

LUMBER.

There is almost nothing to report this week. There have been no new charters and no cargoes have sailed for foreign ports. The ship Borrowdale was towed to Vancouver last week and when finished discharging balance of general cargo will load lumber at Moodyville for Valparaiso, for orders, Pisagna range at 40s. The ship Benmore, which had nearly finished loading at Sayward mill, for Adelaide, was unfortunate in going ashore at Macaulay Point, Friday evening, while being towed around to Esquimalt, where it was the intention of loading the balance of her cargo. She is now being discharged and will be docked and repaired. The full extent of the damages is not yet known.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Moodyville Mill—Br. ship Largo Law, 1,597 tons, for Valparaiso, f. o.; Br. bk Gainsborough, 955 tons, for Melbourne; Am. schr. Wm. Bowden, 727 tons, for Sydney; Ital. bark Elisa, 915 tons, for Valparaiso. Br. ship Borrowdale, 1,197 tons, for Valparaiso for orders. At Hastings Mill

Br. ship Astoria, 1,335 tons, for Queenstown for orders; Br. barkentine Xantippe, 909 tons, for Queenstown f.o. Br. schr Grace Harwar, 1,750 tons, for Queenstown for orders. Am. bark Olympic, 1,412 tons, for Callao direct. Nic. bark Don Carlos, 691 tons, for Noumen, New Caledonia; Am. bark Hesper, 663 tons, for Sydney; Br. bark Villalta, 866 tons, for Adelaide; Am. bark Southern Chief, 1,219 tons, for Santa Rosalia. At Sayward Mill, Victoria—Br. ship Benmore, 1,460 tons, for Adelaide. At Vesuvius Bay—Am. ship Guardian, 1,073 tons, for Santa Rosalia. Total, 15 vessels, 10,803 tons.

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard: Rough, \$8.00 per Mft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$10; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$15; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$15; shingles, \$2; lath, \$1.75.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment: Rough Merchanta le, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet... \$ 8 00 Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M 19 00 Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M. 15 00 Pickets, rough per M. 8 00 Laths, 1 foot 6 in, per M. 1 30

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending June 9:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
1.	J. B. Brown, ship, San Francisco	2,133
5.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend	25
5.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend	42
5.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend	46
5.	Bundaleer, bk., San Francisco	1,411
5.	Montserrat, str., San Francisco	1,480
8.	Tyce, str., Port Townsend	112
8.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend	42
Total.....		5,621

The Australian delegates were on their arrival here by the Arawa received by the members of the Board of Trade and shown all the hospitalities possible to extend to them.

PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

Robertson & Co's. Saltery at Terra Nova is nearing completion.

It is reported that President Cleveland has nominated Mr. W. P. Roberts to succeed the Hon. Levi W. Myers, as Consul at Victoria.

R. B. Ellis, has been appointed manager for British Columbia of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Vancouver.

Messrs. Munn's alteration and addition to their cannery is about finished. It has now the largest amount of floor space of any cannery on the Fraser River.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., Ltd., have bought out the B. C. Milling and Feed Company, of New Westminster, of which Messrs. Batchelor & Quine were the promoters. The purchase includes the mill building, plant, wharf and warehouse. The new owners have taken possession and will continue running the mill.

R. P. Rithet & Co. received a letter from Hakodate, Japan, last Sunday, announcing that the schooner Umbrina had a catch of 1,400 sealskins and the Anacoda 297. Captain Turpel received a letter from the Sadie Turpel, dated May 16. At writing the Turpel had 1,000 skins, and she reports the Mermaid with 1,200, Vera 700, Enterprise 700 and Carlotta G. Cox 550.

The Deputy Commissioner of Labor Statistics has recently announced that the intention of the Government is to have a Royal Labor Commission to collect official data bearing on the labor question, and he therefore has asked the different trades organizations to lend their assistance by preparing questions or resolutions for the use of the commissioner. This is an eminently wise policy for the deputy to pursue and there can be no doubt that he will receive all the assistance that it is possible to afford.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Brown Bros., grocers, Victoria, have closed out.

P. Dunn has opened a tailoring business at Vancouver.

R. Porter & Sons, butchers, Victoria, have opened a branch at Duncans.

J. C. Douglas, wholesale liquors, Vancouver, has commenced business again.

W. A. McIntosh & Co., butchers, Vancouver, have opened a branch at Stevenson.

H. J. Robie, formerly of Vancouver, has opened a merchant tailoring business at Nanaimo.

Miss Hanafin's business and affairs at Vancouver have been taken possession of by her creditors.

W. L. Davis, grocer, Vancouver, has resumed business after a somewhat lengthy interruption.

The Trescott Packing Co., fish exporters, New Westminster, have sold out to the Fraser River Fish Co.

T. W. Carter has purchased the bar and fittings formerly owned by M. C. Brown, in the Duck building, Victoria.

CHIEF JUSTICE BEGBIE DEAD.

Chief Justice Begbie died Monday evening, at the advanced age of 75 years. His death will be universally regretted throughout the Province.

The cargo of the Arawa consisted of 1,700 tons of general freight, made up largely of fruits, meats, wines, and the products of the southern islands.

A useful mustard pot has been invented in Germany, by which the untidy spoon is dispensed with, the mustard being obtained by pressure on a spring, the opening being automatically closed on release of the spring.

The Northwestern Steamship Co. will put the new steamship Rosalie into regular service shortly between Seattle and Victoria, in connection with the Great Northern Railway. The Rosalie is a propeller steamer and will be expected to make 20 knots per hour. She has also two masts which are schooner-rigged. The cabin is paneled with California sycamore in natural finish. The sash lights are of plate glass. The bar room, which is 10 feet long, was finished in California redwood at an expense of \$1,500. It is expected that the Rosalie will be on her regular service next week.

The Sydney, N.S.W., *Trade Review* of May 11 says: "We wrote *via* Suez on 27th ult., recording a better tone in business circles, and are pleased to be able to state that the improved feeling then manifested has continued. The markets, however, are still dull, but the hopelessness which so long characterized them seems to have disappeared, and confidence is more and more apparent in every branch of trade. Transactions are entered upon with caution, but without that terrible feeling of distrust which caused enquiries to be made as to the standing of customers of repute, even when the amount involved was of quite a trivial character. In several lines, too, there is a firmer tone, and the position of stocks is being more closely scanned by importers than for many months past, so that it is evident that confidence is being thoroughly reestablished. At the last half yearly meeting of the Bank of New South Wales—one of the banks which did not reconstruct—the Chairman of the Board of Directors, one of the keenest and oldest merchants in the colony, spoke out in no undecided tones of the growing confidence and amended prospects of the colony. His remarks, coming from one who usually has the credit of over caution, should carry great weight, and we trust his prognostications will be realized. The colony has gone through hard times, but renewed energy in the development of its resources has been forced upon it, and is already bearing good fruit. While in business circles there is an improvement, our Public Finances are far from satisfactory, and the Revenue returns show no elasticity. Certainly the month of April exhibits a slight increase of £1,000 over the corresponding month of 1893, but for the first four months of the year there is a decrease of £130,000 as compared with a similar period of 1893. The improved tone now gaining ground in private matters may, and very likely will, react upon the revenue at no distant date."