

British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

Mrs. C. Fisher, hotel, Esquimalt, sold out.
G. R. Ashwell & Son, gun store, Chilliwack, succeeded by G. R. Ashwell & Sons.

Chas. Robson, livery, Courtyard, given up business.

Byers Hardware Co., Kaslo, T. J. Lindgren withdrawn, M. A. Lendrum admitted.

John Matzen, baker, New Denver, removed to Spokane.

David Wilson, harness, Vancouver, stock advertised for sale.

Chas. Edwards, hotel, New Westminster, sold out to P. D. Righter.

W. Tietjen, hotel, Westminster, sold out to Chas. Edwards.

Henry Brown, hotel, Victoria, burned out.

Mrs. C. Clushman, fruits, &c, Victoria, business advertised for sale.

S. J. Henderson, men's furnishings, Kaslo, sold out to W. J. Parham.

John Perry, hotel, Nanaimo, sold out to Thomas Campbell.

W. J. Trythall, fancy goods and stationery, Vancouver, stock being disposed of by auction.

Hermes & McCann, dye works, Vancouver, burnt out.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Japan arrived at Vancouver, Jan. 18, from Hong Kong and Yokohama.

The undertaking firm of Hanna & Taylor has been dissolved, and Mr. Hanna, who has just returned from the east, will take sole charge of the business.

Charles A. Beals, James Stokes and George Hartley of Vancouver have incorporated the Pacific Brick Co., with a capital of \$20,000. They will carry on business as dealers in brick, tile and terra cotta.

The incorporation of the Miner Printing and Publishing Co., of Victoria, capital \$10,000, and of the Pacific Brick Co., is announced by yesterday's Gazette.

Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., Victoria, has admitted into partnership A. P. Luxton, the new firm to be known by the style of Davie, Pooley & Luxton.

The receipts of the New Westminster & Yale Pilotage Authority for 1993 were \$12,720 35, divided after payment of expenses amongst the four pilots employed. Thirty-seven more vessels entered and cleared than was the case last year.

Cates & McDermott, Victoria, have formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on business as stevedores. Mr. McDermott has severed his connection with the B. C. Stevedoring Co., with which he had been connected for a number of years.

The annual meeting of the Oak Bay Improvement Co. was held last week. The committee reported upwards of \$10,000 worth of property sold during the year.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, have another vessel on the berth at London for that port. She is the Eaton Hall, an iron ship of 1,779 tons register, and will be despatched about the beginning of next month. The large number of vessels now on the berth or en route from England would show that the trade must be largely increasing.

H. H. Spicer, British Columbia's shingle king, has gone on a visit to Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal, for the purpose of testing the market with a view of relieving British Columbia of the big surplus stock. Mr. Spicer will represent the shingle combine of British Columbia.

Some of the finest dressed beef ever offered here, says a Montreal paper, was sold by Nelson Bickerdike. It came from Calgary, and sold readily at 6½¢ by the side, or 8½¢ for hind quarters, and 4½¢ to 4¾¢. The leading butchers bought freely.

Grain and Milling.

On account of the death of one of the proprietors, the Assiniboia flour mill, Moosemound, Assn. are offered for sale. These mills have done a good business.

Farmers south of the boundary are looking to Manitoba for seed wheat. THE COMMERCIAL has received enquiries from parties south who want Manitoba seed wheat for their next crop.

The Cattle Markets.

At Liverpool, on January 15th, the demand for cattle was weak, and while the receipts of United States and the home supplies continue small, the range of prices is unchanged. Quoted:—Finest steers, 12½¢; good to choice, 12¢; poor to medium, 11¢; inferior and bulls, 8½ to 10½.

At the east end abattoir, Montreal, on Jan. 15, there were 500 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, and 50 calves offered for sale. The butchers were present in large numbers, but the general complaint was about the large supply of poor stock. A few of the finest cattle sold at 4½¢, but 3½ to 4¢ continues to be about the idea for the average offering of the best cattle. Medium cattle sold at 3 to 3½¢ and inferior at 2 to 3¢. Calves sold at \$2 to 10. Sheep sold at 3 to 3½¢, and lambs at 4 to 4½¢.

The Montreal Stock Yards Company, Point St. Charles, in their report for the week ended January 13, say: Medium receipts of cattle for week, at these yards, with fairly good demand and trade generally brisk, everything cleared out. Live hogs steady at about 5½¢ off cars, and 5½¢ fed and watered. The offerings of sheep, lambs and calves were readily taken. We quote the following as being fair values:—Cattle, butchers' good, 3½ to 4¢; cattle, butchers' medium, 3 to 3½¢; cattle, butchers' culls, 2½ to 3¢; lambs, 2½ to 3½¢; hogs, 5½ to 5½¢; calves, \$5 to 10. Receipts, 625 cattle, 644 sheep, 454 hogs.

Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Local trade was light. There was very little wheat offering and exporters were not anxious to take it in view of the further decline to-day. Holders were asking 55¢ north and west for red and white wheat, but millers were the only buyers at these figures. Spring on the Midland is quoted at 60¢ and goose west at 55¢ nominal. Manitobas are firm. Car lots of No 1 hard were sold west to day at 75¢ and east at 77¢. No. 2 hard is held west at 73¢ and east at 75¢.

Flour—The feeling is easier and demand has fallen off. Straight rollers, Toronto freights, are quoted at \$2.75 to \$2.85.

