

THE SEALING SEASON.

It Has Been One of Considerable Loss in Lives, Vessels and Money.

The Total Under Last Year's Crew of the Missing Maggie Mac.

British Columbia's 65 sealing vessels, as a fleet, failed to make expenses during 1892, an unfortunate result which was brought about by a combination of circumstances. The Maggie Mac went out on January 12, and, with her brave skipper and his crew, never returned; the Laura and the Lottie (the latter ostensibly a sealer) were wrecked early in the season; ten of the fleet were seized either by the Americans or the Russians; and of the upper coast catch a majority of the skins were on board the supply steamer Coquille, when she was seized for alleged violation of United States customs law. Whether the charge against the steamer is well founded remains to be determined by the court at Alaska; if the decision is, as Victorians hope and expect, adverse to the United States, the effort, so far as the sealers are concerned, will not be materially changed, as the side costs will absorb the value of the skins. And to crown the disadvantages under which the industry has been pursued the schooners have been deprived of the right to hunt in Behring sea by a continuation of the *modus vivendi*, which was announced on April 23, after many of the vessels had departed for the North.

During the year the fleet have given employment to 352 white men and 500 Indians, whose wages will alone exceed \$300,000, to which must be added cost of provisions, equipment, etc., or fully \$500,000 more; the value of the seal-skins secured, only 45,385 entering the port, will not exceed \$500,000, and consequently the sealers have to face a very considerable balance on the wrong side of their account for 1892.

The appended table gives the record of the respective vessels:

VESSELS.	Lower Coast Catch.	Upper Coast Catch.	Alaskan Catch.	Total.
Amie E. Paint.....	186	412	421	1,019
Anko.....	21	112	150	283
Aurora.....	371	371	373	1,115
Amie C. Moore.....	61	268	447	776
Ariel (1).....	268	268	268	804
Ariel (2).....	(54)	(54)	(54)	162
Arctica.....	418	728	1,156	2,302
Agnes Macdonald.....	111	591	373	1,075
Beatrice.....	21	436	507	964
Brenda.....	409	512	921	1,842
Beatrice (Vancouver).....	438	1,655	696	2,730
Carlotta G. Cox.....	380	759	859	1,998
C. H. Turner.....	174	705	(54)	879
Carlotta.....	27	(54)	(54)	135
C. D. Eason.....	27	(54)	(54)	135
Cape Beale.....	27	(54)	(54)	135
Donna Stewart.....	183	284	673	1,140
E. B. Martin.....	183	1,484	439	3,106
Enterprise.....	183	455	507	1,145
Farrell.....	183	455	507	1,145
Fawn.....	183	455	507	1,145
Hammer.....	270	430	650	1,350
Hastings.....	183	455	507	1,145
Kale.....	27	406	123	556
Lottie.....	27	406	123	556
Leila.....	27	406	123	556
Laborer.....	50	223	39	312
Maria.....	50	223	39	312
Maggie Mac.....	50	223	39	312
Minnie (1).....	50	223	39	312
Minnie (2).....	50	223	39	312
Maud.....	175	590	119	1,284
Mary Taylor.....	183	789	745	1,617
May Belle.....	183	789	745	1,617
May Belle (2).....	183	789	745	1,617
May Belle (3).....	183	789	745	1,617
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The lost Maggie Mac, for whose return all hope has now been abandoned, was owned by a company of which the principal shareholders were Capt. John Dodd, who had commanded her for several seasons, and who was himself one of the pioneer skippers of the fleet, the R. P. Ethel Co., Ltd., Brown Bros. and W. Bragg. When she sailed from the home port in January she was insured for almost her value, \$12,000, and carried a crew of 23, made up as below:

John Dodd, of Victoria, master, aged 48 years.
Charles Parson, a native of Newfoundland, hunter, aged 28.
David Horne, native of Halifax, N.S., hunter, aged 22.
James Lennie, native of Sydney, C.B., hunter, aged 28.
John McKel, native of Nova Scotia, hunter, aged 24.
John Dunn, native of Birkenhead, A.B., aged 23.
Carol Johns, native of North Shields, A.B., aged 22.
Arthur Finnmore, native of New Zealand, A.B., aged 25.
George Parson, native of Newfoundland, A.B., aged 19.
Donald McDonald, native of Scotland, A.B., aged 25.
James Doug, native of Glasgow, A.B., aged 22.
Percy Abbott, native of Fairhaven, Eng., A.B., aged 21.
Joseph C. Kane, native of Dakota, A.B., aged 22.
George Kelly, native of Halifax, N.S., A.B., aged 36.
James Thompson, native of Glasgow, A.B., aged 30.
Alexander Maxwell, native of Glasgow, A.B., aged 30.

