

B.C. and Pacific Coast Shipping.

R. G. MacPherson, M.P., is interested in a proposal to construct a dry dock at Vancouver, B.C., large enough to take in the biggest merchant vessel afloat on the Pacific ocean.

Application will be made at the next session of the B.C. Legislature for an act incorporating the Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Co. The solicitors for the applicants are Livingstone, Garrett & King, Victoria.

The M. S. Dollar Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act, with a capital of \$180,000, for the purpose of acquiring the str. M. S. Dollar, of Victoria, and of carrying on a general navigation business.

The Western Steamship Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act, with a capital of \$150,000, for the purpose of purchasing the str. Wyefield, of Victoria, and of carrying on a general navigation business.

The Vancouver Engineering Works propose constructing a 500 ft. extension of its wharf, and has submitted plans to the city and the Department of Marine. The additions will carry the wharf out to a point where there is 40 ft. of water alongside.

Capt. Noel, hitherto in command of the str. Nell, is forming a company in Victoria, B.C., for the purpose of building or purchasing a steamer to trade between Victoria and northern B.C. ports. The steamer will have accommodation for a number of passengers, and will carry 600 tons of cargo.

The shipping returns for the port of Vancouver for the year ended June 30, show that there were entered inwards 3,583 British vessels of 850,154 tons, and 787 foreign vessels of 556,060 tons, against 3,238 British vessels of 761,268 tons, and 764 foreign vessels of 546,615 tons for the year ended June 30, 1902.

Press reports state that the North American Transportation and Trading Co., and the Northern Commercial Co., operating in the

Yukon Territory and in Alaska, will be amalgamated. Each company has a dozen posts along the Yukon basin, and their combined fleets number about 30 steamers and 10 barges.

The New Westminster Towing and Fishing Co. (Ltd.) has placed an order for the building of the hull of a new tug locally, and an order for the engines and boilers with a firm in Glasgow, Scotland. The new tug's dimensions will be: length, 110 ft.; breadth, 20 ft.; depth, 12 ft., and the engine is expected to develop 350 h.p.

Navigation on the Yukon river closed rather unexpectedly, and a good deal of freight is lying both at Whitehorse and at St. Michael, which will have to be kept over until the spring. A despatch from Dawson, via Seattle, Wash., states that all the steamers up the Yukon for Whitehorse reached their destination, but that other steamers and cargoes, valued at \$2,000,000, remained exposed to the ice with little prospect of getting to places of safety for the winter.

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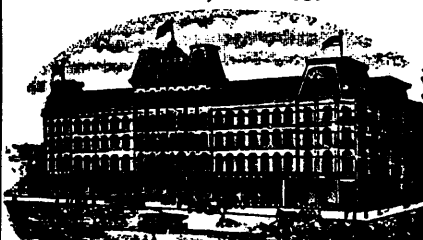
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