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British Columbia Business Review

Vancouver March 17 Vancouver, March 17.
Business continues quiet on the coast. In Vancouver there have been ramors of several firms being in financial difficulties and the abnouncement was made that Scougale Bross. dry goods merchanton, but of taking a financial arrangement which would ensure that the control of taking a financial arrangement which would ensure that the second control of taking a financial arrangement which would ensure that the second control of taking the second control of ta ancial arrangement which would en-able them to resume business on a more satisfactory basis. In building, lumber, and shipping circles the week has been very active. It is rumored that five new business blocks are to be erected shortly on Granville street, be erected shortly on Granville street, between the post office and Dunsmuir street. There are those who suggest that there is a great danger of the city being over built as far as the business portion is concerned. There has been great activity in potatoes has been great activity in potatoes this week owing to an unexpected demand from California. In San Francisco potatoes reached \$37 per ton and buyers were here offering \$12 a ton for the best grades of Fraser River potatoes—on the bank. These potatoes were principally held here by Chiamen and thousands of tons were sold at those figures, the Early Rose sold at those figures, the Early Rose were the ones most sought There is a disposition among the Chiamen to even refuse these prices, under the dangerous impression that the demand from San Francisco will continue. Potatoes at this season of the year are very apt to sprout and shrink in weight, and in a month or six weeks the new potatoes will take the place of the old in California. New vegetables have commenced to come in, but are being sold at fancy prices. Singmen to even refuse these n in, but are being sold at fancy prices. The shingle business continues very active and Puget Sound manufactur-ers are being forced over to this side of the line owing to the provincial law prohibiting the export of logs to the United States.

Hy. Doyle, who is arranging purchase all the canneries in

all the canneries in the at one-third cash and two-ock, has made the statement the amalgamation is assured and be concumated in the next two will be confurmated in the next two months. Several canneries spoken to, although devoutly desiring the so-sumation of the deal, are not so sanguine. They have stated in converwith the Commercial correspondent that one-third cash is not sufficient money to swing the deal. That many of the firms in the busi-ness would have to have more than one-third the value of their plants to one-third the value of their plants to square themselves with the banks. Mr. Doyle, however, states there have been secured enough written options the success of his undertaking assur-ed and to enable him to rely upon se-curing some 60 cannerles out of 72 in the province. He states that the de-lay is caused by the red tape that has no be unwound in getting at the Engsh people who own canneries on the iver in such a way that they can be perotioted with

Business at Vancouver.

Special to The Commercial.

Cured meats and lard are easier and the very cheap grades are off the mar-ker.

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FEED-National Mills chop, \$27 per
ton: bran, \$23; shorts, \$25; oil cake meal,
\$25 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including
duty paid on imported stuff.
FIGUR-Manitoha patent, per barrel,
\$45; Oregon, \$4.56; Oregon, \$4.56.

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HAY-Fraser River vi on; straw, per bale, 50c valley, \$11@\$12 per

100; straw, per hale, 50c.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb. sack, \$2.90; two 45lb. sacks, \$3.00; four 22% b. sacks, \$3.0; then 71b. sacks, \$2.40; oatmeal in falls. sacks, per 100lb., \$3.50; in 50lb. sacks \$2.50 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$5.25 per 100 Concept, \$6 per 100lb; geese, 13c; ducks, am teep, 36 per 100lb; hogs \$5.50g\$6.25 per an

POULTRY—Turkeys, 15c per lb; geese, 3c; ducks, 13c. DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 969%c; mut-JELESELD MEATS—Beef, 9394c; mut.
114c; pork, 84610c; veal, 8610c;
istralian mutton, 9694c.
URED MEATS—Hams, 144c; bacon
ic; backs, 15c; rolls, 13c; long clear. Dic. backs, 15c; rolls, 1oc, 12%c; tubs 12%file.
LARD—Tins, 13@13%c; pails, 12%c; tubs

LARD-Tins, 1341346; pans, 1246; tool 1346. BUTTER-Local creamery, 256; Mani-toba creamery, 25625; Manitoba dairy, 154126; California butter, 25c.

