

MANIFEST TO ARRIVE.

British bark *Martha Fisher*, 811 tons, Capt. Meadowcraft, from Liverpool for Victoria, sailed February 27, 1892.

For *Victoria*—4 bales white waste, C P N Co; 3 cs private effects, H Foster Burham; 100 bxs terne plates, 23 bxs tin plates, order of Thos Robertson & Co; 4 crates earthenware, Gowans, Kent & Co; 5 qr csks port wine, Dixi H Ross & Co; 23 bbls bar iron, 4 bbls hoop iron, 7 cs and 10 bbls sheet iron, 2 cs do, Matthews, Richards & Tye; 20 drums glycerine, the Bank of Nova Scotia; 250 red cases geneva, 50 green cs do, 50 cs whiskey, Boucherat & Co; 122 cs stores, order; 12 cs and 14 bales mdse, Hudsons Bay Co; 149 cs whiskey, Boucherat & Co; 3 cs glassware, Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Co; 25 cs whiskey, 1 cs show cards, Boucherat & Co; 100 cs stout, 150 cs do, 50 cs ale, 125 cs do, 25 cs lime juice cordial, 25 cs raspberry vinegar, Boucherat & Co; 70 cs bottled beer, 10 octaves geneva, 200 red cs do, 50 cs cordials, A B Gray & Co; 2 cased csks whiskey, T H Paterson; 1 cs carriage, Roderick Finlayson; 3 bags grass seed, order; 1 chain harrows, 1 cs do, Henry Evans, Somenos; 25 cs wine, Dixi H Ross & Co; 1 bbl private effects, G M Stuart; 15 cs mineral waters, 1 cs show cards, H Saunders; 60 tons Cardiff coke, 50 tons No 1 Redear pig iron, 50 tons No 1 Eglinton pig iron, 4,000 white fire bricks, order; 2 csks earthenware, order; 3 kegs paint, 1 bbl linseed oil, 1 cs paint pots, E Musgrave, Cowichan; 300 bxs terne plates, Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson; 3 qr csks sherry wine, Dixi H Ross & Co; 11 pkgs earthenware, EBoote; 5,000 silicate fire bricks, 2,240 sacks fine salt, 10 csks Stonebridge fire clay, 20 csks do, 25 cs bath bricks, 7,500 sashweights, 6,300 do, 60 kegs bi-carbonate of soda, 20 bbls sal soda, 10 drums caustic soda, 32 csks silicate of soda, 1,716 bars iron, 38 bars Swedish iron, 87 bars machine steel, 36 bbls steel sheets, 6 bbls wire, 1 keg iron bolts, 59 kegs lead shot, 27 csks soda ash, 1 chain cable, 5 bbls yellow metal, 3 csks Paris white, 3 csks putty, R P Rithet & Co, Ld; 262 cs stores, 10 kegs do, 15 qr csks do, 10 half csks do, 2,016 sacks salt, order; 65 cs wines, 50 cs whiskey, 3 cs show cards, Boucherat & Co; 1 cs hardware, 1 cs chinaware, E Pimbury & Co, Nanaimo; 2 cs settlers' effects, H Foster Burham; 2 cs and 1 pkg furniture, W Ward Spinks, Kamloops; 100 bales bear oakum, 8 hhds ale, 15 cs ginger ale, 3 bales, 2 csks hollowware, 30 bxs glass, 125 bxs do, 8 cs do, 7 crates iron buckets, 2 csks bony rock, 10 bbls linseed oil, 460 drums do, 50 bbls do, 9 csks floor tiles, 3 cs epsom salts, 900 cs whiskey, 3 bbls do, 2 bbls do, 5 puncheons rum, 25 crates earthenware, 6 csks do, 1 bx cane hurdles, 1 cs samples, whiskey, 400 cs bottled beer, R P Rithet & Co, Ld; 15 galvanized iron tanks, 20 cs galvanized ridging, 20 bbls spades and shovels, 2 bags bolts and nuts, 7 csks paints, 20 drums linseed oil, 1 cs varnish, 13 bbls and 1 csks parts wheel barrows and trucks, 28 bbls and 4 bags tubes and fittings, 3 cs rivets, 40 kegs nails, 4 csks colors, 3 kegs do, 1 cs do, 3 pcs and 1 cs shafting and coupling, 17 bbls steel, 1 cs hardware, 15 kegs staples and nails, 5 kegs screws and washers, 60 bbls and 103 bars iron, 1 cs

