

\$3,000, \$3; over \$3,000, \$4. This new arrangement will to some extent silence the complaints heretofore made against the expense attending transfers under the new act, and make the act more popular than it has been in the past. The Torrens system of land transfer should be encouraged as much as possible in this province, owing to its simplicity of working. While the country is new and the bulk of our land titles are unclouded the introduction of the new system is an easy matter, and therefore every fresh inducement to its general use should be hailed as a genuine reform.

Lumber Cuttings.

The barque Jun Raas has sailed for Melbourne with 509,412 feet of rough lumber and 15,204 bundles of pickets from the Moodyville mill. It is said that the captain of the barque has been fined \$400 for not clearing at customs.

The first vessel of the two chartered by the Royal City Planing Mills is the barque Nanaimo which was built in the black diamond city of that name some six years ago. When loaded she will carry fully 800,000 feet of lumber; and her destination will be Melbourne, Australia.

The owners and managers of the various saw mills of Vancouver who cut for the local trade, have agreed upon a new schedule of prices which has come into effect and contains a considerable advance in the price of the principal sorts of lumber. The following extracts from the list will give an idea of the prices now

asked; Bridge and wharf plank and lumber from \$12 to \$16 per M feet, B. M., according to length. Flooring from \$17.50 to \$27.50, according to the size and quality. Rustic from \$17.50 to \$22.50, according to quality. Boards S. S. \$20 to \$22.50, D. D. \$25 to \$25.50. Laths and shingles \$2. The demand for lumber is very good, all the mills being kept busy supplying it. The number of men employed about the various mills and yards in the city is continually increasing and the business generally assuming immense proportions. *New Advertiser.*

Notes From British Columbia Fisheries.

The sealing schooner "Triumph," Capt. Dan McLean, secured 2,740 seal skins.

The whale catch in Behring Sea this season amounts to 24½ whales, the poorest take on record. Sixteen vessels were engaged. It is not stated how the half whale was secured.

Capt. Clarke reports very poor weather for sealing, but the return trip was all that could be desired. While in Behring Sea he was accosted by an American cutter, who asked him how the weather suited, and then sailed off.

The salmon run has decreased considerably since last week, the boats bringing in this morning only an average of 25 to the boat; but the sturgeon still continue to run well. About 1,500 pounds of fish were sent to Victoria and Vancouver.

Messrs. Hall & Goepel, of Vancouver, received a despatch from the captain of their

sealing schooner, "Juauita," that they had safely arrived at Neah bay with a catch of 1,030 seal skins. This is a very good catch, as she did not leave until the latter part of June, although she made a short trip previously and captured 400 skins, besides this later catch.

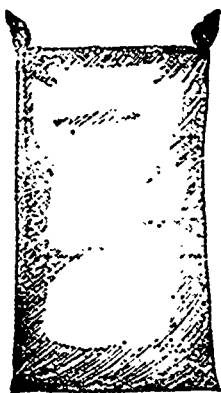
H. Helgeson, who has a fishing station at Rivers Inlet, arrived from that place in the sloop "Eagle." He reports that he made a trip to Queen Charlotte Island in the early part of the season, when he did some trading, and prospecting for black cod. The weather being very boisterous at the time, he was only able to get two days fishing, but during that time he caught between five and six barrels of black cod. He thinks very highly of the fishing, having caught that quantity with only a prospecting apparatus, and he has a strong opinion that with proper appliances, and by fishing in the right season it could be made a profitable business. Mr. Helgeson also visited Virago and Massett sounds, and went many miles up Naden river, where he found the color of gold, and discovered a large quantity of clam and oyster shells several hundred feet above the water level. On his return to Rivers Inlet, some time in June, he put up some six hundred barrels of salmon. —*Ex.*

The Patron Saint of Shoemakers.

Crispinos and Crispianus were two brothers born at Rome, from which place they travelled about A. D. 303 to Soissons, in France, to propagate the gospel, and worked as shoemakers so that they might not be chargeable to any one. The governor of the town ordered them to be beheaded the very year of their arrival, and they were made titular saints of the "gentle craft." St. Crispin's Day is Oct. 25. —*Ex.*

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