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British Columbia.

The Graves Bro.'s have opened a bakery at Vancouver.

S. G. Lowis has opened a general assorted store at Chemainus.

A new hotel, built by Green & Boucher, has been opened at Vancouver.

The cultivation of the sugar beat is being encouraged in the coast region.

The Aldermen have voted the sum of \$2,000 for an audit of the city treasurer's accounts extending back to 1881.

F. Broad and H. Novard, who have lately arrived at Vancouver from the old country, are starting a butcher shop.

A two storey brick building 30x60, with basement, will be erected on Cormorant street, Victoria, for a Chinese firm.

A deputation from the provincial agricultural society lately waited upon the Victoria city council, asking a grant of \$2,500. Favorable action is expected.

G. A. Roeddle, bookbinder, Victoria, has commenced the manufacture of paper boxes. These articles were previously largely imported from San Francisco.

Westminswi finances are in a flourishing condition. The remaining sixteen debentures, amounting to \$8,000, of the railway loan, will be paid off by the end of the year.

F. W. Hart, furniture manufacturer, Vancouver, is erecting a large furniture factory on False Creek. The building is a two storey one, and is strongly constructed. It is the intention to fit up the factory with the most improved machinery.

The steamship Abyssinia arrived Tuesday evening at Vancouver, 13 days 22 hours from Yokohama. She brings 45 passengers, 590 Chinese, of whom 356 are for San Francisco, 1,660 tons of general cargo. She will go to San Francisco.

Arrangements are about completed for the erection of a fine hotel building on Yates and Broadstreets adjoining the Poodle Dog, Victoria. The building will be three stories in height, furnished with every convenience and will be conducted in connection with the Poodle Dog restaurant, by Mr. Marboeuf.

I. B. Fisher has received instructions from the head office of the Bank of British Columbia, in London, to the effect that the former agency at Westminster, has been constituted an inde pendent branch. Mr. Fisher, as manager of the branch, has now the powers as the managers of the larger branches in San Francisco, Portland and Victoria, and is entitled to transact all business without reference to any other than the head office in England.

Considerable excitement exists at Westminster over the probable construction of the Southern railway to the boundary line, taking the form of a land "boom." Investments are being made on the south side of the river.

The council of the Westminster board of trade has forwarded to Ottawa a protest against the placing of the steamer Rithet, or any other stern-wheel steamer of her class, on the mail route between that city and Victoria.