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Correspondence solicited.**British Columbia.**Heimerie & Co. have opened a boot and shoe
store at Vancouver.G. W. Henry, of the Hammond nursery, is
issuing a catalogue of trees and shrubs.The Batavia, from Hong Kong and Yoko-
hama, arrived at Vancouver on March 26.The railway bridge across the Victoria harbor
has been completed, and trains now reach the
city. The bridge was formerly opened on
Thursday last, amid general rejoicing.The coal mines regulation act has passed the
House, the Chinese clause prohibiting Chinese
from working under ground being defeated by
sixteen to seven. The clause was considered
unconstitutional.It is stated that coal has been discovered in
two places on Salt Spring Island. If reports
are to be relied upon there are illimitable coal
fields in this province, extending from the
Northwest Territories to the coast and Van-
couver Island.D. W. Port & Co., of Westminster, have
made their first shipment of the season of fresh
salmon, to Toronto. Three hundred pounds
were shipped, and a similar quantity will be
despatched daily from this time forward while
the season lasts.H. Todd & Son, of Victoria, have completed
the purchase of five acres of land adjoining the
wharf at Lulu Landing, south arm of the
Fraser, for the purpose of erecting on it a large
salmon cannery, which will be provided with
the most improved machinery throughout to
make it second to none on the Fraser river.Victoria Times. It is reported that the
insurance combination which existed in this
city for some time back has been broken by the
withdrawal therefrom of three or four of the
strongest local agencies. The result of this
will be a reduction in rates. It is also reported
that a couple of eastern Canadian companies,
which are of long standing and strong finan-
cially, are about to inaugurate an aggressive
policy in this province, which is now considered
to be a fine field for insurance.Kamloops Sentinel: Another coal discovery
is reported. The location is about four miles
south-west of Kamloops, in a gulch near the
house of James Guerin, whose son, E. L.
Guerin, found the location some weeks ago.
The vein has been traced for half a mile,
cropping out in different places, dipping to the
north-east. It is of soft coal variety, encased
in soap stone and gray sandstone. Samples
have been tried at the blacksmith shops in
town, and it has been found to burn very well
in the forge.A coal miners' mass meeting was held at
Wellington on Monday last, to discuss the
Chinese clause of the Mines Act. All the
miners from the Vancouver coal company's
mines attended. Mines both at Wellington
and Vancouver were closed yesterday. A
resolution was carried urging the passage of the
anti-Chinese clause. A motion to stop work if
the Chinese clause was defeated was not carried.
The feeling is against taking any extreme
measures, but to strongly urge the exclusion of
Chinese from under ground. The meeting