

British Columbia.

J. Finlayson, grocer, Victoria, has assigned to R. P. Rithet & Co., for the benefit of his creditors.

John Walsh, proprietor of the White Horse saloon, Victoria, has purchased the property for \$6,000.

J. W. Rasure, well known on the coast as the cowboy evangelist, will open a store at New Westminster.

Lindsay & Jennings, Victoria, have dissolved partnership; the business will be continued by George Lindsay.

A new jewelry store will be opened at Victoria, by Davidson Bros., watchmakers, of Calgary, Alberta.

The Vancouver Foundry & Machine Works Co., has given notice of its intention to increase its capital stock to \$100,000.

The scalers propose to air their grievances on the occasion of the visit of Governor-General Stanley, to Victoria.

The stock and fittings of Captain J. D. Warren's coal and wood yard, James Bay, have been sold at auction by the sheriff.

The debentures of the National Electric Tramway Company, of Victoria, have been purchased by the Bank of British Columbia.

F. G. Richards, jr., and a number of other business men have formed a company to be known as the Victoria District Telegraph Company.

Over 1,000 tubs of butter and 1,000 cases of eggs says the *Victoria Colonist*, have been received in this city during the past week from Manitoba.

The British barque *Lebu*, has arrived at Victoria from Liverpool, with 1,100 tons of miscellaneous merchandise consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co.

The sum of \$13,219 was raised at Victoria this year from what is known as the trades licenses. Liquor licenses brought \$12,950 into the civic treasury.

The salmon catch in the Fraser river, says the *Columbian*, of Sept. 21st, continues large. There are many boats on the river. The sock-eye species predominate.

A quantity of granite from the quarries in the vicinity of Vancouver, owned by H. T. Keefer, has been sent to Seattle, Washington, amounting to about forty tons.

Another industry, says the *Vancouver World*, in the shape of a factory for the manufacture of woodenware, is about to be started by several of our enterprising business men.

James Bolton, of the Britannia hotel, Nanaimo, has been compelled to close up owing to pressure from his landlord and other creditors. Liabilities are said to be about \$5,000 and assets nominal.

Deposits of pipe clay have been discovered at Cowichan, Vancouver Island. The deposit was found in Bear Creek Valley. Specimens in various stages of rough manufacture have been forwarded to San Francisco for further opinion. A company has been formed for working the find.

The Danish barque *Doris Brodersen*, has cleared from Victoria for London direct, with a cargo of 27,993 cases of salmon. A total valuation of \$158,215 is placed on the cargo, which with fair winds and weather Captain Nielson expects to lay down in London in a little over 100 days.

Chas. Elliot, managing director of the Bow River Horse-Raising Company, of Alberta, has purchased an interest in the Victoria Transfer Company. It is the intention of the latter company, in addition to its present business, to carry for sale a stock of horses, bred from the best English stock on the Bow River ranch.

The Canada Western Hotel company, limited has been incorporated at Victoria. The following gentlemen are the promoters of the company: J. D. Pemberton, E. G. Prior, J. H. Todd, James Dunsmuir, Alex. Dunsmuir, T. B. Hall, Robt. Ward, F. S. Barnard, H. Croft, W. P. Sayward, P. C. Dunlevy, Thomas Earle, C. E. Pooley, E. B. Marvin and E. M. Johnson.

The Hudson's Bay Company's ship *Titania*, under charter to Findlay, Durham & Brodie, Victoria, completed her cargo and sailed for London, England, Sept. 28th. Her cargo is valued at over a quarter of a million dollars, and consists of 33,811 packages, comprising 33,721 cases of salmon, six cases of personal effects and thirty-four packages of furs, the value of the latter being \$74,219.55, and the total value of the cargo \$268,882.

Geo. Weeks, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, Vancouver, has been presented with an address and a pair of opera glasses, by employees of the company, on the occasion of his retirement from the services of the company. It is understood he will engage in business for himself, at Vancouver. Mr. Weeks is well known in Winnipeg and at Rat Portage, where he was formerly connected with the Hudson's Bay Company.

Large quantities of cranberries are being brought to Westminster from up the country by the Indians. They have been asking \$6 per sack. The cranberry of commerce thrives in portions of British Columbia, and there could seem to be no good reason why a large shipping trade should not be done in this article. The cultivation of the berry should prove very profitable. The local markets are now supplied with the native berry gathered by Indians.

The following resolution were unanimously passed at a recent meeting of the board of trade, Victoria:—"Resolved, That Sir John Macdonald be asked by our local representatives in Parliament, what steps, if any, have been taken by the Dominion Government in advising the Imperial authorities to carry out the recommendations of the British Columbia board of trade for ensuring the calling at Victoria of the China Japan steamships under subsidies from the Imperial and Dominion Government." The following resolution was also carried:—"Resolved, That this board by communication ask Mr. Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, the following, viz: If a proper depth of water is provided at low tide to enable China steamers, or other steamers of deep draft, to land at the outer

harbor of Victoria with safety, will the Canadian Pacific railway management guarantee the calling by said steamers at said outer wharf, both in and out, to land and take on passengers and mail, proper facilities being at the same time guaranteed by the customs authorities." The board has been untiring in its efforts to secure the calling of the China Japan steamers at Victoria, and it is to be hoped it will soon succeed in the undertaking.

A Growing Industry.

It is generally believed that very little is done in this country in the carriage-building line, and that such articles are usually imported from the east. This is a mistake. True a good deal of this class of work is imported in a finished or partially finished state, but a good deal is now done at home.

In Winnipeg the industry of carriage building has been growing steadily, as is indicated by the activity going on at Boyce's Carriage Works. This establishment has recently been greatly extended, a large new showroom having just been completed, and the space used in the manufacturing departments has been proportionately enlarged. The establishment is now the largest of the kind in the West, and is entirely devoted to the manufacture of new work.

The enlargement of the business was made with the intention of increasing the manufacture of fine home-made goods. The large new show room, occupying two floors of the building, is filled with home hand-made work, including carriages, cutters, sleighs, etc. In the rear of the new show rooms is the wood-working department, and beyond this again is the iron working shop. Work is now being prosecuted on cutters and sleighs, in which some handsome new designs are being turned out. The upper floor of the rear part of the building is used for a paint and varnishing shop, and upholstering and trimming department. In all the buildings cover 50x100 feet. In addition to this there is another building used for stock and finished work.

Of course only first-class hand-made work is turned out. The cheaper class of goods and staple lines, such as wagons, etc., cannot be profitably made here in competition with the East. But when a first-class rig is wanted, and the purchaser wishes to know what kind of work he is getting, he will have a home-manufactured outfit every time. The demand for this class of work is steadily growing, and this has led to the enlargement of the establishment in question. In addition to carriages, cutters, sleighs, etc., such special lines as express wagons, busses, band wagons, etc., are turned out to order. Any rig wanted out of the ordinary staple run of goods in the line, can be procured to order at Boyce's Carriage Works. The establishment is located on James street west, near Main, and is one of the important industries of the city.

THOS. RYAN, wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg, east on a business trip last week. As previously announced Mr. Ryan has sold out his retail department to Geo. Ryan, a brother, and will now devote his entire attention to his growing wholesale trade.