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AND SHIPPING LIST.

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Although we have still to record considerable depression in commercial affairs in this City, we are glad to note a more cheerful feeling in relation to the future. Our merchants look with hopefulness to the various mining districts for an *improvement in the present* somewhat dull state of trade, and from present appearances they are likely to realise their most sanguine expectations.

The transactions of the week have been on a very limited scale, principally confined to City requirements; the weather in British Columbia continues severe, and locomotion for the time is next to impossible.

Last season, a merchant from Mexico induced by the advantages held out to buyers by our free port in this market, visited this City, and we are glad to find that he has profited *so* well *by his* first adventure, that he has instructed *his agents here to* supplement his order for various kinds of goods, which will to a great extent be supplied

The Estimates presented a few days ago to the House of Assembly here, contain one item which, if passed, will be of the greatest benefit to our commercial community, viz:—a vote of $30,000 towards the establishment of direct mail communication with Panama; no opposition is expected on the part of our representatives; such a line of steamers by calling on their way at the different Mexican, ports, as well as at San Francisco, will enable us to fill with ease any orders we may receive from these ports.

In *Grain* and *Flour* we have little change to note, Golden Gate is nominally held at $14, but we believe lower prices would be accepted.

Meats about the same. *Hardware* and *Holloware* continue heavy. *Earthenware moving off slowly.*

Sugar the market is bare of all descriptions, with little prospect of a large increase to stocks for some time to come.

Bleached and *Printed Cottons* are small in stock, and the latter may be quoted at 22 cents. *Clothing of all descriptions is much in excess* of any probable demand during the coming season. In *Huck* and *Linens* little doing. *Carpeting* quiet, Brussels, Tapestry and Velvet have been the only kinds saleable, but of late stocks have been heavy, and dealers have been fully supplied from sales at auction, whose prices have ruled low. Hemp matting and carpeting are very dull of sale.

The "General Wyndham," 119 days out, has just arrived, all well. She brings a great increase to our stocks of Wines and Spirits which are already very large. At the last sale by auction Hennessy and Martell in case $9 50; but as these parcels were principally taken by the small dealers, no criterion can be formed. Oilmen's stores are heavy, Crosse and Blackwell's brands being the most saleable.

In lumber the market is well supplied, and the Alberni Saw Mills have stopped work for the present, *the logging season being over.*

The Princess Royal will be due here in February, after which we expect no further arrivals from London or Liverpool before May or June.

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ALBERNI SHIPPING NEWS.

Corrected for the Prices Current by Anderson & Co.

LOADING.

Egeria, for Shanghae.

LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—*Princess Royal*, sailed 11th September.
do *Ann Adamson*, loading.
From Liverpool—*Cyclone*, loading.

EXPORT OF TREASURE.

The following is the shipment of treasure since date of last statement: Wells, Fargo, & Co., $20,576 10; Bank of British Columbia, $28,055 12 Total, $49,631 22.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London—60 days, $5 00, £1 sterling.
do 30 days, $5 10, do
do Sight, $5 15, do
San Francisco—1 per cent. premium.
Canada—1 per cent. premium.
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—2½ per cent. premium.

IMPORTS.

