

British Columbia.

Vancouver bakers gives 22 loaves of bread for \$1.

Ed. Cannell, hotelkeeper, Kamloops, has sold out.

Wm. Scott, saloonkeeper, Victoria, sold out to Chas. B. McCluska.

Considerable building of a permanent character is going on at Donald.

Wm. Ross, dealer in boots and shoes, New Westminster, contemplates selling out.

J. J. Fullerton, dealer in boots and shoes, Victoria, is about opening a branch at Vancouver.

A coal seam has been discovered near Clayquot by Capt. Worth of the schooner Alfred Adams which is about 8 feet thick.

Seattle has subscribed \$2,271 towards the Nanaimo Relief Fund; Portland, \$475; San Francisco, \$7,000. A number of other cities on the Sound have also opened subscription lists.

From reports received at Victoria, it appears that quite a gold excitement has sprung up near Soda Creek. The new mines are in the Horse Fly Creek, and are said to pan out a fine grade of heavy gold which may pay well.

The Victoria Standard says:—The San Francisco steamer City of Chester arrived yesterday at noon, making the fast time of 75 hours. There were only 215 tons of freight for this port the greater part of the cargo being for eastern points over the C.P.R.

The C.P.R. Co. have decided to spend about two and a half million dollars in the mountains this summer. Cuts will be widened to prevent blockades from snow and land or rock slides, and additional snow-sheds will be constructed. With the improvements it is thought that there will be little danger of interruption to traffic next winter.

The reports from the Bear River gold mines are very encouraging. There are about fifty or sixty Chinamen on the river working in various ways. The boss Chinaman who was a passenger on the Woodside brought up with him from seven to ten thousand dollars in gold dust, which is the very best proof that the gold is there in paying quantities.

The sealing schooner W. P. Sayward has been wind bound in Dodger Cove for the last nine days, but will leave for Victoria as soon as she can get a southwest wind. Her catch of seals is rather small. The schooner Triumph has only taken 30 seals, and the Black Diamond has not taken any. The schooner Discovery, owned and manned by Indians, has caught 130.

Vancouver News says: There are several important industries as yet undeveloped in Vancouver which would be profitable from the first day of their establishment. We refer especially to a foundry, tannery, boot and shoe factory, and kindred local manufactories which have been spoken of by several of our citizens who are disposed to assist such enterprises and contribute capital to encourage and assist them to begin operations.

OVER 100,000 barrels of Nova Scotia apples have been shipped to England this season.

Artificial Butter.

In Germany they have passed a law restricting the sale of artificial butter. This has offended Kuhlow's German Trade Review, which thus dissects on the question:—The agriculturists have unmistakably scored by the new laws relating to the sale of artificial butter which will come into force in October next. To say the least we cannot but think that the Acts are carrying the nicety of things rather too far. We can cordially agree with Herr v. Boettcher when he says that "the artificial butter trade as an industry which ought not to be put down or hindered in any way". Surely nobody is foolish enough to believe that there are to be found people upon whom butter concoctions can be palmed off as the genuine article. It is decidedly a mistake to attempt to throw obstacles in the way of the manufacture and sale of an article of which the masses are large consumers simply because a few agriculturists desire to get rid of an inconvenient competition. Certainly, the sale of artificial butter is not actually prohibited; but the tantalizing restrictions placed upon manufacturers and dealers will no doubt in many cases prove as good as entirely prohibitive. In the first place, any artificial preparation of butter is to be sold under the name of "margarine" only; every shop selling it must post up conspicuously a notice to the effect that margarine is sold there, genuine butter must not be mixed with any artificial compound; while, in the second place, the coloring of the latter is entirely prohibited; neither must it be sold in any tubs or other receptacles not of a color which the Federal Council has yet to decide upon.

Shoe Styles.

Those who ought to know pronounce that there are no radical changes in the style of foot gear for the coming season. Lace, congress and buttons are having a fairly even run in the sales of retailers, but it is probable that lace and congress are making gains at the expense of buttons. In such matters, however tastes differ in different localities. In the East, notably in New York, laces are the prevalent style of shoe fastenings. In the West, buttons are still very popular.

Gentlemen's hand turns are being revived for dress occasion, in both patent leather and calf and are destined to be popular. Soles are still tending towards the lighter weights for winter wear, and the popular toes is a plain medium toe, with neither box nor cap. Dongola and kangaroo still lead as tops, and seal-skin, once popular, seems to have fallen into entire disuse for tops, while kid and calf are rapidly growing that way. Caterers to the fine trade are making up quite freely a square toe, without roundish corners. The severe square toe, with sharp corners does not seem to meet much favor.

In the ladies' wear, there is but little change notable. Common sense shoes are still making progress towards popularity and the demand for spring heels in larger sizes increases. There is a revival for silk facings for ladies' tops, in place of kid for fine shoes. These in bright colors give them a very attractive appearance. The different French heels remain of pretty much the same styles and are still selected by young people. Mens' heels remain as low and wide as they have been.—*Leather Gazette*.



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