

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 00
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-sale:

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

## LUMBER.

The American schooner Pioneer, 397 tons, Capt. Hughes, sailed Feb. 28 for Santa Rosalia, with a cargo of 57,714 feet of rough lumber and 68,043 lineal feet of poles. Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd., were the consignors of the cargo. There have been no new charters, nor have any of the vessels yet under charter arrived. The Moodyville Mill commenced operations on Monday, Feb. 26, to cut a cargo for the American schooner Aida, which is expected shortly from Valparaiso to load for Shanghai. She will be followed by the India, Hindostan and Atacama, which are to load return cargoes for Valparaiso.

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..... 10 00 Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M..... 15 00 Pickets, rough per M..... 8 00 Laths, 4 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.

## INVENTORS' RECORD.

The following list of United States patents, granted to Canadian inventors, Feb. 13, 1894, is reported expressly for THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL by James Sangster, solicitor of patents, Buffalo, N. Y.:

Stringed musical hand instrument, James S. Back, Ottawa, assignor of one-half to George Lewis Orme, same place.

Ball-bearing axle, John Bell, Toronto.

Leather measuring machine, Jules E. Fortin, Quebec, assignor to Edmond Pare and Joseph P. Roy, same place.

Tin plate for railway tracks, Joseph A. Harris, Moncton.

Reversing gear for steam engines, Alexander R. Lamb, Fenelon Falls.

Electrolytic cell, Ernest A. Le Sueur, Ottawa.

Car brake handle, John Marrissett, Vancouver.

Folding bag-holder, Robert Matier, Winnipeg.

Hot water generator for stoves, Aleck Saunders and John Story, Goderich.

Caster, Ernest J. Washbrook, Montreal.

Process of curing and drying fish, Thomas S. Whitman, Annapolis.

## PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

F. J. Wheeler, of New Westminster, succeeds H. V. Burner, at Vancouver, as agent for the Great Northern Railway.

The contract in connection with the land transportation necessary in the building of the fortifications at Esquimalt has been awarded to the Victoria Transfer Co.

J. W. Prescott has resigned the office of business manager of the *News-Advertiser*, and has been appointed agent for the Sun Life Assurance Co., for Vancouver, succeeding the late C. Z. Perry.

The total loss by the Kaslo fire is figured at \$117,000, with less than \$20,000 insurance. Among the principal losses are:

Byers Hardware Company, stock.....	\$12,000
Byers Hardware Company, building.....	6,400
P. Geigerich, merchandise.....	20,000
Grand Central hotel.....	7,000
Ward's Cœur d'Alone hotel.....	7,000
Burke's bank.....	2,000
Dardanelles hotel.....	5,000
Palace hotel.....	5,000
Bon Ton hotel, Freeman, Long & Co.....	3,000
Balfour Trading Co.....	8,000
G. H. Williams, drugs.....	3,000
Baldwin hotel.....	3,000
A. T. Cook, stationery.....	1,000
R. T. Lowery, stationery.....	1,000
Henderson, clothing.....	5,000

## BUSINESS CHANGES.

F. F. Raitt, flour, feed and grain, has opened in Victoria.

A. E. Crickmay, customs broker, has opened at Vancouver.

T. F. Jaeck, succeeds John Reed, druggist, Vancouver.

A dressmaking and millinery store will, it is reported, shortly open at Golden.

W. H. S. Perkins, dry goods, Nanaimo, stock and fixtures being sold by auction.

Thos. Kitchen, real estate, Nanaimo, contemplates opening an auction business.

The Wannuck Packing Co. Rivers Inlet, have sold out to R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.

John T. Jones has gone into the oil business in Victoria, under the style of Victoria Oil Co.

A new paper has been issued from the office of James Cohen. C. St. Barbe is the managing editor.

Emanuel Bloomingdale, of San Francisco, partner in the firm of Simon Leiser & Co., Victoria, is dead.

George R. Raymond, formerly leasee of the Colonial, New Westminster, has leased the Wilson hotel at Nanaimo.

Green, Worlock & Co., private bankers, Victoria, assigned March 2nd, to Ian. Coltart, H. F. Heisterman and J. S. Yates.

Chas. Minor, formerly in business here, contemplates opening shortly in guns, ammunition, bicycles and sporting goods generally.

## SAN FRANCISCO COAL TRADE.

J. W. Harrison, coal and metal broker, San Francisco, reports March 3, as follows: "During the week there have been the following arrivals: From the Coast

mines 17,508 tons, from Cardiff 3,700 tons, from Australia 2,673 tons. Business for the week for domestic consumption has been very active, and jobbers and small dealers have had all the orders their teams could deliver. Importers still complain of a scarcity of cargo orders, only such are going forward as are absolutely necessary to fill urgent demands; there is no evidence of speculation whatever. The outlook for a large consumption of steam coals this spring is most encouraging, and manufacturers are now shaping their business accordingly. The change of duties on coal, coke and iron will soon be ascertained, and we sincerely hope the modification will be gratifying to the managers of our industrialists. It was anticipated last month that there would be labor troubles at some of the Australian collieries, but recently received cablegrams report an adjustment has been arrived at. Australian quotations for coal this year are lower than for several years past, caused by sharp competition among the colliery proprietors."

WHY Premier Davie went East some time ago and concerning which the members of the Opposition were so anxious to learn all particulars has just come out in returns recently presented to the Legislature. The first result of the conference between the Premier and the Dominion Ministers was a letter sent to Sir John Thompson by Hon. Mr. Davie before his return, setting forth in great detail the most urgent desires of the Province with respect principally to the delimitation of the railway belt; immigration affairs; quarantine, and public improvements generally. Something has already been done in these matters by the authorities at Ottawa and there is every reason to believe that much more is in process of being carried out.

MR. HUDDART, of the Canadian-Australian Steamship line, has, it is announced, received a splendid model of a new vessel for the antipodean service, so soon as a third vessel shall be necessary. It is to be hoped that this will not be long delayed, because British Columbia will have to depend largely upon the trade of the Pacific for her future development. It has been well expressed that commercially, as well as from a military point of view, British Columbia commands the Pacific and Oriental military situations, and we are glad that, in the meantime, the British authorities do not appear disposed to long delay carrying out defensive arrangements at Esquimalt, while it appears very likely that before long something will be done in the way of giving to Nanaimo what is required in this particular.

## FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending March 3:

## NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
21.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend...	60
25.	Oregon, bark San Francisco.....	2,215
27.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend.....	45
27.	Tyee, str., Port Townsend.....	24
1.	Maid of Oregon, str., Port Townsend	32
2.	Wachusett, ship, San Pedro.....	2,458
Total.....		4,922