currie, Iron Works Co., New Westminster, effects advertised for sale en bloc.

S. Harcus, fruits, Vancouver, loss by burglary.

M. Liberty, saloon, Vancouver, sold out to J. Noel.

Stevenson & Rockett, grocers, Vancouver, loss by burglary.

W. J. Trythall, printer, &c., Vancouver, stationery stock being sold at auction.

Ritter & Steward, saloon, Victoria, dissolved; R. Ritter continues.

The American ship Eclipse and the Norwegian ship Beaconsfield sail this week for England, lumber laden.

Gus Holmes, the well known British Columbia cannery, died at Astoria, Ore., the other day.

Chas. Nelson has opened a drug store at Mission City in charge of J. King.

The blue book shows some 500 voters in West Kootenay, indicating that there must be 5,000 non voters, or American citizens working the mines.

J. E. Lardner, the well known cannery, is lying dangerously ill in San Francisco.

There are 82 licentiates or apprentices of the Pharmaceutical Association in British Columbia—Victoria, 27, Vancouver 21, Westminster 10, Nanaimo and Kamloops 2, Esquimalt, Vernon, Chilliwack Mission one each.

Word has been received from San Francisco, that H. E. Harlock, the well known cannery man, is dead.

S.S. Aberdeen, the C.P.R. steamer plying on Okanagan Lake, has been laid up for the winter.

J. B. Wilson, Kaslo, writes THE COMMERCIAL as follows:—"In your issue of January 1st you have an item that J. B. Wilson, gen-

eral store, Kaslo, is offering to compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, and at 75 cents on the dollar. The offer was made that if cash was wanted at once the latter would be the basis. At a meeting of creditors on Jan. 15, J. B. Wilson offered dollar for dollar, 25 per cent cash, balance 3, 6 and 9 months. That is, the creditors offered to take that amount and it was accepted by me. There was no need of any assignment, but some five or six claims were in the hands of an attorney in Nelson, and as several small creditors were threatening suit I was forced to assign to protect my creditors who were willing to give me time."

The Western Loan and Trust Co., Limited, of Montreal, has taken over the stock of the Empire Mutual Loan and Investment Co., Limited, of Vancouver. The Western Loan and Trust Co., though an eastern concern, loan money on securities in Western Canada only.

The exports from the port of Vancouver to the United States for 1893 are as follows:—Butter, \$2,400; boats, \$1,100; cranberries, \$900; curios, \$5,728; furs, \$18,091; fish, \$26,452; horses, \$3,452; lumber, \$65,030; miscellaneous, \$21,155; ore iron, \$13,573; ore silver, \$31,193; rice, \$7,426; sugar refined, \$11,046; sugar raw, \$123,324; syrup, \$2,277; silk, \$40,970; slate, \$925; tea, \$4,666; total, \$330,491.

Since December 21st to date 1,000 tons of ore have come down from the mines of Kaslo, and been shipped to smelters of the United States. In a few years the output of ore from Kootenay will be enormous, but unless Canadian smelters are built Americans will reap the bulk of the profit.

The list of certificated licentiates and apprentices on the roll of the Pharmaceutical Association of British Columbia is published in the last issue of the *Gazette*. Thirty-seven are practising their profession in Victoria, 22 in Vancouver, 10 in Westminster, 8 in Nanaimo, 2 in Kamloops, and one each in Esquimalt, Vernon and Chilliwack.

The British barque Harold, the last of the British Columbia salmon fleet of 1893, has finished loading on the Fraser river. Her cargo is the second largest salmon shipment ever dispatched from British Columbia. It amounts to 61,091 cases, the total value of which is \$321,541. The vessel's charterers are Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.

F. M. Yorke, who purchased the British Columbia and Puget Sound Stevedoring Company's interest in this province, has formed a partnership with Capt. W. H. Copp, of Vancouver. The new company will be known as the British Columbia Stevedoring Company. Mr. Yorke will attend to Victoria business and Captain Copp to the Vancouver business.

