

**FREIGHTS**—Lumber freights from British Columbia are quoted: Valparaiso for orders, 40s; direct port West Coast South America, 37s 6d; Sidney, 35s to 37s 6d; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 42s 6d to 45s; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 55s; Shanghai, 47s 6d; and Yokohama, 42s 6d, both nominal. Coal freights: Nanaimo to San Francisco, \$2 to \$2.25; to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Salmon freights to the United Kingdom are quoted at 35s, and from Astoria 36s.

**SHIPPING**—Coast and foreign shipping is good and the value of traffic large. The following shipping is in port.

Port.	No.	Tonnage.
Vancouver .....	3	5,140
Victoria .....	1	1,930
Nanaimo .....	7	9,498
Chemainus .....	1	960
Total .....	12	16,528

**MONEY**—The commercial community has got over the little financial scare of a few weeks ago, and confidence is largely restored again. Collections are slow and credit more limited, but there is plenty of money for legitimate business. Everybody is shy of speculators and the tone of business is generally better.

**SEAL SKINS**—The sealers are arriving home with a fair catch. Between 10,000 and 15,000 skins have been taken ashore and are being packed for shipment to London, England. The Coquitlam had 6000 skins aboard which will be down shortly. Local offers for skins at between \$14.50 to \$17.50 are not considered satisfactory and so it has been decided to follow the usual course and consign for auction in London, England, advices being favorable in regard to the market there. The cost of skins this year has been greatly enhanced, and owners of small schooners cannot afford to take what is offered. On the whole the season has been a poor one for the sealers.

#### Brief Business Notes.

Mills & Reosbeck have opened a hotel at Nelson.

Bowen & Jones are opening a soap factory at Nanaimo.

Carter & Tolmie, brewers, Victoria, contemplate dissolution.

W. Wright Dickinson, Westminster, butcher, has assigned.

The Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society is being formed.

H. P. Johnson & Co., teas and Indian goods, Victoria, have assigned.

J. H. Simpson, tailor, Victoria, has sold his business to J. C. Leask & Co.

The East Wellington Hotel is offered for sale by the trustees of the Peck estate.

Rosenthal & Co., confectioners and cake, Victoria, have gone out of business.

J. M. McLeod, tobacconist and cigars, etc., Victoria, has been closed by creditors.

A movement is on foot to hold a poultry, produce and dog show in Vancouver this fall.

The stock and book debts of A. D. & E. F. Campbell, Sardis, are offered for sale by tender.

Marshall Wilder Waitt, of M. W. Waitt & Co., booksellers, stationers and music store, is dead.

A. Hasenfratz & Co., Landsdowne brewery, Nanaimo, have dissolved, Leo Bernard withdrawing.

John Earsman and Alexander McKenzie Leitch, Victoria, styled Earsman & Co., have dissolved.

The British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at Victoria from October 4th to the 8th.

The Dominion Cartridge Company and the Hamilton Powder Company have opened an office in Vancouver.

Alex. M. Leitch, late of J. Earsman & Co., has opened in Victoria as manufacturers' agent and commission merchant.

The Empress of China sailed on Sunday with 1800 tons, chiefly cotton and flour, and 32 saloon passengers and 50 Chinese.

H. A. Bull has been appointed agent for the Municipalities of Richmond and Delta for the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company.

F. J. Hall has purchased Thos. Percy's interest in the business of Percy & Renouf, grocers, Victoria, under the name of Hall & Renouf.

The American ship George Skolfield, Vancouver, now on her way to Yokohama, has 27, 675 packages of freight on board, consisting principally of tea.

The British Columbia Fruit Growers Association will hold its fourth annual Exhibition in the Market Hall, Vancouver, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug 2nd and 3rd.

T. J. Chambers reports a strike on the east side of Kootenay Lake nearly opposite Kaslo. The ore carries free milling gold and silver. An assay gives 116 ozs. silver and \$18 gold to the ton.

During the year ending June 30th, 1892, 553 vessels cleared from Nanaimo, of the tonnage of 470,151 tons. The sick mariners dues collected there were larger than in all the other ports of the province, and were only exceeded in the Dominion by Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., Montreal and Quebec.

The Tulameen Hydraulic Co., at Eagle Creek, have organized and appointed Mr. Wells as superintendent. They are opening their claim in good shape. Their principal object was to obtain platinum, but they got a larger proportion of gold, and it is likely to be more successful as a gold than a platinum mine.

A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the South Fork Hydraulic and Mining Company. The amount of the capital stock of the company is \$150,000, divided into 150,000 shares. The trustees are John R. Barker, Wm. Polleys and John R. Smith, who will manage the affairs of the company for the first three months. The principal place of business of the company is at Quesnelle Forks, B.C.

