

Delaware	1 00 @	0 00
Bananas—bunches.....	2 50 @	0 00
crates.....	3 25 @	0 00
Vegetables are quoted :		
Onions—Silverskins....	per lb	14 @ 14
Cabbage.....	per lb	2 @
Potatoes.....	per ton	20 00 @
Tomatoes.....		75 @
Sweet potatoes.....	per lb	2 @

SALMON.

Latest advices state "that the recent advance in the salmon market is barely maintained in England." The British ship *Clan Robertson*, 1,540 tons, Capt. Lane, is expected to sail for Liverpool today. Her cargo is comprised as follows : Shipped by Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd, 26, 653 cs ; J. H. Todd & Son, 3,996 cs ; G. I. Wilson, 5,000 cs ; Anglo B. C. Packing Co., 21,711 cs ; Federation Brand Canning Co., 12,448 cs. Total, 69,808 cs, valued at about \$300,000.

It is reported that there were only 25,000 cases of cohoes put up on the Fraser River, this fall. The British bark *Coryvreckan*, 1,299 tons, now loading at Victoria for London, is expected to complete her cargo and clear about the end of the week. The German bark *Senta*, 1,037 tons, Capt. Thiemann, arrived Oct. 17 at Fraser River, and will load for Liverpool on account of the Anglo B. C. Packing Co.

There is one more vessel of this year's salmon fleet to arrive—the British schr. *Rimac*, 885 tons, which is now out 74 days from Santos, and will load at Victoria for London on account of Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

The San Francisco *Herald of Trade* says : "Since our last week's issue, the receipt's of Alaska at this port aggregate 86,187 cases, bringing the total to date up to 546,116 cases, against a total of 605,643 last season. Of this year's receipts, 131,133 cases came to the Alaska Packers' Association. The market is essentially unchanged ; last week's review will cover this week's report."

LUMBER.

The American schooner *R. W. Bartlett*, 495 tons, Capt. Olson, sailed Oct. 20 from Vancouver for Santa Rosalia with a cargo composed of 501,628 feet rough lumber, 100 piles, 37,500 shingles and 9 cords slabs, valued at about \$4,000.

There have been two arrivals during the week. The American brig *Geneva*, 471 tons, Capt. Paulsen, arrived Oct. 16, and will load at Hastings mill for Iquiqui, on private terms. The American schr. *Sadie*, 295 tons, Capt. Smith, arrived at Westminster Oct. 17 from San Francisco, and will load a return cargo of lumber at the Brunette mills on private terms, being the first vessel to load for the United States since the new tariff came into force in that country.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign : At Hastings Mill—British ship *Lis-*

more, 1,598 tons, for Buenos Ayres ; Am. bktn. *Irmgard*, 628 tons, for Iquiqui ; Br. bark *Alexandra*, 1,297 tons, for Calais. Am. brig *Geneva*, 471 tons, for Iquiqui. At Brunette Mills—Am. schr. *Sadie*, 295 tons, for San Francisco. Total 5 vessels, 4,289 tons.

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard : Rough, \$8.00 per M ft ; rough clear, \$14 ; ship lap, \$10 ; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16 ; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12 ; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15 ; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11 ; rustic, No. 1, \$15 ; do. No. 2, \$11 ; surfaced, \$15 ; shingles, \$2 ; lath, \$1.75.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment :

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet	\$ 8 00
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M.....	19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M.....	15 00
Pickets, rough per M.....	8 00
Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M.....	1 90

BUSINESS NOTES.

Thos. H. Morrison, blacksmith has opened a shop at Vancouver.

Mr. Williams, druggist, has opened at Three Forks, West Kootenay.

Martin Nelson, salmon salter, Steveston, was burned out at a loss of \$800.

Sheret & Johnston, plumbers, etc., have opened in Oriental alley, Victoria.

O'Rourke & Jervis, liquor dealers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

Jas. Wishart has opened the old American Hotel, Yates street, Victoria.

F. W. Hart, Furniture dealer, Vancouver, is advertising his stock for sale by auction.

A. L. Belyea, barrister, has opened an office in the Board of Trade building, Victoria.

The New Wellington Coal and Wood Yard has opened at Spratt's Wharf, Victoria.

Haydn & Mylius, boat builders, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. Each continues on his own account.

The business of the estate of York & Pilling, general merchants, Mission City, is offered for sale by the assignees.

Alex. Stewart, stone cutter and monuments, has opened in Victoria, on corner of Yates and Vancouver streets.

The *Comox Weekly News* has removed its office of publication from Courtney to Cumberland, the new port of Union townsite.

The Loew Committee in New York have become tired of investigating the rank and file of the police, and propose to get after the officials and police commissioners shortly.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Co's shipments for the week ending October 20 :

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
13.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend...	70
13.	Gen. Falchild, bk. San Francisco	2,371
13.	Tyce, str., Port Townsend.....	67
15.	Rapid Transit, str., Port Town'd	196
16.	Montserrat, str., San Francisco..	1,452
16.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend ..	56
17.	Tyce, str., Port Townsend.....	68
17.	Bundateer, bk., San Francisco..	1,429
17.	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend....	62
18.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend...	54
20.	Carrollton, bark, San Francisco..	2,336
Total.....		8,184

BRITISH COLUMBIA RESOURCES.

British Columbia is the largest Province of the Dominion, as large as Quebec and Ontario together, that is, almost 450,000 square miles. The delta of the Fraser, Okanagan, Nicola, the south of Vancouver island offer some of the finest and most productive agricultural land to be found in America.

The Government is pushing explorations and surveys with energy, and the report of the surveyors yearly bring to notice, large tracts of land fit for farming and grazing. Of all these little can be said now, but any man wanting a location can easily find it by looking over the different reports.

The Westminster district, the south of Vancouver island, and large tracts in the interior, offer the best inducements to fruit growers, and before long these parts should supply the great Canadian Northwest, where fruits cannot be raised.

It has been the policy of the Government to help railway enterprises. They can hardly do too much in that line, as no other Province is so dependent on Railway facilities as British Columbia.

With our resources, with our climate, and with our energetic population, the first quarter of the next century should see British Columbia the richest and the most thriving Province of Canada.

Our halibut, cod, oolachan, herring and more especially the skiff, can find an unlimited market in the Canadian, American and European towns. Fish oil has been made with success, though made on a small scale and without recent improved machinery. The narrow waterways of the coast teem with millions of dogfish, porpoises and other oily fish. Sturgeon, trout and a number of other species of fish could be shipped fresh, besides the salmon and halibut, which has taken all the attention until now.

For information concerning the advances which the Province is making read *THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL* every week—\$2 per year.

The Bank of Montreal has just declared a half-yearly dividend of 5 per cent on its paid-up capital stock.