

**British Columbia.**

C. Symon, tailor, Vancouver, has sold out.  
A. N. Milne, tailor, Vancouver, has sold out.

Even Bell, general storekeeper, Clinton, has assigned.

P. Latham has opened in fruits, flowers, etc., at Westminster.

James Harvey, general merchant, Nanaimo, intends retiring from business.

Davis & Beveridge, clothiers, etc., Nanaimo, have opened a branch store at Comox.

I. H. Hallett, barrister, from New Brunswick, has opened a law office at Vancouver.

Grant, painter, Westminster, has skipped to the U. S., forgetting to pay up his little bills around town.

G. W. A. Gordon, stationery and post master, Revelstoke, has "skipped the country," and is now in Seattle.

At a meeting of the Island Railway Co. and the Union Coal Co., held in Victoria, Alex. Dunsmuir was elected president of the former, and James Dunsmuir president of the latter.

The Nanaimo Daily Courier has been again enlarged. Apparently the enterprise of publishing a daily paper in the Black Diamond city is proving very successful. New type and press has also been received.

The board of directors of the Vancouver Street Railway Company, have awarded the contract for the construction of the company's system to H. P. McCraney. Work will be com-

menced at once and the whole is to be completed by August 15th next.

The anti-Chinese agitation at Vancouver is spreading, and trouble is feared. After May 1, a number of employes of labor in the city have agreed not to employ Chinese, and mechanics and laborers are signing agreements not to work where Chinese are employed.

The assessment rate at Westminster has been fixed at one cent. on the \$, with a reduction of 25 per cent. for prompt payment. This is a very low rate, and shows that Westminster is in a healthy condition financially. Last year the rate was one and one-third per cent.

The steamer "Sardonyx," owned by the Canada Pacific Navigation Co., of Victoria, struck a rock in the Skena river, and is beached. She was loaded with supplies for the salmon canneries, which may cause very inconvenient delay to the canneries in the north.

The Westminster Columbian of April 26 says:—The Bon Accord Packing Co., has the honor of packing the first salmon of 1899. The first boiling was made on Saturday last, when a couple of dozen cases were packed. Since then a number of cases have been packed every day and the total pack now amounts to close on 150 cases. Only a few boats have been employed so far, but if the run shows any signs of increasing an additional number will be pressed into service.

Few people, says the Westminster Columbian, have any idea of the number of immigrants who have settled in this district since the beginning of the year. T. L. Briggs, of the C. P. Navigation Co., says that not a steamer has left for up river ports during the last six weeks which

did not carry a number of new comers, and sometimes as many as twenty-five in one day. A number of new settlers who arrived in the country since the beginning of the year have already sent east for their families.

At the last meeting of the Vancouver Board of trade a discussion took place on the importance of having a mail sent to Nanaimo by the present direct tri weekly service, and the council was requested to take steps to this end. D. E. Brown read some extracts from Australian papers in respect to the proposed mail line of steamships between British Columbia, New Zealand and Australia, and a discussion took place on the matter, resulting in the committee on commerce and navigation being requested to prepare a circular letter to be sent to the various chambers of commerce in Australia.

The Westminster Columbian says: The largest tree on the Park Reserve was forcibly ejected from the ground on Saturday afternoon in the presence of Mayor Hendry, and the aldermen. The tree was 9 feet in diameter and considerably over 100 feet in height, and its estimated weight about 100 tons. Under the spreading roots of this monster was placed a 50 lb. box of powder and a quantity of dynamite, which it was thought would be sufficient to send the tree bowling skywards. After the spectators had been removed to a safe distance, the fuse was lighted and the explosion soon followed. From out the cloud of dust, gravel, rocks and flying timbers the monster tree suddenly shot upwards in an almost perpendicular position, and a few seconds later sank downwards again, its butt striking the centre of the excavation made by the force of the explosives. For a moment it remained fixed, and then swayed forward and fell with magnificent force to the earth. An inspection of the tree showed that the stump and roots had been completely shattered by the explosion, and that the work intended to be accomplished had been most successfully performed.

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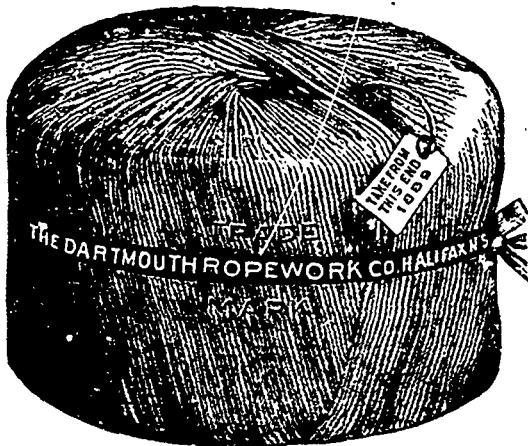
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