Daniel McCue, native of New Orleans, A.B., aged 24.
J. Dodd, native of Nova Scotia (son of the captain), boy, aged 13.
R. Jennings, native of Newfoundland, made, aged 30.
Hugh Gibbs, native of Newfoundland, hunter, aged 27.
Alfred Parsons, native of Newfoundland, hunter, aged 25.
Daniel P. Jacobs, native of Jamaica, cook, aged 42.
W. Johns, native of Edinburgh, A.B., aged 22.

ESQUIMALT DRY DOCK.

Vessels That Have Occupied the Blocks During 1892.

During the year 1892 the records of the Esquimalt dry dock show that twelve ships have been repaired, the dock being occupied 217 days out of the 366. The accidents which befel the Dominion steamer Quadra and H. M. S. Warlike, both the result of unreliable charts, kept them on the blocks for the greater part of six months, and the C.P.N. Co.'s steamer Premier is now an occupant of the dock. The fact that no ship can receive damages which cannot be successfully dealt with by Victoria workmen has been well demonstrated during the year, and there is already plenty of business in sight for 1893. The following figures, which will be read with interest, have been kindly furnished by Capt. Devereaux:

1892.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Days.
January	H.M.S. Phœbeant.....	755	10
February	Str. Premier.....	1,400	4
March	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
April	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
May	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
June	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
July	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
August	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
September	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
October	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
November	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
December	H.M.S. Dartmouth.....	1,140	5
Total		23,886	217

"LIKE AN ORGAN PIPE."

Sketch of Mr. Albert Hawthorne, the Gifted Basso-Cantante—A Wonderful Voice.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Albert M. Hawthorne, was born at Manchester, England, May 16, 1865. Very early in life he attracted attention as the possessor of a remarkably good voice; his first singing was as a chorister in St. Luke's church, in his native town.

Removing to America in 1874, he settled in San Francisco, and there commenced his musical education under David P. Hughes, of Oakland, Cal., who recognized from the first the wonderful voice and talent of his pupil.

Since entering upon his professional career, Mr. Hawthorne has sung with Jacob Miller and Madame Fabri in San Francisco, appearing in such grand opera as Carmen, Aida, Faust and Ernani, in all of which he sang the leading roles.

Mr. Hawthorne has appeared in provincial theatres with the following companies: Kohler, Sig. Roberto Stantini, Signorina Marchetti, Signor Modini and other high class artists, and in every case has given the greatest satisfaction.



In his home at Los Angeles, Cal., he sang for two years in St. Paul's church, and succeeded by his unusual ability in making hosts of friends and admirers. His voice is now in a position to make a greater hit than ever before. His next venture will probably be a tour of the Orient which he contemplates taking in the spring.

The following extracts from his many press notices will give an idea of how his talents are regarded by those who have had the pleasure of hearing him from time to time:

"His voice is a clear, flexible basso-cantante, of good tone and beauty. It recalls very forcibly to memory the voice of Myron W. Whitney in his best days. We predict a very brilliant and successful career for this talented singer."

The quality of Mr. Hawthorne's voice should make him fame and fortune. Its evenness, its smoothness, its mellow fullness and its rich sympathy, make it a phenomenal voice. To this is added exceptional natural ability and a sensitive, artistic temperament.—Oakland Tribune.

"At St. Paul's church, last evening, occurred one of the finest musical treats ever presented in the city of Los Angeles. The occasion being the presentation for the first time on the Pacific coast, of the oratorio, 'The Crucifixion,' (a meditation on the sacred passion of the Holy Redeemer) by J. Stainer, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

"The leading part, that representing the Saviour, was sung by Mr. Albert Hawthorne, and the truly magnificent tones of his noble basso fully carried to each heart in the grand audience the sentiment of the passion, and suffering of Christ."—Los Angeles Herald.

These and many other equally favorable notices amply testify to the high ability of the subject of this sketch.

FOR SWELLINGS AND FLEAS.

GENTLEMEN.—My little girl, aged 3, had a large swelling on her neck. I used Eucalypti Yellow Oil on it and it disappeared in short time. It also cured a fever I was troubled with.

Mrs. C. E. W. Mendenhall, Manda, Man.

H. CUTHBERT & CO.

What this Wide-Awake Firm has Accomplished During a Single Year.

A Record of Enterprise Intelligently Directed by Experience.

One of the most enterprising firms in B. C. to-day is that of H. Cuthbert & Co., real estate, furniture and general auctioneers, produce brokers and auctioneers by appointment to the Provincial



BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING.

Cattle Market. Starting in business at the beginning of the year, they have worked up a connection second to none in their line, the name of the firm being familiar in every farm house in the province.

The head of the firm is Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, and to him is due almost solely the present position of the firm. A gentleman of extraordinary energy, he has brought to bear upon his business nearly eight years' practical experience in every branch of the auctioneer's profession, acquired in some of the best sale-rooms in London and the provinces in the old country.

