

Russia as to jurisdiction, and as to the seal fisheries to Behring sea east of the water boundary, in the treaty between the United States and Russia of the 30th March, 1867, pass unimpaired to the United States under that treaty? (5) Has the United States any right, and if so, what right of protection or property in the fur seals frequenting the islands of the United States in Behring sea when such seals are found outside the ordinary three-mile limit?

If the arbitrators decide that the concurrence of Great Britain is necessary to the establishment of regulations for the proper protection and preservation of the fur seal in Behring Sea, the arbitrators shall then determine what concurrent regulations outside the jurisdictional limits of the respective governments are necessary and over what waters such regulations should extend. The high contracting parties also agree to co-operate in securing the adherence of other powers to such regulations. The question of the liability of either government for damages is to be subject to further negotiations, although the arbitrators may decide on questions of fact involved. The treaty also provides for the appointment of two commissioners by each of the high contracting parties to investigate and report facts having relation to seal life and measures necessary for its preservation. The decision is to be made within four months after the close of argument on both sides, and it is to be final. The exchange of the ratification of the treaty is to be made either at Washington or at London within six months from its date (February 29), or earlier if possible.

### British Columbia Business Notes.

The steamer *Wilmington* brought up from Portland a full cargo, including Portland cement, flour for Hong Kong and general merchandise.

John W. Fleming, Victoria, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, to W. P. Sayward, of Victoria. The liabilities are estimated at \$5,000.

It is understood that the Union Pacific railroad is about to close its offices in Victoria, and that Mr. Rawlings, the local agent, will be a travelling passenger agent.

The seed (Red Fyfe wheat) brought into Okanagan by the manager of the Enderby mill has been distributed among the farmers in Okanagan and Spallumcheen.

The C. P. R. Co. is calling for tenders for the erection at Vancouver of store, warehouse and offices for master mechanic and storekeeper; a wood-work shop and car shops.

H. Byers, manager of the Galena Trading Company, limited, writes from Montreal that his company expects to have a full stock of hardware at Nelson early in April.

The three stores in the Begbie block, Westminster, will be occupied next month by A. L. Laver, baker, H. H. Lennie & Co., booksellers and Wright Bros., grocers.

Turner & Beeton, Victoria, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Beeton retiring and R. A. Kirk, London, England, taking his place. The name of the firm will remain unchanged.

Notice is given in the last number of the *Gazette*, to the effect that a new road, 66 feet wide, has been established in Osoyoos District, connecting with the Pleasant Valley road.

Owing to a split among the shareholders of the Vancouver Steamship Co., the steamer under way on English Bay, was allowed to be sold by auction to Edmunds & Webster for \$1,400.

A local correspondent from Elk Creek, Chilliwhack, writes to say that there is a lime kiln and a grist mill in operation there and that a sawmill will be in operation in a few weeks.

W. H. Beatty, head salesman for Johnston, Kerfoot & Co., Vancouver, is leaving for Winnipeg to go into business and will be re-

placed by W. F. Beggs, of New Westminster.

The British Columbia, Fishing and Trading Co., (ltd.), has issued a prospectus for a proposed increase of capital stock to \$100,000. The proposition is one to do a general fish business.

Lindsay & Aldons, composed of G. M. Lindsay, N. W. Aldons and George W. Aldons, have dissolved partnership, Lindsay retiring. Madden Bros., of the same place have also dissolved.

The Hudson's Bay Co. is about to build on Granville street, Vancouver. It is also intended to erect a warehouse on Water street. The company is also going into Nelson in the spring.

There have been three failures in Westminster during the past week, viz., those of Gordon & Co., boots and shoes; L. S. Plumb, livery and boarding stables, and J. Radley, restaurant keeper.

It is rumored that the owners of the townsite of Ainsworth will incorporate under the "Companies' Act," and soon thereafter will begin grading streets and putting in water and electric light works.

Jas. Punch, Westminster, has gained a judgment in the Arbitration Court against the Great Northern Railway Company in the sum \$3,166 and costs for damages done to his property at Brownsville and for right of way.

The Kootenay Powder Works Co., with a capital of \$25,000, has been incorporated. The company propose to manufacture powder and other explosives at Nelson. The trustees are Morris Moss, G. L. Milne, M.D., and Fred. H. Worlock.

The *Telegram* Printing and Publishing Company, Vancouver, is entering an action of \$10,000 damages against A. McKim & Co., newspaper advertising agents, Montreal, for the wrongful rating of the circulation of the *Daily Telegram* in the Canadian newspaper directory.

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