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Northwestern Ontario.

The Port Arthur lake route is now open and steamers leave there regularly on Thursdays and Saturdays for Owen Sound.

The amount of fish handled by D. F. Reid last season according to Inspector McQueen's report was: 6½ tons sturgeon, 22 tons pickerel, 29 tons whitefish and 1 ton of trout.

In spite of the import duty put upon Canadian ore by the United States it is expected that between 500,000 and 1,000,000 tons will be shipped from Port Arthur within two or three years.

A company has been formed in England called the Lake Superior Queen Silver Mining Co. with a capital of \$175,000. The object is to acquire and develop mining property in the Thunder Bay district.

The buildings of the Lake of the Woods Gold and Silver Reduction Co. at Rat Portage are now nearing completion. The machinery is being put in position as fast as it arrives and it is expected they will begin running early next month.

The Winnipeg *Free Press* says: Fort William has a prospective boom in sight. The C.P.R. company has decided to make that place the terminus of the eastern and western divisions, and all the terminal work of the two divisions, which is now divided between West Fort William, Fort William and Port Arthur, will be concentrated there. A twenty stall round house and a large freight shed will be erected this summer, and the steamers will unload their package freight there instead of at Port Arthur, as at present. The present arrangements for carrying on the terminal work are most inconvenient and expensive, hence the company's object in concentrating the work. A town plot has been surveyed at Fort William and the property will be placed on the market for sale next week. It is said that the company or some private parties contemplate erecting a fine hotel at the Fort, either this or next season. Those who are acquainted with the facts say Fort William is destined to be a big place, the company having in view the establishment of extensive works there. This will cause not a little displeasure of the Port Arthur people, who for years looked upon this town as the junction of these divisions. The action of C.P.R. managers for two or three years back have pointed steadily in the direction of such a change, and the statement of the *Free Press* carries weight as that journal is now generally well posted on affairs connected with the C.P.R.

British Columbia.

S. J. Pitts, wholesale grocer, Victoria, has sold out.

G. A. Stark, hotel, Golden, has sold out.

H. Lapierre, grocer, Victoria, is selling out.

J. A. Taylor, boots and shoes, Vancouver, has sold out.

J. Sehl, furniture, Victoria, contemplates giving up business.

Davis & Burridge, clothing, Nanaimo, contemplate giving up business.

Campbell & Martin, bakers, Vancouver, have dissolved; Campbell retiring.

The bridge across the north arm of the Fraser river, at Vancouver, has collapsed.

The carpenters' strike, at Westminster, has ended in a complete victory for the men.

Cowan, Shaw & Co., commission merchants, Victoria, have dissolved; Cowan retiring.

A by law to borrow \$50,000 for street improvements has been carried at Nanaimo.

The firm of Donohue & Boutillier, dealers in sash and doors, Vancouver, have dissolved.

Angus & Gordon, merchants, Victoria, have dissolved; the former retiring from business.

The city of Victoria will take up \$500,000 of the Victoria, Saanich & Westminster railway bonds.

The steamer Batavia, which recently arrived from Japan, had a cargo of 500 tons of rice, for Victoria.

The manager of the Kootenay Mining and Smelting Company has been purchasing new machinery for the Blue Bell mine.

The New Westminster Electric Light Company (Ltd.), is asking incorporation, with a capital stock of \$50,000, divided into 1,000 shares.

The British Columbia Milling and Mining Company's quartz mines at Cariboo are reported as good as sold to an English company for about \$500,000.

A. Caswell, of Brockville, Ontario, has accepted the position vacated by Mr. Carson, as travelling agent of the C. P. R., on the coast; Vancouver will be his head-quarters.

A movement is on foot to construct another telegraph line between Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster. It is said liberal inducements have been offered to the company.

Goodwin Ford, superintendent of the Dominion Express Company from Winnipeg to the coast, is in Victoria. He reports that owing to the large shipments of Fraser River salmon to New York and other eastern markets,

the business of the British Columbia end of the line has increased wonderfully. New Westminster shows an increase of over 100 per cent.; Victoria about 30 per cent., and Vancouver also is considerably above the former amount.

A recent business change in Victoria was that of J. L. Beckwith, severing his connection with Shorey & Co., of Montreal, and taking an agency for Mann, Byars & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland. He will make his head-quarters in Victoria.

A representative of the Ontario Rolling Mills Company and the Dominion Bolt Company, recently closed the sale of all the fish plates, bolts, etc., to be used in the construction of the Westminster Southern Railway. It amounts to about 250 tons.

The following are the amounts of coal cleared at the Nanaimo custom house during April, by the different companies:—

New Vancouver Coal Company.....	21,105
Wellington Coal Company.....	20,881
East Wellington Coal Company.....	3,276
Union Mines Company.....	4,400

Total.....49,662

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo Gas Company was held in that city last week. The directors reported that the receipts for the past year were considerably larger than the year before. Over \$5,000 was expended in putting down mains and other requisites. The capital stock of the company will be increased to the amount of \$100,000. It was recommended that a dividend be declared of ten per cent. on the present stock of the company.

The Montreal *Trade Review* says:—The action of the Winnipeg board of trade in proposing to form a mutual fire insurance company in that city, on account of the high rates demanded, seems to have had more effect upon the insurance companies doing business there than all the previous representations on the subject combined. The tariff has been revised, reducing the rates on brick blocks ten per cent, but the rates on frame buildings remain as formerly. This is a wise concession, and the reduction of the rates on brick buildings alone will be in the end of advantage to the city, as it will tend to the gradual doing away of frame buildings, and the putting up of more substantial edifices of brick in their place.

The Longue Pointe asylum, recently destroyed by fire, was insured in the Royal Canadian Insurance Company for \$255,750, which sum has been paid to the nuns.