Peas—Steady. Car lots of No 2 sold north and west to-day at 52½ to 53¢.

Oats—In active demand for local Ontario use and for lumbermen. White oats sold west to-day at 31½¢, and mixed at 31¢. White and mixed on the Midland are held at 34¢. Car lots on track are in demand at 35¢, with holders asking 36¢.

Barley—Malting grades quiet; feed in active demand. No 1 is held outside at 43 to 44¢. Feed is wanted west at 37¢ and east at 39 to 40¢. There were some enquiries received to-day from Britain for feed stuff.

Car lot prices are: Flour (Toronto freights) — Manitoba patents, \$3.75; Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.50; Ontario patents, \$3.10 to 3.20; straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.85; extra, \$2.40 to 2.50; low grades, per bag, 95¢ to \$1. Bran—\$15. Shorts—\$16. Wheat (west and north points)—White, 58¢; spring, 58¢; red winter, 58¢; goose, 55¢; spring, Midland, 60¢; No. 1 hard, 75¢; No. 2 hard, 73¢. Peas (outside)—52½ to 53¢. Barley (outside)—No. 1, 43¢ to 44¢; feed, 37 to 40¢. Oats—31 to 31½¢. Buckwheat—50 to 53¢. Rye—45¢.

Eggs—Supplies continue ample and prices easy. Quotations now stand at 14½ to 15¢ for choice limed, and 17 to 17½ for held. New laid are quoted at 19¢.

Apples—Selected apples are quoted at \$3.75 to \$4, and cooking apples at \$2.50 to \$2.75. Dried stock is quoted at 5½ to 6¢ and evaporated is held at 10 to 10½¢.

Beans—Quiet at \$1.25 to 1.50 per bushel. Jobbers are paying \$1.25 and are selling at \$1.50 for white, and 5 to 5½¢ for Lima.

Onions—Demand fair and prices easy. Commission houses are now getting 1 to 1½¢ per lb for yellow Danvers and silver skins.

Honey—Receipts are moderate and prices are steady at 7½ to 8¢ for extracted and \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen for sections. A fairly active trade is being done.

Poultry—Owing to unfavorable weather demand was almost nil to-day. Receipts were also light and prices unchanged. Quotations for strictly fresh killed stock are as follows, with "snowed" 1 to 1½¢ lb lower:—Turkeys, 10 to 11¢; geese, 7 to 8¢; chickens, 30 to 50¢; and ducks 50 to 80¢.

Dressed Meats—Demand fair. Quotations are: Beef forecs, 4 to 5½¢; hinds, 6 to 8½¢; carcass lamb 7½ to 8¢; and veal 6 to 7½¢; pork, \$6.75 to 6.90.

Dressed Hogs—Rail lots were offering freely. Prices ranged from \$6.40 to 6.50. A car lot, f.o.b., outside, offered at \$6.25.

Cured Meats—Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, Canadian, \$16.00 to \$16.50; short cut, \$17.00 to \$17.50; shoulder, mess, \$15.00; bacon, long clear, 8½ to 9¢; lard, Canadian tierces, 10 to 10½¢; tubs, 10½¢; pork, 10½¢, and compounds, in pails, 8 to 8½¢; smoked ham, 11½ to 12¢; bellies, 12 to 12½¢, rolls 9 to 9½¢, and backs, 11 to 11½¢. Packing salt is quoted at 60¢ per sack for coarse, and 62¢ for fine.

Butter—Supplies of creamery pounds and dairy rolls are liberal and prices easy. Tubs are steady and unchanged. Creamery is easy, under heavy supplies. Choice dairy tubs sell at 20 to 21½¢, with an odd lot of extra fine at 22¢. Rolls sell at 19 to 20¢. Bakers' butter is quoted at 15 to 17¢. Creamery pounds sell at 25 to 26¢, and creamery tubs at 24 to 25¢.

Cheese—The local jobbing trade is steady and prices are firmer. Full cream, September and October, sell at 11½ to 11¾¢. Last cable quotations are 57¢ for white and 57½¢ for colored. September make, —Empire, Jan. 16.

New Loan Co.

The Birkbeck Investment Security and Savings company, of Toronto, has completed arrangements for the extension of its business into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The company in question, which in its methods has been framed closely upon the lines of the great banking and building corporation of the same name in England, is one of exceptional strength, its directorate being composed of men who have for long been identified with some of the largest financial and mercantile enterprises in the Dominion. The personnel of its board is as follows: President, H. P. Dwight, president G. N. W. Telegraph Co. of Canada and vice president Canadian General Electric Co., Toronto; vice-presidents—Thomas Long, director Trusts Corporation of Ontario and director British American Assurance Co., Toronto; J. K. Osborne, vice president Massey Harris Co. (Ltd) Toronto; E. R. C. Carlson, director Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien, Toronto; Stapleton Caldecott, F. J. Stewart, Toronto; F. W. G. Fitzgerald, secretary and manager.

The extension of the company's business into Manitoba is accompanied by an enlargement of this directorate and the addition thereto of a number of gentlemen well known in Winnipeg. The following will form the resident board of the company for Manitoba and the territories, and will have the supervision of its investments and interests here: W. B. Scarth, (chairman), Wm. Whyte, superintendent C. P. R.; H. Archibald, of Archibald & Howell, and F. W. Thompson, general manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co. The company's operations in the West will be directed from Winnipeg, Lyman Dwight being secretary-treasurer.