

British Columbia.

H. Win derbank, hotel, Mission, was burned out.

F. A. Mutch, greener, Vancouver, out of business.

William F. Boggs, tailor, New Westminster, has assigned.

P. I. Smith, hotel and restaurant, New Westminster, has assigned.

L. Davis & Co., clothing and gents' furnishings, Vancouver, have assigned.

Wm. Parkin, groceries, etc., Nanaimo, has sold out to his son John Parkin.

D. Spencer, dry goods, Victoria, has had his stock damaged by fire and water.

New Westminster Steam Laundry Co., New Westminster, sheriff in possession.

F. W. Mutch & Co., mattress makers, Vancouver, has sold out to Bailly & Co.

Caldwell & Lewis, tailors and furnishings, Nanaimo, are dissolving partnership.

Tierney & Jackson, grocers, Vancouver, have dissolved; H. E. Jackson continues the business.

Workmen have commenced on the superstructure of the new Driard House at Victoria.

Young & Bartlett, have been appointed agents at Victoria of the Etna Fire Insurance company of Hartford.

Fader & Co., Vancouver, are shipping a car load of fresh salmon and halibut to New York, packed in ice, and sent forward in a refrigerator car.

T. M. Limby, of Enlery, estimates the average yield of wheat in the Okanagan valley at 27 bushels to the acre. Nearly all the wheat has been bought up by the local milling company at \$25 per ton.

The recent official census of Canada gave Victoria a population of 16,371. The citizens were not satisfied with this, and the city council has had the census taken, the result showing a population of over 25,000.

Cope & Young, one of the largest dry goods firms of Vancouver, have decided to dispose of their stock and enter the wholesale trade. This firm has long been one of the institutions of Vancouver, and has been noted for enterprise and business integrity. In the wholesale trade they should do well.

Victoria Times: Experiments have been going on quietly in Victoria on a new and improved process of curing and canning salmon which promises to change the old order of things considerably. The new method makes the fish far more palatable, does away with the taste of the can, so often observable, and is a better preserver. Already capitalists have been making enquiries regarding the experiment, and it is likely that the invention will either be purchased or an institution started for the purpose of canning salmon under the new method.

A correspondent at Mission City writes as follows: "Williams Bros., provincial land surveyors, are busy laying off in 5x10 acre blocks about 1000 acres of fruit lands, which are to be put on the market by the Fraser Valley Land and improvement Co., on terms of 6 years' time. This is a step in the right direction to give actual settlers a chance to locate on a small capital and we hope other large

holders will do the same on equally liberal terms. It will pay those looking for good lands suitably and conveniently located to Vancouver to investigate their new plan. The weather is beautiful. Ranchers are returning from the various agricultural fairs reporting the finest exhibits ever shown in B. C. The display of hops on the vine at the C. P. R. depot is a great attraction to the many passengers who come to this place daily. Over \$7,000 in farm lands changed hands last week and most of this in small blocks to parties who in many cases have commenced to improve. The new line of electric railway from New Westminster to Vancouver just completed will give another cheap route to market produce from this point.

The *Victoria Colonist* says: R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., will notify the C. P. R. Co. that their new outer wharf is ready to accommodate the Pacific steamships at any state of the tide, with plenty of water to spare; and will invite the company to make any surveys they see fit, so that the next steamer from China and Japan may land her freight and passengers at the dock in Victoria. The steam dredge has been kept busy for weeks past to accomplish the above much to be desired result, and is now giving attention to the little ridge of sand found to exist off the end of the new wharf. Deep water will now be found from the end of the first warehouse to the head of the old wharf, on the inside, along the new wharf for about 500 feet, and with a uniform depth of 30 feet at low tide between the two piers. The work of filling in behind the stone wall of the new wharf is being advanced as rapidly as possible, and until it is completed a temporary roadway will be provided, to enable the new dock to be made use of. The dredging will be continued to a finish, now, and there will be a depth of 30 feet to the inner end of the slip within a week's time. The new wharf will provide 1,100 feet of sheltered accommodation.

