

THE Macleod Gazette says: Mr. Grant, representing the Imperial Oil Company, spent several days in town last week. After visiting the oil territory, he met a number of gentlemen who have claims up there, and made an offer for the lands. The offer was not accepted. The fact that Mr. Grant, who is an expert, made this offer, would seem to support our oft repeated assertion that the oil field to the west of us is a big thing.

Over 1,000 sheep have been purchased by Van Volkenburgh & Bro. from Martin, of Calgary, for shipment to Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, B. C. Alberta is branching out this year in her stock exports. Several lots of fine cattle have also been exported eastward, and more are to follow. The Cochrane Rancho Co. are shipping 500 head of three and four year old steers to England.

The new foundry at Fort William, says the Journal, is rapidly nearing completion. The buildings are of frame, large and commodious. The main building, which runs east and west is 30x110 feet, one half of which is two stories in height. From the main building a wing extends southward towards the river, which is 40x50 feet. The machinery will be placed in position as soon as possible, a portion of which has already arrived.

D. W. CUMMING, a prominent business man of Birtle, Man., has decided to sell out and move to Toronto, Ont. He has disposed of his banking and lumber business at Birtle to R. Gibson, who has been connected with Mr. Cumming for some time in the lumber line.

Mr. Cumming will offer his household effects, residence and real property at Birtle, for sale by auction on October 15. He purposes engaging in the banking and brokerage line in Toronto.

An enormous pitcher, recently placed in the window of Porter & Ronald, wholesale crockery, etc., Winnipeg, has attracted considerable attention from passers by. The pitcher was presented to the firm by Alfred Meakin, manufacturer of earthenware, Staffordshire, England. The pitcher is of stone china, mammoth in size and handsomely decorated. It bears on each side the inscription of presentation. The weight of the article is about fifty pounds, and the cost to the manufacturer estimated at \$50. A small sized man could sit down inside of it.

Lumber Cuttings.

The Brunette Sawmill Company, Westminister, B.C., contemplates the erection of a large new mill.

J. Sanderson will erect a saw mill at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan territory, for which he has the material on the ground.

R. T. Goodfellow has sold out his interest in the sash and door factory at Prince Albert, to his brothers A. and W. B. Goodfellow.

W. J. Macauley, president of the Chemainus Sawmill Company, states that the company has decided to build its new mill at Chemainus, B.C.

A few days ago, says the World, the Vancouver Shingle Mill, owned by G. F. Slater, cut no less than 125,000 shingles in ten hours.

This, it is said, beats the record in British Columbia.

The cargo taken out of Duluth, Minnesota, by the big barge Wahnapitae recently is said to have been the largest cargo ever carried by any boat. It consisted of over 2,500,000 feet of lumber and 49,069 ties.

Andrew Haslam and A. E. Lees, owners of the Nanaimo saw mills, Nanaimo, B.C., have dissolved partnership. Mr. Haslam has purchased the entire interest of his partner in the mills. It is the intention of Mr. Haslam to further increase the capacity of the mill by the introduction of new machinery. Mr. Lees, it is said, will embark in business in Alaska.

Financial Notes.

The loan by-law for park improvements for the sum of \$20,000 extending over 40 years, will be voted upon at Vancouver, B. C., on the 21st of October.

Nanaimo, B. C., will vote to raise \$12,000 for a permanent roadway across the ravine on Bastion street. If this is not carried, a by-law will be submitted to raise \$5,000 for a bridge across the ravine.

The Toronto Mail says: Bank charters expire in 1891, and in the new legislation the chief point to be considered next February by the Dominion parliament is whether or not in the new charters the present system, under which the banks can issue notes, shall be continued. If it is not, the American plan must be introduced, and notes issued by the government, bonds being substituted for those now authorized.

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