

been rather dull throughout. Receipts are comparatively light, but local mills are turning out a good deal of stock to go on board ship for shipment to Europe. The home trade is taking only sufficient to fill immediate wants and local stocks are now very light. Exports to San Francisco the present month are fair, footing up over 8,000 bbls., mostly Walla Walla brands. The price list remains unchanged at \$2.75 per bbl. for standard roller brands with some concessions at times to best custom. The China trade is stagnant, few orders being received and not many anticipated before the middle of January."

The Ogilvie-Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....\$1 25
" Strong Bakers..... 1 05

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier.....\$1 00
XXX..... 3 85
Strong Bakers or XX..... 3 45
Superfine..... 3 15

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta.....\$1 00
Victoria XXX..... 1 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 1 25 @ 0 00
Lion.....	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX.....	1 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	1 35 @ 0 00
XXX.....	1 20 @ 0 00
XX.....	3 80 @ 0 00
Superfine.....	3 50 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	1 65 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	1 50 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	1 65 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	1 65 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	1 65 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	1 00 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	1 05 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	1 05 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal.....	45 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed.....	25 00 @ 30 00
Shorts.....	25 00 @ 30 00
Brans.....	23 00 @ 25 00
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	23 00 @ 25 60
California oatmeal.....	3 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole.....per ton	37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed.....per ton	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
Best China rice.....	80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarice No. 1.....	68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour.....	70 00
Broken rice.....	30 00
Rice Meal.....	17 50

LUMBER.

Four vessels have sailed during last week and a fifth cleared. Am. schr. W. H. Talbot, 776 tons, Capt. Bluhm, sailed Dec. 28 for East London, Cape Colony, with 804,183 feet rough, valued at \$6,021.

The Am. ship Benj. Sewall, 1,361 tons, Capt. Sewall, sailed Dec. 28 for Cork, U. K., f. o. with 1,021,621 feet valued at \$13,135. Nor. ship Germanic, 1,269 tons, Capt. Sunde, sailed Dec. 29 for Cork, U. K., f. o. with 910,483 feet valued at \$9,073. Am. bark Snow and Burgess, 1,578 tons, Capt. Mortenson, sailed Dec. 30 for Santa Rosalia, Mexico, with 1,075,000 feet valued at \$7,113. The Am. bark Colorado, 1,360 tons, Capt. Gibson, sailed January 1 for Shanghai, with 707,000 feet valued at \$5,656. It is some time since any new charters have been reported and the general situation, while certainly brighter than a year ago is not very promising. The demand for lumber foreign is still poor and the reason that the lumber exports for the past year were so large is accounted for by the fact that a good portion of the orders have drifted from the Sound to British Columbia mills. For some time past the mills on Puget Sound have not been shipping the best of cargoes while the high standard of excellence established by the lumber mills of British Columbia has been maintained throughout the depression and consequent fall in prices. British Columbia lumber cargoes turn out the best of any shipped from the Coast and with prices as low as any, the R. C. mills have been getting the preference because they maintain their standard of excellent quality.

There are at present two vessels aggregating 2,956 tons, loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Vancouver. Am. ship Eclipse, 1,536 tons, for Cork, U. K. Nor. ship Beaconsfield, 1,450 tons, for Conk, U. K.

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, 1 feet 6 in, per M..... 1 90
The following are the current city prices; quotations are at the mill and subject to the usual discounts: Rough, \$7.50 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$9 to \$10; flooring and rustic, No. 1, \$16; do., No. 2, \$12; shingles, \$1.50; lath, \$1.50.

Another large vessel will shortly go on berth at London for Victoria.

The bark Harold will probably load the greater portion of her salmon cargo at the Fraser River cannery.

A small vessel has been chartered to load a cargo of coal at a bay on the west coast of the Island for Mexico.

R. H. Alexander, manager of the Hastings Mill, has been appointed Consul for Peru at the port of Vancouver.

An Ontario deputation recently had an interview with the Minister of Finance and Controller of Inland Revenue in regard to changes in the tariff affecting brewers. They are, it is said, desirous of securing the substitution of a duty on beer in place of that on malt, in order to save the interest on the malt duty of two cents a pound, inasmuch as duty would only be paid upon the beer when it is actually ex-warehoused, which might be from six months to a year after it was brewed.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

J. Manning has opened a general store at Okanogan Falls.

Joseph Turner has taken over the Turner house bar, Vancouver.

Walter Wilson, Hotel Wilson, Nanaimo; advertises business for sale.

R. E. Lemon has purchased a half interest in Carpenter's hotel, New Denver.

Shupe & Linsdrum, fish and produce, Vernon, have dissolved; J. A. Shupe continues.

Mrs. F. H. Clayton, estate, grocer, etc., Esquimalt; estate advertised for sale by auction.

E. J. Morgan, clothing, etc., Victoria, sold out; stock being disposed of by auction.

S. L. Kelly & Co., estate, stoves and tinware, Victoria, stock advertised for sale by tender to Jan. 10.

Walter Morris, of the Okell-Morris Fruit Preserving Co., Ltd., has resigned as managing director.

J. G. Langley, general merchant, Mission City and Mount Lehman, sold out Mission City business to York & Pilling, butchers.

Simon Leiser, wholesale grocer, Victoria, has admitted Emanuel Bloomingdale into partnership, under the style of Simon Leiser & Co.

J. P. Blake, baker, Vancouver—style changed to Vancouver Biscuit Co.; capital \$25,000; capacity of biscuit works 10 bbls. of flour day.

J. C. Holden has purchased the entire interest of E. F. Ames. The firm of Ames, Holden & Co., will be dissolved, and Mr. Holden promises to turn the business into a joint stock company, with a capital of \$600,000, and letters patent to that effect have been asked from the Dominion government.—Winnipeg Free Press.

There is great distress in Australia. Thousands of people are homeless.

A commercial treaty has been entered into between Germany and Russia.

England and the United States will confer on the subject of floating derelicts.

It is stated that an agreement has been concluded between England and Italy for mutual protection of their citizens in Brazil.

The Epoca, of Madrid, estimates the indemnity that Morocco ought to pay Spain in view of the difficulties at Melilla at about sixty million francs.

The tin plate workers of Neath, Wales, have accepted their employers' ultimatum of a 10 per cent. reduction of wages. Their action is considered important as it is expected to lead to a change in the standard of wages fixed in 1871.

The British Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Co., Ltd., have been incorporated; capital stock \$100,000. Trustees—W. R. Robertson, A. F. Griffiths and D. R. Young of Vancouver, and H. K. Lee and Donald McPhee of Montreal. Vancouver is the principal place of business.

Advices received from Liverpool, dated November 30th, state that ten guineas had been paid for re-insurance on the British ship Yarkand, 1,311 tons, built by the Barrow Shipbuilding Company in 1877 and owned by Edward Bates & Sons, Liverpool, which sailed from Port Blakely August 1st for Calcutta with a cargo of lumber.