

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, July 15, 1901.

Local business is reported dull in the coast cities and the Kootenays while Klondike trade is overdone. It is expected, however, that the check to shipping caused by the report that feed and provisions were being sold at slaughter prices in Dawson will have the effect of giving sufficient time for consumers to clean up the market, and cause a brisk demand in the near future for the very articles that are now being sold at a heavy loss to the shippers. The fishermen's strike is still on, with no immediate hope of settlement. The fishermen have lost considerable sympathy from the fact that many of their number, among them the leader of the strike, have been charged with lawlessness on the high seas and arrested. The provincial government have expressed their determination to keep order, and have a large force of police on the river. It is anticipated that \$3,000,000 would be circulated among the laboring classes if the strike was declared off. If the white fishermen refuse to drift their nets during the season, the Japanese fleet, numbering about 1,000 boats, will prevent an entire collapse of the industry, and may catch enough fish to satisfy the demand of the canners.

The provincial government have decided to establish assay offices in Vancouver and Victoria, in addition to the Dominion government offices now being established in Vancouver. There is a rush to secure the Klondike gold when it is too late. People in British Columbia cannot understand why the Dominion government did not two years ago establish assay offices in Victoria and Vancouver, and tell the Klondike miners that by getting their gold redeemed in British Columbia they would receive 5 per cent. rebate on the royalty charged. British Columbia would then have got the gold that boomed the Yankee town of Seattle, and has moved U. S. financiers to remark that the surplus gold of the United States, which will be sold to Europe this year, mostly came from Canadian Alaska. There has yet been no explanation given as to why the Canadian government allowed such a good chance to slip by. Mr. Troop, manager for the C. P. R. steamships, stated to the Commercial correspondent that when the C. P. R. steamer Hating and the Seattle steamer Dolphin were laying side by side in Skagway, the miners boarded the Dolphin in great numbers, and passed by the Hating. He asked many why they did not take the Hating, as he could get them home quicker. They replied they wanted to go direct to Seattle. They did not want to go to Vancouver. On that trip Seattle got \$1,000,000 in Canadian gold. The assay offices in British Columbia will do little good. It is Americans that are getting the gold out of Klondike, and when they are ready to return to the coast, they will always go straight to Seattle. The only way to save the gold for Canada is to establish an assay office in Dawson.

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, July 20.
The features of the market this week are an advance of about 3c per pound in local creamery butter, an advance of 5c per dozen in local eggs, a decline of 1/2c in eggs and an advance of 1/2c in cured meats.
GRAIN—Wheat, \$20 per ton; oats, \$25 per ton; corn, \$28 per ton.
FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50; strong bakers', \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Enderton, B. C. patents, \$4.70.
FEED—National Mills chops, \$23 per ton; bran, \$21; shorts, \$23; oil cake meal, \$33 ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.
HAY—Shuswap, double pressed, \$22 per ton; Fraser River valley, \$18 per ton; ordinary bales, \$12.
MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$3.00; two 45lb sacks, \$3.10; four 22 1/2lb sacks, \$3.30; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.50; in 50lb sacks, \$3.25 per 100lb.
HIDES AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers 7 1/2c per lb; medium, 6 1/2c; light cows, 5 1/2c; sheep pelts, November killed, 30c each; deer skins, green, 5c lb; deer skins, dry, 20c lb; wool, 60lb to 100lb, \$4.50 to \$5.50; 100lb to 150lb, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 150lb to 200lb, \$4.00 to \$4.25.
LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; hogs, 7c.
POULTRY—Chickens, \$3.00 to \$4.50; fowls \$2.50 to \$3.00.
DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 1/2c; mutton, 10 1/2c; pork, 9 1/2c; veal, 10 1/2c.
CURED MEATS—Hams, 16c to 17c; breakfast bacon, 17c; backs, 16c; long clear,