Major Vaughn, coal expert and mining engineer, after looking over the Guerin prospects near Kamloops, applied for a coal prospecting lease on twelve hundred acres of land, and has set a force of men at work running an incline. He has great encouragement in the little work already done, finding two twelve-inch, one eight-inch, and several smaller veins, which he is following with the belief that they will soon unite in one vein.

D. E. Brown, assistant freight and passenger agent C. P. C. here, who was banquetted Friday night by friends, left Sunday for a six months' business trip to China, Japan and Australia. The following changes, outlined in THE COMMERCIAL some time ago, will occur as a consequence. The freight and passenger business will be divided, Geo. M. L. Brown taking the passenger and Wm. Brown freight department. J. Slater succeeds G. M. L. Brown as agent.

The general meeting of the shareholders of the Western Investment Savings & Trust Co., Limited, was held in Vancouver last week. After routine business the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: E. E. Rand, Dr. J. T. Carroll, J. G. Woods and J. W. Wearts, of this city; Dr. G. L. Milne, M.P.P., of Victoria, Mayor Haslam, of Nanaimo, and Henry Elliott, Esq., of Westminster. The following are the officers elected: E. E. Rand, president; Dr. Carroll vice president; J. W. Wearts manager, and McPhillips & Williams solicitors.

#### Alberta.

M. Laycock, fancy goods, &c, Calgary, advertises selling out.

John Field, drugs, Calgary; reported sold out to J. G. Templeton.

A. Walker & Co., general store, Naniaka, have opened at MacLeod.

#### Assiniboia.

The first summer exhibition of the agricultural and industrial society of Moosomin district took place on July 15, and which was a decided success, so far as stock was concerned. The number of cattle and horses exhibited nearly doubled any former year and the quality was also superior, as was remarked by the judges at the close of the day.

#### Sasatchewan.

A carload of cattle has been sent to Regina and another to Winnipeg by W. H. Sinclair, of Battleford.

The Chipewyans from Cold Lake, says the Battleford Herald, have just disposed of a lot of furs, said to be the largest and brightest assortment ever put on this market. It was bought by A. McDonald for three thousand dollars, and consisted largely of peltry traded for with the proceeds of the outfit they sold on their last visit to town. One item in the bill is sixty bears, nearly all of prime quality. These Indians raise cattle as well as engage in hunting and trading, and take home with them two new mowers and rakes.

#### Manitoba.

Band & McDonald, millers, St. Leon, advertise dissolution of partnership.

The estate of S. Bere, Winnipeg, offers to compromise at 65c on the dollar.

It is reported that the Emerson Jewelry Co., Emerson, have sold out to J. Kerr.

The new cars for the Winnipeg electric street railway company are arriving.

Manitoba Stove Co., Winnipeg; bailiffs sale advertised to take place the 22nd inst.

Sinclair & Weldon, boots and shoes, Morden, have dissolved partnership; E. Sinclair continues.

F. B. Hugg, Carman, advertises retiring from business and selling out at reduced rates.

The Brandon agricultural society's show opened at Brandon July 19. It was a very fine day and there was a fair attendance of visitors. There were excellent exhibits in nearly every department, and a full display of machinery in motion. Shorthorns were well represented. Smith, Beresford & Shanks, of Rapid City, and Forsyth, of Brandon, showed herds. Hall, of Griswold, and Mansfield, of Brandon, showed Angus Polls, Hanson, of Cannington Manor, showed a Galloway herd, and Heble, of Brandon, showed Ayrshires. Stallions, brood mares and colts were numerous and good in all classes. In shire stallions there were seven very good entries. Fisher's "Bright Eyes" heads the roadster stallions. Head, of Rapid City, shows a very fine thoroughbred stallion. Sheep make a very good exhibit in Southdowns and Shropshires. The grain exhibit is the largest yet seen, and the wheat is superior. The fair is a sure financial success.

Schultz & Hansen, general store, Gretna and Morley, have closed their Plum Coulee branch and sold their Rheinland business to H. Crocker & Co.

#### Injuring Trade.

A telegram from Vancouver to THE COMMERCIAL states that orders placed with jobbers there for fruits and produce, are being cancelled on account of the small pox scare. This, the telegram says is altogether unnecessary, as stocks at Vancouver are received direct from points of production, and do not come in contact with contagion at any place. All infected parts are strictly quarantined, and there is "absolutely no danger." Our British Columbia editor also wires from Vancouver that there is no danger whatever of sending out the disease in this way. The trouble seems to be under control. No new cases of disease are occurring, and all affected parts are strictly guarded.