

British Columbia.

W. D. Deeble, butcher, Nanaimo, has sold out.

J. P. Chilberg, grocer, Vancouver, has assigned.

A. York, fruits, etc., Vancouver, has assigned.

Mowat & Turner have opened in real estate at Westminster.

John Cameron, hotel, Shawnigan, has succeeded C. Morton.

A. & J. Struthers, produce, etc., Vancouver, have given up business.

The owners of the steamer Eton, have libelled the steamer City Pueblo, for \$20,000.

G. S. McConnell, jobbing dry goods, etc., Vancouver, contemplates admitting a partner.

John McCallum, tailor, Victoria, has admitted a partner under style of McCallum & Wood.

Richardson & Heathorn, Victoria, will build a tug boat to be used for towing their coal and lumber scows.

Thos. Carter & Co. will start a dog fish oil works shortly, with stations on some of the islands in the straits.

Captain Morgan, of the sealing schooner Pathfinder, is dead. The deceased came from Nova Scotia three years ago.

An agitation against the Chinese, and in favor of an eight hour law, has been worked up in Victoria and Vancouver.

Clarko, of the Union shipyard, Victoria, will shortly commence the building of a new sealing schooner, of which he will be principal owner.

Hog cholera has been discovered in the province, and hereafter hogs entering from the States will be liable to quarantine for twenty-one days.

A hundred cases of pressed brick, says the *Victoria Times*, arrived from San Francisco on the Umatilla last evening to be used in R. T. Williams' new block.

The magnificent new opera house constructed for the city of Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific Railway company and costing over \$200,000 was formally opened Feb. 9.

Thos. McLaughlin will begin business in Victoria as carriage manufacturer. He intends erecting a factory to be equipped with modern machinery for the purpose named.

The ship Villard will take away the largest cargo that has ever left any port in British Columbia. Her cargo is valued at \$350,000 and is made up of 65,000 cases of canned salmon.

T. W. Clark who some time ago sold his produce business at Vancouver to Struthers & Co. has taken it over again and will continue his trade as formerly, under the style of Clark & Co. J. Coupland is associated with him in the business.

Victoria Times: The Bank of Montreal has rented the premises formerly occupied by the Bank of British Columbia, corner of Government and Bastion streets, and will open an agency in Victoria as soon as the necessary repairs can be effected to the building.

The new wharf and warehouse erected at Lulu Island by W. H. London last summer, fell in recently. In the warehouse at the time was a quantity of hay, potatoes and grain, most of which it is thought can be saved. The loss will probably be not far short of \$1,000.

It is given out officially, says the *Free Press*, that Mr. Pinder, the engineer of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railroad, is engaged in organizing a gang of men for the purpose of starting out on a locatory survey which will be commenced at Wellington and pushed through to Comox as fast as possible, so that the practical work of extension of the railway may be commenced in the spring.

Victoria Times: Elford & Smith have secured the contract for the erection of a new 4-storey brick factory for John Weiler, furniture manufacturer, Victoria, on Humboldt street, alongside the present factory. The contract price is \$10,000, and work will be commenced immediately, and rushed for the summer trade, as Mr. Weiler finds he will have to increase his present plant considerably, the factory not being near large enough.

John Weiler, the large furniture dealer and manufacturer, of Victoria, is retiring from business, and will be succeeded by his four sons. Mr. Weiler commenced in Victoria about thirty years ago, and from a small beginning he has built up one of the most important industries in the province. The continued success of the business is assured, as the sons are all practical men, and each one will continue in charge of a department of the industry.

The New Year's supplement of the *Victoria Colonist* only came to hand last week, but we are pleased to have it nevertheless. It is an excellent publication, profusely illustrated with views of Victoria, and the engravings of new buildings given show that the city has made wonderful progress during the year 1890. The list of new buildings, as summed up by the *Colonist*, shows an expenditure in this direction during 1890 of nearly \$2,000,000, and the journal says that this year will show even greater activity in building. The issue contains a great deal of other interesting and valuable information about the city and province.

