

Victoria, duty paid as follows: Medium hams 16½¢ per lb; heavy hams 16½¢; cholor breakfast bacon 16½¢; short clear sides 13½¢; and dry salt clear sides 12½¢. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb pails, 14½¢ per lb.

#### Minerals Around Kamloops.

Wm. Baillie, who is secretary of the Kamloops Coal Company, and who has taken a foremost part in carrying on the prospecting for coal in the vicinity of Kamloops, was in the city yesterday on a business trip of a week to the coast.

The company has now reached a showing of four feet at a depth of 120 feet and expect within 30 days to strike a seam thick enough to begin mining the mine. A hoisting engine and machinery are on the ground and a tram way constructed to bring the coal to the bottom of the shaft. Three men are engaged raising coal for local use, but besides quite a large force is engaged in development work. During the past week a perfect coal formation has been struck with tertiary sandstone roof and pavement. The company has applied for incorporation with a capital stock of \$150,000, and steps are being taken to float it properly.

Coal is not the only mineral found near Kamloops which is attracting attention. In fact the people of that town are quite enthusiastic as to the future. Everything seems at hand to make it a mining centre. A company has been organized to work a galena mine which shows from 40 to 60 ounces to the ton, and about 60 per cent. in lead. The body of ore varies from 10 feet to 40 feet in width, and it is situated about 60 miles up the North Thompson, down which the ore could be brought on scows. Mr. Wood, of Wood & Turnbull, was up that way a fortnight ago and brought down 30 to 40 sacks, which turned out even richer than that at first submitted for an assay. Arrangements have been made for a shipment of 100 tons of ore to Swansea as a test, and so confident was the mining expert that examined it that the Swansea people will bear all the expense of transportation. On account of the snow in those parts coming earlier than usual, that amount cannot be taken out this year, but early in the spring it will be commenced. Kamloops people are much interested in the find and expect it to bring considerable business to the place.

At Kamloops Lake also Mr. Redpath, the well-known prospector and miner, discovered a ledge of Cinnabar, the only find of this ore that has been made in the vicinity. The true vein is 14 inches in thickness, but the mercury has saturated the surrounding rock to the extent of 10 or 14 feet. The ore is a bright scarlet, which is the best color, and can be treated by the evaporation process, which is both simple and inexpensive. Assays give 12 to 60 per cent. of mercury. Six claims have been staked off along the vein, but the owners have consolidated into one company for the greater convenience in working it.

The Golden iron mine is sending out about three cars a day, which is sent to Tacoma to be used as a flux in smelting silver, and the Tacoma people are constantly increasing their demand for it. An aerial tramway has been built to convey it from the mines to the cars.

With coal, galena and magnetic iron in the vicinity, Kamloops seems to be the place where a smelter should be erected.

Native copper has been found at Copper Creek, and the assessment work is being done on it. —*New Advertiser.*

#### Brief Business Notes.

Building operations at Kaslo are proceeding briskly.

Jas. Gow, galvanized iron worker, Westminster, has assigned.

Coal boring operations are being resumed at South Westminster.

The barge, George Thomson, is loading lumber at Westminster for Sydney.

I. H. Miller, grocer, has opened in Victoria at cor. Oswego & Coburg streets.

Perry, Gray & Davys, of Nelson, are bringing out a map of the Siccan country.

John Bonner has commenced business again in Vancouver in the horse shoe line.

The Pacific Naptha Launch Co., Tacoma, talk of starting a branch factory in Victoria.

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the B. C. Fruit Growing Association meets Nov. 1st.

The Kaslo-Slocan *Examiner* has made its appearance. It is published by Mark W. Musgrove.

The Freddie Lee mine will ship 1,000 and perhaps 2,000 tons of ore this winter by way of Kaslo.

There is a movement in Kamloops among business men to have that place incorporated as a city.

Crowder & Ponzor, Vancouver, have been appointed sole agents in that city for Dunsmuir & Sons, coal.

Ed. Dhormilly, who ran two restaurants in Nausimo, has skipped, leaving numerous debts behind.

O'Brien & Co. have been awarded the contract of raising the Premier and placing her in dock at Esquimaux.

The Guarantee Loan & Investment Association of Hamilton, Ont., has arranged to establish an agency in Nausimo.

N. E. Reinhardt and Harold Ault, under the firm name of The Canadian & Oriental Trading Co., Victoria, have dissolved.

The Stoveston *Enterprise* reports that tobacco has been successfully grown on Lulu Island during the past summer.

The B. C. Milling & Feed Co., New Westminster, has started operations. Oatmeal and milling feed will be manufactured.