EGGS- Fresh local, 324c : California ozen.
-Ontario cheese, 14c; Manito-

ziwe per dozen.
CHEESE -Ontario cheese, 14c; ManitoCHEESE -Ontario cheese, 14c; ManitoWEGGTABLES--Potatoes, 2116412 per
ton for locals, 230 for abstrofts; ontons,
stiver skins, 14c per lb; cabbage, 15c

FISH-Flounders, 5c; smelts, 5c; sea
bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 5c; halbut,
per dozen; smoled salmon, 16c; smoked
halbut, 16c per lb.
allard, 5c; teal, 5c;
widgeon and print 1, 5c; per per
GREEN PRIUTS-Lemons, 21.5642.0c;
local applies, 43.5c; cyclogon applies
lard 13.5c; bananas £2.9642.5c; California navel oranges, 25.5632; seedlings, 25.

NUTS-Almonds, Be; filberts, 114g/12c;
pennuts, 76jc; Brazil, 15g/6c; walnuts,
St.CaARS-Dowdered, 1cing and bar.
Scc. Paris lump, 68c; granulated, 54c;
ever per l

gal. tims, \$4.50 case of 10; % gal. time, see case of 30.

HARDWARE—Bar iron, base, \$3.00.

HOTSE shoe nails, discount fo and 10 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$5; nails, base price, cut \$5.0, wire \$3.5; rope, Manila price, \$4.50 ear, 15.05; putty, \$3.50; barbed wire, \$4.50 per 100th; gians, first break

B. C. Business Notes.

Edward E. Richards has opened a grocery store in Nelson.

Scougale Bros. & Co., dry goods merchants, Vancouver, have made an

Main & Co. have opened a hard-e and house furnishings store at

Vancouver.

E. Schaper has bought the tailoring business of D. Campbell, at Victoria, and will continue it in his own name.

W. H. Lye, formerly of Toronto, has purchased a controlling interest in The purchased a controlling interest in The Pritish Columbia Trust Co., and will assume the management of that con-cern, which has been practically lying dormant. The company will be re-organized and an active business policy adopted.

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Turner, Beeton & Co., wholesal-grocers, Victoria, became financially embarrassed some weeks as on and have now settled with their unsecured creditors by paying 40 per cent. of their claims. The business will probably be continued by a joint stock company, which is partly organized.

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The British Columbia legislature carried a motion on Wednesday afternoon for the appointment of a Royal commission to enquire into the charges preferred by Smith Curtis against Premier Dunsmuir and the government members in connection with the sale of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo and the Canadian Northern contract.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Com-The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has awarded a contract for a new hotel, to be constructed at Emeradia Lake, B. C. The structure, which contract the contract of the Swiss chalet style. Its location will be in the mountains half way between Field and the big falls at Yoho. T. Tompkins, of Brockville, will build the hotel, which will be completed by June 1.

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Several new companies have been incorporated in British Columbia. They
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capital 815,00 C. Transfer Company.
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livery and teaming business: Boseco
Mines, Limited, capital 810,000, to
carry on mining; the Chilliwack
shares unlimited, Rock Creek Placer
Company, Limited, capital 830,000, in
325 shares, to acquire the assets of
the Rock Creek Placer Mining Comin the R pany, Limited, and to pay for the same in shares of the new company; Slocan Co-operative Association Limited, to carry on a general mercantile busi-ness; William Hickley Canning Com-pany, Limited, capital \$10,000, to carry on business as fruit and fish packers.

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R. P. Rithet & Co., Victoria, say in
their latest circular: "Since the date
of our last report there has been a
further decline in grain freights and
rates may now be quoted at from 25s
to 26s 3d. Weather conditions have rates may now be quoted at trom 200 teen favorable and recouldings have been favorable and recouldings have been favorable and recoulding be a compared to the favorable and the property of the property of the favorable and the f

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Boundary Mining News

Greenwood, B. C., March 17, 1902 It was announced here on Saturday It was announced here on Saturday afternoon that a deal involving the sale of two groups of mineral claims, situated near Greenwood and Rock Creek, respectively, had been closed. The price has not been made public, but it is generally understood to be Creek, respectively, had been closed. The price has not been made public, but it is generally understood to be about \$50,000 in all, and that a large cash payment has already been made. cash payment has already been made. The purchasers are Stephen H. Jones and Henry S. Ely, of Duluth, Minneand Henry S. Ely, of Duluth, Minneless with whom they are associated in this enterprise. The properties they have purchased are the Arlingtonhave purchased are the Arlingtonbent truck. The properties of the second of the control of the C

stream.

