

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale :

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 80 00 @ 90 00
" " (polished)...	90 00 @ 100 00
Best China rice "	80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1 " (mats).....	65 00 @ 00 00
" " (sacks).....	63 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Broken rice "	30 00
Rice Meal "	17 50

LUMBER.

The charter of the Am. bark North-west, 490 tons, Capt. Lund, to load at Brunette Mills for San Francisco on private terms has been announced. The Am. schr. Aida, sailed May 29 for Shanghai, with a cargo of 637,000 feet rough lumber, valued at \$6,600, from Moodyville Mills.

There have been two arrivals, the schr. R. W. Bartlett, to load at Westminster, and the bk'tn. Monitor, to load at Vancouver—both for California.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign :
At Vancouver : Br. ship Blairgowrie, 1564 tons, for Cape Town and Delagoa Bay, South Africa. Am. bark Areturus 1007 tons, for Santa Rosalia ; Br. ship City of Florence, 1,246 tons, for U. K. ; Br. ship Aigburth, 1,798 tons, for Valparaiso. Am. schr. Puritan, 584 tons for Tientsen. Ital. bark Cavour, 1,389 tons, for Callao. Am. bk'tn Monitor, 224 tons, for California.

At Cowichan—Am. bk'tn Jane L Stanford, 922 tons, for Santa Rosalia.

At Westminster—Nic. bk'tn Wrestler, 447 tons, for Shanghai. Am. schr. R. W. Bartlett, 495 tons, for San Francisco. Total, 10 vessels ; 9,676 tons.

SALMON.

The London Daily Graphic, of May 14, under the heading of "Abnormal consumption of salmon," says : "The maximum temperature in London 13th May, was 78 deg., or 26 deg. higher than the 50 years average of May 13th. The extreme heat recorded for May, will in part account for the very abnormal sale and consumption of salmon both of fresh and tinned." (Three days later the temperature was about 25 degrees lower.

Prices for Columbia river salmon are commencing to show advancing tendencies, and the Astorian, in its weekly summary, quotes standard brands, straight chinooks, \$1.30 to \$1.40 for tall, and \$1.52½ to \$1.57½ for flats. Ovals show a still more marked increase, and are now running from \$1.85 to \$1.95. Keys are from 5c to 7½c above these prices, the majority of business taking key goods at the higher figure. The war with jobbers is about ended in favor of packers, and a much brisker movement has set in as a result. English buyers are bidding for all the stock they can secure and an ex-

tensive operator states that 100,000 cases of Columbia river salmon will find a market in that country this season, as compared with about 30,000 cases last year, as a result of the education of the tastes of consumers. On the lower river operations have continued heavy, but the upper and middle river canneries are making but small catches, and there is a possibility that the season's pack will fall to 400,000 cases, as against 450,000 cases last year.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Ralph Stevenson, solicitor, Midway, is dead.

John B. Wadell, trader, Wellington, is out of business.

Louis Zimmer, herbalist and fur dealer, Vancouver, is dead.

J. A. Shupe, general store, Vernon, has removed to Rossland.

Henley's Hotel, Clover Point, Victoria, is advertised for sale.

Jos. Sauer, Grand Pacific Hotel, Victoria, has given up business.

"Spud" Murphy will, it is reported, shortly open a brewery at Rossland.

Chas. Leavitt, hotel, Fort Steele, is succeeded by Wm. McNish of Golden.

F. W. Garland, Balmoral Hotel, Victoria, succeeded by Mrs. C. F. Jackson.

Morrow, Holland & Co., brokers, Victoria, are succeeded by Munn, Holland & Co.

M. Cann & Co., stationery and fancy goods, are removing from Vernon to Golden.

The California Wine Co., Victoria, are reported closing out stock of wines and liquors.

The stock of the B. C. Plumbing Co.'s estate, Vancouver, is advertised for sale by auction.

Geo. Meldram, Clarence Hotel, Victoria, has sold out to G. Walker & A. R. Macdonald.

Arrangements will shortly be completed for the re-opening of the Alberni Paper Mills.

The Paris Bell Gold Mining Co., (Foreign) of Spokane, Wash., has been registered. Capital stock \$800,000.

Owen & Cannon, insurance agents, Golden, have dissolved. George F. Parson will in future carry on the business.

W. T. Shatford, general merchant, Vernon and Fairview, is arranging to open a branch store at Camp McKinney.

McFarland & Mahon, of Vancouver, have been appointed agents for the Cheque Bank, London, for British Columbia.

The Manor House, Vancouver, has been re-opened by P. F. Emerson, late proprietor of Delmonico Hotel, which business will be continued by A. A. Richardson.

The Good Hope Mining and Milling Company (Foreign) has been registered with a capital stock of \$500,000. Head office is at Spokane, Wash. The company will operate in the Trail Creek district of British Columbia.

The market business of the B. C. Cattle Co., at Victoria and Vancouver, and the Dominion Market Co., Victoria, carried on the Canadian Western Ranching Co., have been amalgamated and will in future be conducted by the British Columbia Market Co., Ltd., with Mr. D. W. Gilles as general manager. The Company's premises at Victoria has been refitted and is now the neatest and most convenient market in Western Canada. The new Company will also have a fruit and vegetable stall and probably be operating a canning establishment as well as pork curing at an early date.

TRANS-PACIFIC STEAMSHIP RATES

This summer will probably witness the liveliest competition there has ever been in the trans-Pacific steamship business. In fact some go so far as to say that there will be a freight war that may be disastrous in its results. The Empress line have, it is announced, opened the tea season at a rate of 1½c per lb. from Japan to eastern terminal points, viz., New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, etc. The rate for the first tea steamer generally opens at 3c per lb. and gradually lowers in drops of ½c a ship to the ordinary winter rate of 1½c, which is the lowest rate usually taken for the steamer in the off season. For sailing vessels tea is being taken at 3c per lb. for same points. It is calculated that these rates after deducting proportion to steamer and arbitrary to connecting railway, the net railway earnings in steamer rate will be about 50c per 100 lbs., and on soil rate is calculated at about 16½c per 100 lbs.

A still more interesting feature in the steamer business will be the advent of Holts Blue funnel line in the trans-Pacific trade in connection with the C. P. Ry. which will enable that company to still further cut rates.

The ocean S.S. Co. operate some 28 cargo steamers from Liverpool to India, China and Japan ports. The vessels are run at very low expense, and will, it is believed, gladly cross the Pacific for a cargo of ore home if it will barely pay their coal bill. Shippers and shipping men await the outcome with considerable interest.