The total number of fishing licenses for salmon fishing on the Fraser river, says the *Ledger*, is limited to 500, and of this number 350 are allotted among the canneries in operation on the Fraser in the season of 1890, the allotment to be based in the case of old canneries upon their average respective packs during the last three seasons; and in the case of new canneries upon the estimate of their reasonable working capacity by the inspector. For all licenses up to twenty, inclusive, a fee of \$20 each is charged, and in excess of twenty which any cannery may receive, a fee of \$50. The remaining 150 licenses will be issued to the proprietors of freezers on the river and to fishermen, none of the latter to receive more than one license.

It is reported that a trade paper is to be established at Vancouver. There is nothing remarkable about this; but it has been currently reported through the *British Columbia press*, that this journal was in some way associated with the Vancouver venture. It has been asserted that the founder of *THE COMMERCIAL* was interested in the proposed Vancouver paper. There is no truth whatever in these statements. No person at any time connected with this journal, so far as we are aware, and certainly not the founder who is still the publisher, has anything to do with the *British Columbia paper*. We will be pleased to have our *British Columbia* exchanges note this fact.

THE COMMERCIAL has no ill wishes for the new journal. We claim no monopoly of the field, and it is open for as many more trade journals as there are parties willing to embark in such enterprises. We do, however, assert that the parties undertaking the publication of a trade paper in Vancouver, have acted dishonorably in attaching a name to their proposed paper which conflicts with the name of this journal. *THE COMMERCIAL* has a large patronage in British Columbia, and has worked that field for years, and it would have been more honorable had the Vancouver parties selected a name which does not conflict with this journal. We think we say nothing but what is fair and just. The field is open for all, but the name of this journal should have been respected.

The following are customs returns at Vancouver during the month of January:—

Imports free	\$14,217
" dutiable	33,430
Total	\$52,658
Exports	33,544
Duties collected	\$20,795 00
Other revenue	4,657 00

Total \$24,853 00

The following are the customs collections for the port of Nanaimo for the month of January:

Customs Collections	\$4,919 21
Sick Mariners' Dues	410 00
Petroleum Inspection	15 00
Miscellaneous	1 75

Total \$5,374 96

Raw Fur Prices Abroad.

The *New York Fur Trade Review* quotes the following prices current there for No. 1 skins. Prices per skin except beaver, which is quoted by the pound,—Black bear, northern Canada, \$12 to \$25; cubs and yearlings, \$5 to \$12; brown bear, \$10 to \$14; cubs, \$3 to \$6; Grizzly, \$10 to \$15; cubs and yearlings, \$3 to \$8; fisher, northern Canada, \$4 to \$7; Otter, northern, \$6.50 to \$10; beaver, Canada and eastern, \$4 to \$4.50 per pound; beaver castor, \$4 to \$6 per pound; silver fox, \$20 to \$100; cross fox, \$3.50 to \$9; red fox, \$1.50 to \$1.65; grey fox, 60 to 75c; marten, 70c to \$2.50; mink, 70c to \$1.75; skunk, black, \$1.25 to \$1.30; skunk, half stripe, 70 to 80c; skunk, full stripe, 35 to 40c; skunk, white, 15 to 20c; raccoon, 60 to 85c; muskrat, fall, 13 to 14; muskrat, winter, 17 to 18c; lynx, \$3 to \$3 50; wild cat, 40 to 60c; prime badger, \$1 to \$1.75; rabbit, 1 to 2c; timber wolf, \$1 50 to \$2 75; prairie wolf, 70 to 85; wolverine, \$3 50 to \$5; deer skins, 22 to 32c per pound; antelope, 10 to 25c per pound; elk, 10 to 20c per pound; buckskin, 70c to \$1 per pound.

Several changes are announced in the management of the Dunn, Wyman mercantile agencies. Horace McDougall retires from the management of the Winnipeg agency, and will be succeeded by E. W. Matthews, now in charge of the agency at Victoria, B. C. F. Cockburn, of the Winnipeg office has been appointed to the management of the company's business in British Columbia. In the latter province an office will also be opened at Vancouver. These changes take effect about March first. Mr. Cockburn, who will start for the coast toward the end of February, has been five years connected with the Winnipeg office. During this time he has become acquainted with the business community here, and enjoys the confidence of those with whom he has been associated, either in a business or social way. *THE COMMERCIAL* can commend him to the business men of British Columbia, with whom he will in future be intimately associated.