

1884—Bliss' Abundance; grows very bushy and fields abundantly.

American Wonder; the very best early variety.

Day's Early Sunrise; a New England sort.

Stratagem; a New England sort.

Pride of the Market; a New England sort.

TRUMP SEEDS.—Carter's London.

Improved American.

Sutton's Improved. All hardy good croppers and keepers.

The above seeds are all the choicest of good seeds and most of them have had a certificate of merit from the Royal Horticultural Society of London, and seeds that have been first offered by the most successful hybridizers, and obtained at a large price by Mr. Agnew, who has tried them with many other seeds in his Seed Farm at Sooke, before offering them to the British Columbia farmers.

The other exhibits were all good; some of the live stock deserving more than a passing notice, whilst the displays made by the different factories show that they are quite capable of supplying a large portion of the demand for home made goods, in at least a dozen different lines.

ASIATIC TRADE.

The Winnipeg Sun has been very busy of late trying to convince its readers that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is on its last legs, and that it is only a question of brief weeks and months when the Dominion Government must take possession of the trans-continental enterprise. In the course of these articles, which we regret to state have been echoed by other newspapers, the writer endeavors to sneer at the whole question of an important terminus on the Pacific Coast out of existence by belittling prospective Chinese and Japanese trade, and making erroneous statements as to the present facts of the case; also, leading the reader to suppose that the trade from the Orient with San Francisco and thence across the continent is entirely insignificant. We notice a local paper has followed the lead given by the Sun, emphasizing the argument by quoting a rumor from New York that the steamers of the Occidental and Oriental line would be taken off the China and Japan routes—a rumor that has been officially denied by Mr. Charles Crocker, of San Francisco. That the C. P. R. must have a terminus and that that point, wherever situated, will become a most important place in a very short time, cannot be denied, and it is our belief that an immense Asiatic trade will be immediately developed. As will be seen by reference to another article in this issue, the distances between Coal Harbor and eastern and western points give the prospective terminus of the Canadian road every advantage over other ports on the Pacific.

SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Last September will be remembered for its frequency of rainfall, much retarding harvest of grain crops on the Northern Pacific slope. Only eleven days of the month enjoyed uninterrupted sunshine. Five, although fair, had only occasional sunshine, and fourteen with rare glimpses of old Sol, were more or less rainy. On the morning of the 26th, a slight frost was noticed, and on that of the 28th, thin ice was found on a tub of water.

The following observations were taken at Cloverdale, a short way from Victoria City.

1—Changeable, dry.	17—Fine.
2—Changeable, wet.	18—Fine.
3—Changeable, wet.	19—Fine.
4—Changeable, dry.	20—Changeable, wet.
5—Changeable, wet.	21—Changeable, wet.
6—Fine.	22—Fine.
7—Changeable, dry.	23—Fine.
8—Changeable, dry.	24—Fine.
9—Changeable, wet.	25—Fine.
10—Changeable, wet.	26—Changeable, wet, slight white frost A. M.
11—Changeable, dry.	27—Changeable, wet.
12—Fine.	28—Changeable, wet, severe white frost A. M., ice in tub.
13—Fine.	29—Changeable, wet.
14—Changeable, wet.	30—Changeable, wet A. M.
15—Fine.	
16—Changeable, wet.	

The following observations were taken by Mr. Livock, in this city, for the month of September:

	Therm't'r Max. Min.	Bar. 9 A. M.	Bar. 9 P. M.	Rain.	Wind.
1	63 55	29.86	29.85	.....	Gale South-west.
2	62 51	29.85	30.02	.....	Fierce South-west.
3	55 50	29.80	29.80	.23	Fresh N. E. to S. E.
4	62 45	29.78	29.84	.01	Moderate S. E. to N. E.
5	62 42	29.83	30.03	.....	Light Easterly.
6	65 39	30.03	29.84	.....	Light South-west.
7	64 50	29.76	29.70	.02	Light North-east.
8	61 48	29.74	29.84	.02	Light South-west.
9	57 49	29.80	29.80	.05	Light Variable.
10	63 50	29.70	29.82	.46	Light Easterly.
11	59 48	29.88	29.86	.....	Light N. E. to variable.
12	59 50	30.00	30.00	.02	Light East to South-west.
13	54 38	30.00	30.00	.....	Light Southerly.
14	59 47	30.00	30.06	.03	Light S. E. to N. E.
15	54 44	30.17	30.20	.....	Light E. to Mod. S. W.
16	57 49	30.20	30.13	.15	Light Southerly.
17	60 49	30.10	30.12	.....	Light Variable.
18	63 41	30.12	30.10	.....	" "
19	62 38	30.07	29.97	.....	" "
20	63 41	29.85	29.94	.....	" "
21	62 49	30.02	30.15	.04	" "
22	62 45	30.08	30.10	.....	Fresh South-west.
23	65 50	30.13	30.12	.....	Moderate South-west.
24	61 50	30.10	30.10	.03	Very light Southerly.
25	62 40	30.14	30.18	.....	Very light Easterly.
26	55 35	30.17	29.90	.19	Mod. to fresh South-east.
27	57 42	29.92	29.98	.....	Fresh South-west.
28	56 37	29.90	29.88	.19	Moderate South-east.
29	51 44	29.78	29.73	.22	Light Easterly.
30	54 40	29.70	29.80	.....	Light Easterly.

Rainfall to 30th September, 1884 15.06 inches.
Rainfall to 30th September, 1883 15.40 inches.
Rainfall for September, 1884 1.06 inches.

THE Vancouver Island Building Society, of which we gave an extended notice some time since, is now an established institution, it having been incorporated on the 9th of last month. The officers for the remainder of the year have been elected, and it is the intention of the Directors to have a drawing take place at an early date, probably early in October. There have been 128 of the shares taken up, and after all expenses incidental to starting an enterprise of this character, the Treasurer reports a balance on hand of nearly one thousand dollars, so, taken all in all, the Directors have reason to feel proud of the result of their labors.