12 1/2c to 13c; rolls, 13c; smoked sides 13 1/2c to 14c.
LARD—Tins, 13 1/2c to 13 3/4c per lb; pails, 12 1/2c to 13c.
BUTTER—Local creamery, 25c; Manitoba creamery, 24 1/2c; dairy, local, 10c; Manitoba dairy, 11 1/2c to 12c.
EGGS—Fresh local, 30c; Northwest eggs, 16c; eastern, 10c per dozen.
VEGETABLES—New potatoes, 11 1/2c to 12c per pound; Fraser River valley potatoes, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per ton; cauliflower, \$1.00 per lb; peas, 3c; red onions, 1 1/2c; silver skins, 2c per pound; sweet potatoes, 3 1/2c; tomatoes, \$1.50 box; cabbage, 2 1/2c; asparagus, \$1.50 to \$1.75.
FISH—Flounders, 5c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 5c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 10c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; smoked herring, 9c; shrimps, 20c.
GREEN FRUITS—St. Michael and Valerian oranges, \$3.50; lemons, \$2.50; cherries, \$2.00 per box; apricots, \$1.15; coconuts, \$2.50; pines, \$1.15; peaches, \$1.10; strawberries in large crates, \$1.25.
NUTS—Almonds, 15c to 16c; walnuts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 14c; Brazil, 18c; walnuts, 11c per lb; coconuts, 90c to \$1 per dozen.
SUGARS—Powdered, 10c and 11c; extra C, 4c; yellows, 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c per pound.
SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2 1/2c to 3c; 10 gal. kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$1.50 each; 1/2 gal. tins, \$1.25 each.
CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.00; peas, \$1.05; tomatoes, \$1.20; beans, \$1.25.
HARDWARE—Bar iron, base, 300. Horse shoe nails, discount 50 and 10 per cent, horse shoes, kegs, \$4.75; nails, base price, cut, \$3.30; wire, \$3.70; rope, Manila, 14c; boiled oil, 90c; white lead, \$3.00; putty, \$3.50; barbed wire, \$1.50 per 100 lb; glass, first break, \$4.75.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.
Nelson, July 20.
Butter—Fresh Manitoba creamery, 16 to 18c; dairy, 13 to 14c.
Eggs—17 cents.
Cheese—New 11 1/2 cents.
Oats—Per ton, \$30.
Millfeed—Bran, \$20, shorts, \$22 per ton.
Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$3.20.
Potatoes—New, 2 1/2c per pound.

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Earsman, Hardie & Co., pork packers, Victoria, have taken B. Wilson into their business and formed a joint stock company.

Alexander Wagner & Co. hardware merchants, Vancouver, have assigned to John J. Banfield, of Vancouver, for the benefit of their creditors.

Sprott & Macpherson, watchmakers and jewellers, Greenwood, have dissolved partnership, W. E. Macpherson having bought W. M. Sprott's interest in the business.

The Yale-Columbia's sawmill at West Robson was burned last week through some unknown cause. The loss is \$30,000, with insurance of \$22,000, spread over various companies.

Fire did \$1,500 damage in the Bailey block, Columbia avenue, Rossland, on Wednesday night. The building sustained several hundred dollars' damage, the balance of the loss is on the stock of millinery carried by Miss Protty. Both building and stock were insured.

The Nakusp House, Nakusp, occupied by Mrs. Manuel, was completely destroyed by fire on July 10, supposed to have originated from a defective stovepipe. Most of the furniture and stock was saved. The building was owned by U. S. Thomas. The loss is about \$1,500.

Certificates of incorporation have been issued to the following companies: The Fernie Co-Operative Association, Ltd., with head office at Fernie. The Similkameen Valley Coal Company, Ltd., capital \$1,000,000 in 10 shares. The company proposes to acquire the interests of the Similkameen Valley Coal Syndicate and to secure government grants of coal, mineral and timber lands and water rights, and develop the same. The Randolph Gold Mining Company, of Spokane, with head office for British Columbia in Rossland, is granted registration as an extra-provincial company.

United States shippers are in an anxious frame of mind over the probabilities of a greater car famine this season than has ever been experienced before. The prospects are that the requirements of railway rolling stock will be greater during the coming fall than ever, and where the cars are so come from is the problem. The railway companies have not got them and cannot get them turned out from construction shops in time. Last year it will be remembered there was a most aggravating shortage of cars in the busiest season of the year.

MINING MATTERS.

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The Paradise mine, northeast Kootenay, has resumed operations for the season.

Slocan and Slocan City shipments for a recent week were. Slocan Star, 45 tons, American Boy, 40; Arlington, 40; Enterprise, 20; total, 145 tons. The total for the year to date is 12,001 tons.

A Vermont company has purchased the Mastodon group of mines on Iron Mountain, in the Salmon river country, and will work the mines.