files, 5 cs hardware, 40 iron plates, 17 bars angle iron, 20 kegs nails, 1 flywheel, 1 cs machinery, 1 boiler, 1 cs machinery, 1 chimney, 2 cs pumps and fittings, 1 cs machinery, 5 wheels, 2 axles, 3 cs machinery, 1 pole, 1 cs machinery, 5 wheels, 2 axles, 4 cs machinery, 1 pole, 400 bbls gld iron, 40 cs hollow ware, 2 cs pumps, 175 bbls galv'd sheets, 3 csks pipes, 2 crabs, 3 cs blue, 4 csks hollow ware, 1 ct emery cloth, 2 skn cs carts, 5 cs hardware and belting, 70 cs glass, 1 cs hardware, 15 cts earthenware, 18 cs paper, 3 kegs rivets, 23 bbls buckets, Heisterman & Co; 33 cs and 1 skn cs personal effects, Heisterman & Co; 8 qr csks wine, R P Rithet & Co, Ld; 5 brls rum, A B Gray & Co; 2 bales cork fenders, 1 cs samples, R P Rithet & Co, Ld; 30 pkgs settlers' effects, 5 hhds claret, 1 pkg hand chain wheel, 3 bales Hessians, 1 cs private effects, 38 cs iron syphons, 14 rolls linoleum, 58 cs window glass, Turner, Beeton & Co; 30 cs beer, 10 cs do, 1 cs show cards, A B Gray & Co; 70 brls whiskey, order.

For *Vancouver*—1 cs salt rollers and brackets, Bell-Irving & Patterson; 5 cs iron, 12 bxs tinplates, 15 bxs terne plates, order; 2 csks zinc, 2 cs iron, 26 bxs terne plates, order; 2 csks zinc, order; 107 bars and 4 bbls iron, 2 bars and 2 bbls steel, 38 bars Swedish iron, order.

For *New Westminster*—1 csks zinc, order; 2 csks and 4 chains, 10 anchors, 2 csks zinc; 3 csks iron, 1 cs vices, 7 anvils, order; 2 csks zinc, 3 cs iron, 3 bxs tin plates, 31 bxs terne plates, order; 1 trunk effects, P W Stern.

For *Esquimalt*—Stores, etc for Admiral Hotham, the storekeeper and the staff-surgeon.

THE CROAKER.

BY W. E. ROBERTSON.

Snakes, smallpox, pistols and croakers, I despise. Especially the latter.

The croaker comes in two forms—dead and alive. In the former condition he is preferable. The croaker has moss on the north side of him, no matter whether the winter be mild or severe.

This moss indicates nothing especially excepting that he should be removed from the community at once. The croaker has no words of praise for any one, and as near to praise as ever I heard a croaker come, in speaking of a fellow-man, was an instance that lingers in my memory, where he had borrowed \$5 from a friend, and in speaking of him afterwards he said: "Oh, John is a first-rate fellow, but he has got a brother that comes from a mighty ordinary set of parents."

You tell a croaker that much is going to be done to-morrow toward booming and advertising your town, and he will say: "Well, you go ahead and advertise it, boom it. I'd like to see you do it, but (with a shrug of his shoulders) you'll never boom this town."

The croaker is too lazy to labor under an impression. He may have made some money in his life, but he doesn't live, he simply gets along—exists as it were.

If he is in business and you ask him to advertise, he tells you that yours is a first-

rate medium for Mr. So-and-so to advertise in, but not for him. Not for him; no no; his goods don't need advertising, and besides he has a prominent corner and everybody sees his store and goods as they pass. Yes, that's right; as they pass, for they rarely ever go in. The croaker never gives his neighbor or fellow man credit for anything he accomplishes. He won't spend a dollar to aid in popularizing his store or his town, because he is so stingy that he cuts his own hair. I once knew one of these fungus growths on the body politic whose own son felt ashamed of him. He was backward in everything, and croaked at his acquaintances who took it upon themselves to boom their city. They, however, went at it with a vim, and the consequences were that their city grew rapidly, and with it their business. Poor old croaker fell to the rear, and one day died suddenly.

A kindly minister met the son next morning and asked:

"Did your father die last night, as is reported?"

"Yes, sir," answered the son, sadly.

"I understand he died very suddenly," said the minister.

"Yes sir, sudden for him," said the son.

If you go to a merchant of your city and show him a plan or suggest to him an enterprise which if carried out will be of great benefit to all concerned, and ask his co-operation, if he says: "Well, who is in this? Go and see the other merchants and if they go into it I may do so too." Look out for him, he may not be a croaker, but he has some dangerous symptoms. He is vaccinated and the probabilities are that it will "take" unless something is done for him. He needs a hypodermic injection of "enterprise" to cure him of the "follow the leader" habit.

The croaker watches his enterprising neighbor, who pushes his business, grows rich, while cockroaches and other insects hold high carnival in his store of tomb-like silence.

The croaker is the first to expect benefits that accrue from the united efforts, energy and enterprise of others and the last to lend a hand.

The croaker is a pusillanimous, indescribably insignificant, inconsistent incubance, who should be consigned to the lower regions where he might sizzle like a wet cat throughout all eternity.

WILL INSURE ANYTHING.

"There is no conceivable risk that can not be covered at Lloyd's," remarks *London Fairplay*. "A year or two ago, a line was placed in the room on behalf of a banker's clerk to cover that gentleman against the loss he would sustain if his wife should present him with twins. A framed wager policy hangs on the wall in one of the rooms at Lloyd's insuring persons against Napoleon Bonaparte ceasing to exist or being taken prisoner before June 21, 1815: the policy is dated May 21, 1813, and the premium charged was 3 guineas per cent. The latest curiosity in the fancy insurance line is a large policy covering the risk of the famous racehorse Orme falling from any cause whatever to run for the Derby."