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## The New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, Ltd.

(FORMERLY THE VANCOUVER COAL CO.)

ARE THE LARGEST COAL PRODUCERS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

### THE NANAIMO COAL.

(Used principally for Gas and Domestic Purposes.)

### THE SOUTH FIELD COAL

(Steam Fuel.)

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Which was introduced early in the present year, has already become the favorite fuel for domestic purposes. It is a clean, hard coal, makes a bright and cheerful fire, and its lasting qualities make it the most economical fuel in the market. The several Mines of the Company are connected with their Wharves at Nanaimo and Departure Bay, where ships of the largest tonnage are loaded at all stages of the tide. Special dispatch is given to Mail and Ocean Steamers.

**SAMUEL M. ROBINS, Superintendent.**

### COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Stocks of wheat in warehouses in the Northwest are estimated at 18,788,000 bushels.

Large quantities of freight are being shipped into the Kootenay country for winter supplies.

A treaty of commerce is said to have been recently signed between Germany and Roumania.

The hay crop in Hungary is officially estimated at 9,062,000 tons, compared with 6,533,000 in 1892, and 10,638,000 in 1891.

The maize crop of Italy is reported as about 74,000,000 bushels, compared with 60,000,000 in 1892, and a like quantity in 1891.

The hop crop of Germany is estimated as not over 25,000,000 pounds, compared with an average of 53,000,000 pounds for the past ten years.

Mr. W. H. Cope, late of the dry goods branch of the Hudson's Bay Company at Winnipeg, has been transferred to the Vancouver branch.

Kaslo has since the first of August exported some \$40 tons of ore, aggregating over \$135,000 in value. Most of it was shipped to smelters at Tacoma and San Francisco.

A strong Nanaimo Poultry Society has

now been organized under the presidency of Mr. S. M. Robins, who keeps well to the fore in everything of public interest in the Coal City.

The Manchester ship canal is expected to be open for traffic on January 1. A line of steamers from New Orleans direct to Manchester has been arranged, beginning with the Venango, to sail about December 10, and the Ohio about December 21.

There is every probability of the British markets not being so overwhelmed with foreign wheat as was the case last year, observes Beerbohm. "But the market still suffers, from too much immediately pressing wheat, and from an inability to carry it, more particularly in America."

Amongst the passengers returning by the Warrimoo is Mr. C. R. Valentine of Wellington, New Zealand, who has been on an extensive tour through the United States and Canada in the interests of the New Zealand Government, to enquire into the prospects of trade relations between America and New Zealand.

The shipments of wheat from India continue very small, the price asked still being beyond their normal level on this side. There seems to be a general disinclination to sell at present low prices, the result being that, notwithstanding the large crop in India this year, the exports since April 1, are considerably smaller than last year, which Beerbohm



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reports as 1,859,000 quarters, compared with 3,131,000 last year, and 4,784,000 in 1891.

Capt. Howard, an old-time merchant seaman, visited Nanaimo in command of the bark Richard III. He is now 81 years of age and can well remember his visit to Nanaimo in the bark Leonessa during the year 1854. The Hudson's Bay Company was then working the Nanaimo mines, the coal loading then being done by Indian women in canoes. The coal was contained in small wicker baskets and weighed on a small platform scale, the baskets not holding more coal than the Indian woman could conveniently carry.