Work has been commenced on the Alnerva claim, Nelson district.

A wagon road is to be built to the Iron Crop mine from the proposed government road between Peterborough and McDonald Creek, in the Windermere district. Machinery will then be installed and active operations commenced.

The completion of the Toby Creek wagon road, Peterborough district, will enable the following mining properties to ship ore: Bullion, Mineral King, Kootenay Queen, Hot Punch, Delphine, Paradise, Silver Crown, Shamrock, Silver Belt, Monarch, and others.

A half interest in the Black Prince and Pardonner group of mining claims, in the Windermere district, has been bought by a firm named Chadbourne & McLaren. Development work will be carried on this year. The mines produce copper and are said to be quite rich.

Quite a lot of development work and prospecting is being done in the Lardreau country this year. Reports say that miners are entering the country in numbers in search of the elusive gold. One of the latest deals in Lardreau property is the bonding of the Oyster group by A. F. Rosenberger. A company is being formed in Nelson to develop this property.

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A recent mill run on the Golden Eagle mine, Rat Portage district, is said to have yielded an average of \$3.53 per ton of ore treated. This is regarded as encouraging and development work will be pushed.

A new vein of gold ore has been struck at a level of 1,050 feet in the Mikado mine, Lake of the Woods district. The vein is reported to be a very rich one and the management are well pleased with the discovery.

Crop Items.

Qu Appelle, Assa., Progress. Reports on the grain crops in this district continue favorable. In a few days the grain will be heading out. Some of that which was hailed several weeks ago southwest of here has straightened up and will be none the worse for the storm. Twenty to forty bushels of wheat to the acre is prophesied.

Deloraine, Man., Advertiser: The wet weather which characterized the month of June and which extended into July was beginning to make people feel anxious, as rust had commenced to show in some places, but the dry weather of the past week has stopped all fears from this source for the present. Rain continues to threaten occasionally, but as it has kept off for a week there is a possibility that it may continue to do so. The growth of straw is not as rank as might be expected from the amount of rain we have had, but the fields look healthy and strong, nevertheless. There is a plentiful growth of weeds in some places, while some fields are comparatively clean. The season, taken all around could not be better for the maturing of an excellent crop. Nearly all the fields in its district are headed out, and with favorable weather during this month, harvesting will commence early in August.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Liberal: "Although it was reported after the severe storms of Friday and Saturday nights that considerable damage had been done to growing crops in this vicinity later information goes to show that on the plains for miles around the storms caused no serious loss. In some parts on the summer fallow the growth was so dense that the grain was flattened out but since then the weather has been favorable and practically all the grain is standing. A

finer view than that presented to the eye in the surrounding country cannot be imagined. The wheat is rapidly heading out and is just beginning to assume a tinge of gold. The grain is remarkably robust looking and the heads will be well filled. A very few weeks will tell the tale. Oats will not turn out as well as wheat in comparison, this being due mainly to poor seed sown. The subject causing the most apprehension to farmers is that of securing harvest help and it is sincerely hoped that sufficient men can be secured. A provincial government official is now in the east to secure help and the C. P. R. will give a very low rate on harvest excursions.

Hartney, Man., Star: The wheat fields of the Hartney district are presenting a very satisfactory appearance. The weather has been most favorable from the time the seed was sown and there is every prospect that the grain will be unusually plump and heavy. There is some danger of damage from hail but it is hoped that severe storms may not occur. Oats and barley will also be a good crop. Roots are doing well and almost every potato field is being transformed into a very pretty flower garden as the plants are white with blossoms.

Melita, Man., Enterprise: "For over a week the weather has been all that could be desired to advance the crops. It is just ideal weather."

Macgregor, Man., Herald: "It is said by everyone in this district that the wheat crop this year will be the largest ever harvested in the Virden district."

Carberry, Man., News: "The splendid growing weather which set in during the first week in June still continues and with an abundance of moisture the growth is remarkable. Wheat is heading out and though weeds in some places have done harm yet the growth of the crops has been so rapid that only in a few cases have they not outstripped the weeds in growth. Hallstones here and there throughout the province have done considerable damage, but so far this will not affect the total crop, though owing to the absence of any effectual protection from this loss many individuals will have to suffer great hardships. Certainly the outlook for a good crop was never better nor was the area under crop ever larger."

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