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British Columbia.

The Ceylon Tea Company has opened at Vancouver for business.

The store of the London Bakery, Vancouver, has been closed out by the bailiff.

A. Toller, real estate, etc., Victoria, has the sheriff in possession of his business.

N. Portman, grocer, Victoria, has left for parts unknown, leaving numerous creditors.

Victoria has, says the *Colonist*, without any exception, the lowest rate of insurance of any city on the Pacific coast.

The Vancouver board of trade has sent nineteen samples of British Columbia wheat to Montreal, to be tested for making flour.

Building operations are being actively prosecuted at Westminster, and it is estimated that fully 80 buildings are under construction.

The Vancouver *World* expresses dissatisfaction with the Canadian Pacific officials in delaying the construction of the proposed general offices and terminal buildings at that place.

In consequence of the floods in Oregon and Washington, the supply of mutton for the Victoria market has been cut off, and prices gone up to twenty cents, a rise of eight cents.

The partnership between J. F. Galbraith and M. E. Campion, dealers in Japanese goods, etc., Vancouver, has been dissolved. J. F. Galbraith is empowered to wind up the business of the old firm, and will continue the same.

Vancouver News: We have received advices from a source in Ottawa, which we consider absolutely authentic, that the Government has decided to proceed this year with the erection of the post office building on the site already purchased by it on Granville street.

The premises of Hastie & Lockhart's furniture, Victoria, have been seriously damaged by the explosion of a coal oil lamp in the cellar. The prompt service of the fire department subdued the fire after two hours hard work. The loss will reach \$9,000, partly covered by insurance.

The construction of the Canadian Pacific railway bridge across the Fraser river at Mission station, will be pushed this spring. The contractor, D. McGillivray, says that he will have the work well under way by April 1st, and he is now making preparations to commence building just as soon as the weather will permit.

The *Victoria Times* says: President McElroy and ex-Ald Farley, of the Toronto Rubber company, are expected to arrive in the city in a

few days with the object of establishing a branch factory here. If they cannot make arrangements for establishing a factory they will open a branch office. C. E. Gallagher of the same firm is in the city at present, and will remain until Messrs McElroy and Farley arrive.

Three mining companies having their principal offices at Revelstoke are organized, with a capital aggregating \$500,000. These are the Kootenay Smelting & Trading Syndicate, \$200,000; the Revelstoke Mining Co., \$200,000; and the Columbia River & Kootenay Lake Transportation Co., \$100,000. The first two originated and have their promoters in London, and are backed by English money; the last company is a Canadian institution, and has Kamloops, Revelstoke and Victoria capitalists for its stockholders.

THE COMMERCIAL has been requested to deny the item published in this journal to the effect that the firm of Henderson & Coath, shippers, Vancouver, had assigned. The statement, which was taken from a western paper, appears to have originated in some mysterious way through a mistake. The publication of the item is a matter for regret, and it is to be hoped it will not affect the credit of the firm injuriously. The firm claim to be perfectly solvent, and so far as we can learn this appears to be the case.

Victoria Colonist:—In the resume of the building outlook published a few days ago several omissions were made, unintentionally, of buildings to be this year erected, and which will prove very creditable to Victoria. First in importance is the brick block which Mr Turner intends building at the corner of Douglas and View streets, and for which the ground is now being cleared. Then there is in contemplation the new block on Government street for Mr Oliver, of San Francisco, and a new brick for R. T. Williams on Broad street at the termination of the View. These three blocks alone will probably total \$50,000 or \$60,000 in addition to the estimate of \$2,000,000 made a few days ago.

The *Victoria Times* tells of a slaughter of deer as follows: For an unparalleled slaughter of deer for their hides solely, an account reaches us from the shores of Rivers Inlet, on the northern coast, which seems almost incredulous. Still, it is a fact, and is described by one who was in the vicinity at the time of the roundup. The spot was on the shore of Rivers Inlet, where a band of deer numbering over one

hundred came down to the beach from the high lands to nibble at sea weed for sustenance, the deep snow at the time preventing them from obtaining grass or roots in the forest. When the herd reached the beach they were nearly buried in the deep snow and means of locomotion was next to nothing. Indians seeing the plight of the animals, started for them with clubs, and there and then despatched the entire band, skinned them for the hides and left the carcasses on the beach to rot. It is in a manner like this that deer will eventually become as scarce as the buffalo of the plains.

General Notes.

The Central Bank liquidators met the principal creditors of the bank at Toronto last week and made statements which lead the creditors to believe that the estate will realize a total of 90 cents on the dollar. Eighty-six cents has already been paid and the balance will be ready shortly.

In New York State the car stove has been discarded, in compliance with requirements under the new law now in force. The company that uses stoves in its passenger cars now is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is liable to a fine of \$1,000 for each offence, and a further penalty of \$100 for each day during which such offence is continued.

A joint stock company has been formed to carry on the publication of the Winnipeg Icelandic newspaper called *Logberg*. Following are the parties applying for incorporation for that purpose:—Sigtryggur Jonasson, Arni Fridriksson, Einar Hjorleifsson, Olafar Thorpeirsson, and Sigurdur Jon Johannesson, all of Winnipeg.

Mississippi Valley Lumberman: Sawdust is no longer considered a waste product anywhere, and it has already become an article of considerable commercial value. The latest form in which it has been utilized is in the manufacture of paper-pulps and sheathing paper. It has also been discovered that the fine sawdust is unequalled for the dressing of wounds, and as a vehicle for medicaments or antiseptics. The sawdust, when freed from splinters and sharp bits of wood and used alone and dry, is a clean and pleasant dressing; it readily takes up and holds the discharge without packing or adhering, and is readily rendered antiseptic by any of the methods used in the preparation of antiseptic wool or cotton. It is suggested that the yellow pine sawdust, being rich in turpentine, would prove a valuable antiseptic application.