All things considered, says a *Victoria* exchange, the exhibition, which closed on Saturday, was a great success—a fact that is not to be wondered at when one remembers the energy that has been displayed by the president of the B. C. agricultural association and all who were associated with him, whether in the capacity of directors or paid officials. The manner in which the preliminary arrangements were made, the land secured and the buildings erected, are worthy of all praise, and to-day the city of Victoria can boast of having the finest exhibition buildings and grounds that there are in the province. President Ker, indeed, went to work with a will; his heart was in his undertaking, and he laid himself out to insure its abundant success. In his endeavors he met with the hearty co-operation of the public, who gave to the project that generous endorsement which, has as one of its main and most encouraging features—the utilization of the advantages offered. The display of specimens of all kinds was an admirable one, and this must be a source of even greater encouragement than the none the less significant fact of the interest demonstrated by the public in making their presence felt during each day the ground and buildings were open. There were upwards of 2,500 entries, and the receipts at the gate were very considerable.

Thursday, November 12th has been fixed for thanksgiving day.

Alberta.

Forty cents cash, or fifty cents in trade, is what is paid by Macleod traders for eggs.

The Calgary & Edmonton railway will not be graded as far as Fort Macleod this season. Work has been stopped at Willow Creek.

D. S. Long, has opened a harness shop at Red Deer.

Chievo & Carriveau, general dealers, St. Albert, have moved to Edmonton.

Eastern Cheese Markets.

At Brockville, Ontario, on October 8, the cheese market was dull. Buyers and sellers were considerably apart in their ideas. Buyers did not seem to have a limit beyond 10c for white and 10-1-16c for colored, and as a rule the salesmen declined to accept the figures. The offerings were 4,058 white and 823 colored, a total of 4,881. Sales were: 302 white, 10c; 270 colored, 10-1-16c. The dry weather has had the effect of lessening the present make considerably, but still it keeps up to the average of past seasons. As a rule the salesmen held for 10c for their white cheese and 10c for colored for September and October.

Freight Rates.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "The large quantities of grain that are heading for Montreal caused a further stiffening of ocean freights, engagements having been made at 3s, 9d per quarter for Liverpool, but 4s is now asked. London is quoted firm at 4s 6d, and an engagement was reported at 4s for Glasgow. For Avenmouth engagements have transpired at 5s for future shipment. For the continent 4s 9d to 5s is quoted."

The *Chicago Trade Bulletin* of October 12, in its weekly review says: "Rather less doing in freights during the past week, and an easier feeling prevailed. A fair amount of property was forwarded by rail, but largely to interior points. Rates are reported steady on the basis of 25c flour and grain, and 39c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were moderately active, but the feeling was easier and rates more favorable to shippers, quotable at the close at 20c flour, 7½c wheat and 7c corn to New York, 7c wheat and 6½c corn to Philadelphia, and 6½c wheat and 6c corn to Baltimore. Rates to New England points were quotable at 11c corn and 7½c oats. Lake and canal freights moderately active and easier on the basis of 7½ to 7¾c wheat and 6½c to 6¾c corn through to New York. Through freights to Liverpool were in moderate demand, and rates ruled higher, due to an advance in steamer rates. Quotations ranged at 39½ to 42½c flour, 29½ to 32c grain, and 46½c to 53½c provisions. Lake freights were only in moderate demand, with a good supply of vessels offering. Rates were weak and lower, closing at 2c wheat, 1½c corn and 1½c oats to Buffalo, and 2c corn and 1½c oats to Georgian Bay ports.

A special edition of the *Canadian Grocer* has been issued, handsomely printed and illustrated. Among the engravings, are several cuts of western commercial establishments.

The retail grocers of Hamilton have decided not to give presents to their customers on Christmas day.