Per GEN WYNDHAM, from London.—Apparel 56 cs 18 pgs 2 cks 2 bxs 2 bls, beer 730 cs 11 cks 10 hhds 26 bbls 1½ do, butter 150 firkins, bacon 5 cs, blankets 203 bls, bonnets 3 cs, blacking 1 csk, brandy 162 qr cks 104 cs 14 hhds 12 ½ cs, bedsteads (iron) 2 cs, barley (pearl) 5 bags, brushes 2 cs, books 8 cs 1 bx, boots and shoes 2 cs, cigars 12 cs 15 pgs, cordials 112 cs, corks 1 cs, coffee 3 cs, confectionery 34 cs, cotton 221 bxs 10 cs, cordage 115 bns, clutch 9 bbls, clothing 120 cs, cheese 1 cs, currants 64 qr cks, cigars 11 bxs, chimney pieces 2, dry goods (haberdashery, hosiery, mercery, etc) 44 cs 25 bls, drugs 11 cs 20 cks, effects (private) 4 pgs 1 bl 15 cs 2 cks earthenware 15 cks 44 crts 2 hhds, filters 3 pgs, furniture 23 cs, felt 19 frms, fire bricks 15,000, gunpowder 600 qr bbls 8 hhds 400 qr cks 80 cks, glass 22 cwt 35 cs, glassware 1 csk 1 cs, do beads 1 cs, grindstones 3, goods (manuf'd) £100, glue 2 cks, guns 8 cs, hams 3 cs, hardware 24 cs 49 cks 18 kgs, 7 bls, iron (pig) 25 tns (bar 17 tns 38 cwt, ink 1 csk, knife cleaners 2, looking glasses 1 cs, leather 9 cs, do purses 1 cs, lamps 1 cs, nails 1 cs, millinery 7 cs, matches 2 cs, muskets 8 cs, mats 3 bls, mineral waters 6 bskts, do specimens 1 cs, oilmen's stores 507 cs 6 jrs, oatmeal 64 cs, oil (linseed) 12 cks 25 drms, do (paraffine) 4 cks, do (petroleum) 1 cs, paper 34 bls 10 cs 214 lbs, do hangings 8 cs 1 bl, perfumery 7 cs, pipes 11 pgs, piping (lead) 10 rls 91 cwt, paint and colors 4 cks 5 cs, putty 1 csk, planes 9, pistols 25, rope 30 cs, railway matt 102 bns 55 bgs, rifles 274, revolvers 2 cs, rum 10 cs 17 puns 11 hhds 1 csk, stationery 10 cs, soap 357 bxs, samples 3 pgs swords (cavalry) 100, sales (iron) 2, sailcloth 10 bls, sundries 1 cs, sausage machine 1 cs, spirits (perf'md) 5 cs, sugar (raw) 1 hhd, saddlery 8 cs, scythes, 1 bdl 1 cs, shot (lead) 60 kgs, spirits 210 cks 1 hhd 860 cs, toys 9 pks, twine 2 cs 6 bls, tin plates 25 bxs, tinware 1 csk, thread 1 cs, tobacco 1 cs, tea 19 chts, vinegar 5 cs, varnish 1 cs, vivarium and frame 1, wines 105 cs 2 pns, qr cks 52 cks 3 hhds 4 octs 1 pp, washing powder, 3 cs, weighing machine 2 pgs, writing desks 10 cs, washing blue 5 cs, washing machine 1, whiting 2 cks.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

PORT OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

ENTERED

Jan 16—Sch Eliza, Carleton, Saanich
Str Caledonia, Frain, Nanaimo
Sch North Star, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Sch Leah, Robertson, Port Angelos
Sch J B Hastings, Sherman, Port Angelos
Sch Nanaimo Packet, Phillips, Comox
Sch Onward, McKay, Nanaimo
Sch Gazelle, Golacer, San Juan
Sch Shark, Clark, Nanaimo
Clp Pearfoot, Keen, San Juan

Jan 17—Stmr Fidelter, Loudon, Nanaimo
Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Stmr Jenny Jones, Jones Port Angelos
Schr Page, Fisher, New Westminster

Jan. 18.—Str Pacific, Burns, Astoria
Str Jenny Jones, Jones, P Angelos
Bk Harriet, Dirk, San Juan
Schr Eliza, Carleton, Saanich
Schr Shark, Clark, Nanaimo

Jan 19—Stmr Pacific, Burns, San Francisco
Schr Gazelle, Golacar, San Juan
Slp Thornton, Warren, Nanaimo
Schr H C Page, Fisher, P Angeles

Jan 20—Sloop Louisa, Burrage, Comox
Ship Gen Wyndham, Jane, London
Bark Francis Palmer, Lamb, San Francisco
Stmr Enterprise, Mouat, New Westminster
Stmr Caledonia, Frain, Nanaimo
Slp Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo

CLEARED.

Jan. 16.—Str Enterprise, Mouat, New Westminster
Sch Leah, Robinson, Port Angeles
Sch North Star, McDolloch, New Westminster
Sch Gazelle, Gollacer, San Juan
Sch Growler, Williams, Port Angelos
Jan 17—Stmr Fidelter, Loudon, Nanaimo
Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch Port Angelos
Schr Annie, Elvin, Saanich
Stmr Caledonia, Frain, Nanaimo
Schr A J Wester, Mills, Nanaimo
Slp Alarm, Hollin, Nanaimo

Bk Harriet, Dirk, San Juan
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