R. P. Richet & Co., Ltd., have received a telegram from Lampson & Co., the great fur salesmen of London, England, to the effect that at the recent sale sealskins averaged 48 shillings, or about \$11.70 a skin. Some, however, only realised 44 shillings. There is not much profit in the work at the price just realised.

The ship Eclipse has completed loading at the Hastings mill. She has on board 1,072,082 feet of lumber and spars, valued at \$10,720, besides 600 cases of salmon. Her destination is Greenock, Scotland.

The steamer Mogul left Yokohama on the 13th ultimo. She has 1,800 tons of freight including 300 tons for Victoria, and 300 tons of silk for New York. She also has 75 steerage passengers. The steamship Tacoma has left Victoria for Yokohama. Her outward cargo consisted of 1,500 tons, principally flour from Tacoma and Portland, and 20,000 feet of lumber from Victoria. Fifty-six Chinese took passage outward.

Notice is given in the *Gazette* that application will be made for an act to perfect the incorporation of the Brunette Sawmill Company.

The Granville Cigar Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000 in \$50 shares. The trustees are A. W. Draper, J. M. Leithhead and Alfred Leithhead.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Kaslo-Kootenay Land Co. has been held. The election of directors resulted in the choice of Alexander Ewen, Westminster; John Hendry, Vancouver; D. J. Munn, Westminster; A. L. Blyea and Robert Irving, Victoria. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, officers were named as follows: President, Alexander Ewen; general manager, D. J. Munn; secretary-treasurer, Robert Irving.

Peter McNicol, of Westminster, has, it is said, invented a new process for preserving fish, and has experimented successfully on a salmon and other species. The process consists in wrapping the fish completely, when freshly caught, in one fold of linen, then plunging it into a preserving liquid, after which the linen is wrapped once more round and stitched, and the whole plunged into a resinous sort of varnish, which perfectly excludes the air. By this method the inventor claims that ordinary sized salmon can be preserved at a cost of one cent each; and he also claims they keep perfectly for an indefinite length of time. The preserving fluid so far from injuring the flavor of the fish, which is put up just as it comes out of the water, imparts a desirable relish thereto. Mr. McNicol has experimented successfully with salmon—keeping some preserved according to his method for as long as three weeks, and then being as fresh as when put up. Salmon preserved in this way, the inventor says, can be shipped in any weather without ice, and may be stacked loosely in box cars if desired. Mr. McNicol intends, so it is alleged, to go quite extensively into preserving and shipping this season.

Volcanoes of the United States.

Excluding Alaska, the United States may be said to be non volcanic, states Mr. Ralph S. Tarr, but it has not been so long. A chain of volcanoes extends from Southern South America into Mexico, then there is a large break, and the interrupted chain begins again in Alaska, curves southward, and joins the chain of Japan. The intermediate non volcanic area has just emerged from an era of stupendous activity. Future resumption of such activity is not improbable, for in the West are volcanoes so recent as, like Mt. Shasta, to retain their conical form, and some of these perhaps, are no more dormant than was Vesuvius before the fatal year 79, when it buried Pompeii and Herculaneum beneath the most terrible storm of stones and ashes ever known to man. In the Canon of the Colorado, in the deserts of Nevada and Utah, and in New Mexico, exist small lava flows that must have erupted in very recent years, probably since the white man's discovery of the continent. Those seem to record the death throes of the country's latest volcanic giant. The eruptions have played a part in bringing up stores of metals, and the richest mines are found in the volcanic districts of Tertiary times.

A New Electric Clock.

The General Electric Company, of Berlin, proposes to adopt the new clock of Herr Von Hefner Alteneck, which may be placed in the same circuit with incandescent lamps, and is claimed to solve the problem of providing an inexpensive yet effective system of controlling clocks electrically. The current keeps the clock wound at an annual cost of one 16 candle lamp lighted for 10 hours—perhaps 8 or 10 cents. Should the circuit be broken, the clock will run without the current for 12 hours. The control can be operated by hand from the dynamo room or automatically from an observatory, and consists of a momentary lowering of the circuit potential by 6 to 10 volts once every 24 hours, the effect being to set all clocks in the circuit exactly together. The lamps are not appreciably affected.