In conversation with a Colonist reporter, Mr. Cuthbert stated that he commenced to "wield the hammer" before he was 20 years of age, and, even at that age, was entrusted with the sale of important real estate properties, and also to make valuations of hotels and public houses.

"But the trouble is in the old country," said he, "there is absolutely nothing in it; you have to work for nothing. As an example: I paid one of my clerks, who could speak five languages, and paid \$2,000 to learn the business in one of the best offices in England, and who was in every way a clever fellow, £1. 2s. 6d., or \$5.50 a week."

Some idea of the business this fact has done may be gathered from the fact that they have conducted nearly 200 auctions during the year, and this, in spite of the fact that they have had to compete with firms that have been in existence from 30 to 60 years, and that their smaller firms have sprung into life during the last few months.

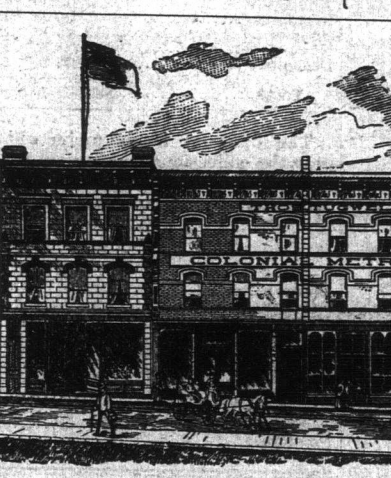
Real estate was one of the special

branches of their business during the spring, and Mr. Cuthbert has the satisfaction of knowing that he has disposed of more city property at auction since he commenced business than any auctioneer in the city, almost every sale he had being successful.

Household furniture though is the branch in which Mr. Cuthbert excels as a salesman, always obtaining good prices, disposing of the lots in a quick, business-like, professional manner. Always polite, courteous and gentlemanly in his bearing towards his audience he has won for himself universal respect and confidence. His motto in behalf of his clients is "let all you can," but do it fairly and without "offending." "Stickling," or "humbucking" your buyers.

Several very nice letters of thanks have been received by him from gentlemen who have sold out after they have left the city.

Sales of farm stock have brought the name of the firm before the public more



than anything else. Soon after the erection of the city market Mr. Cuthbert conceived the idea of forming a cattle market here on the same lines upon which the cattle yards in the old country are run. With this object he approached the City Council with a proposition that if they would put up certain buildings his firm would put up the rest. The Council accepted the proposition, and also on his suggestion, presented a by-law proclaiming two days in each week, Wednesday and Friday, "market days."

The Provincial Cattle Market was thereupon immediately inaugurated, and the first sale took place, Mr. Cuthbert appearing on no expense and no trouble to make it a success. Bands of cattle were purchased and brought here and sold for

the returns of the British Columbia salmon pack for 1892, as compiled by Dominion Fisheries Inspector McNab, show a total of 231,797 cases, as compared with 312,211 cases for 1891, a decrease of 80,414 cases.

Various causes are assigned for the falling off, in the first place the run on the Fraser being a very light one, and in the second the canners having previously agreed to reduce their output from the full average capacity of their establishments, which considerably strengthened the English markets that for some time previous had been overstocked. The run of fish on the northern rivers of the province was very plentiful, and the canners would have had no difficulty in packing a much larger quantity of fish. Of the 22 Fraser river canneries, only 15 were operated. The agreement to reduce the pack of salmon in 1892 was also entered into by the Alaskan canneries, which possess far easier facilities for fishing, with less cumbersome restrictions than British Columbia canners have to contend with.

The pack of the different canneries is set forth below, also the list of salmon-laden vessels which have left British Columbia to date bearing the pack of 1892 to the markets of the old world:

FRASER RIVER.	Cases.
Beaver Cannery.....	7,600
Richmond Cannery.....	5,100
Harlock Packing Co.....	1,100
British Columbia Cannery Co.....	1,100
Terra Nova Cannery Co.....	4,500
A. B. C. Co.'s canneries.....	16,000
Bon Accord Sea Island.....	8,000
Even's Cannery.....	8,000
Laidlaw & Co.....	8,200
M. M. English.....	6,000
Total Fraser River pack.....	68,120

SKENA RIVER.	Cases.
North Pacific Co.....	11,200
Inverness Cannery.....	11,200
British Columbia Cannery Co.....	11,200
British American Packing Co.....	11,200
Standard Packing Co.....	11,200
Skena River pack.....	56,000

RIVERS INLET.	Cases.
Rivers Inlet Cannery.....	5,500
Victoria Packing Co.....	1,600
Wannock Cannery Co.....	1,600
Total Rivers Inlet pack.....	19,100

NAAS RIVER.	Cases.
McLellan's Cannery.....	11,200
Co. Cannery Co.....	7,500
Castle Cannery.....	8,000
Total Naas River pack.....	26,700