The Arlington-Burns group consists of the two claims named. They adjoin the Buckhorn and lie about half a Join the Buckhorn and lie about half a Sunset mines. It has long been claim-ed by prospectors interested that all these claims are in the same mineral belt, but this contention has not been development work has not yet been done to demonstrate that the big ore bodies opened up on the Mother Lode bodies opened up on the Mother Lode to the other properties now named in this connection. It is considered promising and significant, though, that the general characteristics of much of south of the Mother Lode intensing and significant, though, that the surface mineralized rock found on the claims on both sides of the intervening guide and sides of the intervening rule and the surface in the surface

underground workings of the adjoining Huckhorn, and since the surface indications are strong and distinctly favorable, there seems to be good readications are strong and distinctly favorable, there seems to be good readications are strong and distinctly favorable, there seems to be good readications are strong and the strong the 500 feet the existence of a vein of high grade silver-gold or varying in width from one foot to five feet. About 1,500 tons o' ore have been blocked out, and assays have yielded returns from a few follars up to \$155 per ton, a few follars up to \$155 per ton, a few follars up to \$155 per ton, as ample assay of a carload shipped to the Granby smelter is given as \$31.00, whilst that of another car, sent to the B. C. Copper Ca's smelter at Greenwood, returned \$41.00 per ton.

The present time, when confidence is better the car of the present time, when confidence is be-

wood, returned \$41.00 meets of presidence of these properties at the present time, when confidence is being restored that notwithstanding the reduced price of copper the leading maintain a large output of ore, is resurded locally with much satisfaction, rarticularly since the successful contrict men from a part of the United States that was not previously represented in it. Mr. J. P. Flood, who consequently banascelon through, is consequently consequently on the properties of the properties of the previously represented in it. Mr. J. P. Flood, who consequently banascelon through, is

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The Kaslo-Slocan Mining and Fin-ancial Corporation, Limited, has been formed in London to take over the

claims of the Chapleau Mining Co. and those that have hitherto been handled by Earnest Mansfield. The capital stock is £500,000 or £2,500,000.

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The strike inaugurated by the em-ployees of the smelting plant owned by the Le Rol mine and located at Norththe Le Roi mine and located at North-port, nine months ago, has been called off by the union. The 350 or 400 men who originally went on strike dwind-led down to seventy, forty of whom voted to cease hostilities. The plant voted to cease hostilities. The plant has been operated continuously with non-union men. The immediate reason for ending the strike was that the Western Federation of Miners had cut off the smeltermen's weekly strike pay. The union has surrendered its charter and dissolved.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Rock Creek Consolidated Placer Min-ing Company was held at Anaconda on the 11th. A resolution authorising the winding up of the company was passed and a new company, to be call-lated to the company of the call-tude of the company of the call-passed and a new company, to be call-passed and a new company, to be call-lated, was creek Placer Company, as a company of the call the call \$30,000 in 1,000 shares at \$30 each Holders of shares in the new com-pany, share for share, these shares to be issued paid-up to \$25, leaving an assessment of the call th

be issued paid-up to \$25, leaving an assessable balance of \$5 per share.

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Northwestern Ontario.

The silver mines in the vicinity of ort Arthur are to be worked again

Two new companies have been anized to operate mines in the Lake of the Woods district.

A good deal of interest is aken in the discoveries of pla-nd tin in Rat Portage district.

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Four miners were seriously injured by an accidental explosion in the Big Master mine at Gold Rock early this week. They have been brought to Winnipeg for treatment.

Nickle Mines Sold.

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Toronto, March 29.—Discussing the typort land the Copper company's suffery for the World's Nickel Trust, Thos. W. Gibson, a director of the bureau of mines, said he understood the chief capitalists of the United States Steel corporation, included the Copper of the bureau of mines, said he understood the chief capitalists of the United States Steel corporation, included the Copper of th the nickel mines at countries closed down, he said, "as the product is needed. The only other sources of supply for the world's wants are the mines in New Caledonia, which cannot successfully cope with ours on account of their great distance away, and the fact that they are worked by labeling the conditions."

"Hallo, youngster. What are you doing in the city?" On I'm in the stock exchange now." "What, a boy like you? What are you going to do there?" "Try to earn an honest living." "Really! Well, you ought to build have the sent of the sent