The French syndicate store at Northfield is in financial difficulties, and has been taken possession of by a Victoria wholesale firm.

The government surveyors, who have been exploring the northern part of the province, have returned, and will report to the government.

P. McLiernan, Indian agent for New Westminster, has been superannuated and Frank Davlin, of the C. P. R., appointed in his place.

McKinnell Bros., successors to Geo. A. Fraser & Co., ship chandlers, Vancouver, are in the hands of the sheriff, and stock is offered for sale to-day.

C. F. Pretty & Co., Westminster, are opening a branch fish and game house in Vancouver, under the management of W. H. Vianen, better known as "Dutch Bill."

A Vancouver man is going to try the novel experiment of converting the skins of dog salmon into shoe leather. He says they are quite tough enough for light shoes.

James McGeer, farmer Langley, has assigned his personal property to M. Costell, Vancouver. His personal property, it is thought, will more than meet his liabilities.

Thonew Driad Hotel, Vancouver, which is a fine building, costing about \$250,000, opened on the first of November. It has 225 rooms and accommodation for 350 guests.

The Victoria board of trade has just issued its annual report, which contains a large amount of statistical information as to the trade of the province and especially of Victoria.

The Pilotage earnings for the three chief deep sea ports of the Province for the year 1891 were as follows: Vancouver, \$10,960; Victoria and Esquimaux, \$12,153; Nausimo, \$23,136.

McLean Bros., of Vancouver, have a contract for dyking Langley. The dyke is to be half a mile in length, eight feet high and 30 feet wide at the bottom, enclosing six hundred acres.

Capt. Webster, manager of the Union S. S. Co., Vancouver, goes to England in a few days in connection with important business for that company. W. F. Tapping takes charge in his absence.

John S. Rigby, inventor of the Rigby process of waterproofing cloth, contemplates starting the manufacture of Portland cement at Vancouver for the C. P. R. Co's works. Capacity, 100 barrels per day.

At a meeting of the residents of Revelstoke a motion was passed praying the C. P. R. land commissioner to put on the market for private purchase the land which the company holds in and around the town.

There is a probability of the Westminster Gas Co., which has lost money owing to the city supplying electricity so cheap, coming to some settlement with the city in regard to claims for compensation.

The Westminster board of trade are discussing the question of constructing a canal from Mud bay to the Fraser river. It is claimed that this will be a public improvement and be of great advantage to the trade of the city.

Thomas J. Bentley, a leading lumber dealer of Halifax, has just purchased a cargo of spars in B. C. for Nova Scotia builders. Hitherto he got his spars in Puget Sound through Boston dealers, but hereafter will purchase in British Columbia.

The Canadian Pacific Canning company has been organized, and contracts for the erection of their cannery in Tulu Island and the necessary buildings have been awarded. The promoters of the enterprise are D. S. Hennessy, George Alexander and R. V. Winge.

Large numbers of emigrants from the United States are passing through Revelstoke bound for the Canadian Northwest. They come in by the way of Bonner's Ferry and Little Dalles and up the Columbia river. They are mostly large families, robust, but a trifle wild and unkempt.

A. Fader, fish merchant, Vancouver, has opened a newly-fitted store on Cordova street, next to the Arcade grocery. The fittings and appointments of the store are first-class, and a heavy stock will be carried. Mr. Fader will deal exclusively in fish and game, wholesale and retail.

The post office department has authorized increased mail service in the Okanagan country. There will be a tri-weekly mail from Vernon to Osoyoos, and fortnightly from Osoyoos to Kettle River, Boundary and Rock Creeks. And there will be a fortnightly mail from Penticton to Keremeos.

The incorporation of the Industrial Loan & Trust Company, of Vancouver, and of the Williams' British Columbia Directory Company, of Victoria, is announced in the last issue of the *Gazette*. The capital stock of the latter is \$25,000, and the incorporators are R. T. Williams, Sidney Aspland, W. H. Bainbridge, and W. H. Ellis.

The report in the Kamloops *Sentinel* that the Vancouver Hydraulic Co., operating at Van Winkle bar on the Fraser near Lytton, will not be able to do any sluicing this fall, is incorrect. All is now in readiness and by the length of the season remaining for operation will prevent successful and continued operations this year. The Company expects, however, a month or so in which to prosecute the work.

Gen. Poe has received word from the United States war department that his twenty foot chr ael between Duluth, Chicago and Buffalo had been fully approved by the department, and directing him to prepare the necessary advertisements for bids. Gen. Poe is naturally elated over the success of his deep water project, and no more so than the vessel men who have worked so earnestly for the deep channel. There is consequently great rejoicing in marine circles to day.