

Bowden, 728 tons, Capt. Fjerem, from Moodyville to Sydney at 30s. The other arrivals are Am. bark Hesper, 661 tons, Capt. Harken, Hastings Mills to Sydney at 30s; Br. bark Villalta, 806 tons, Capt. Harland, Vancouver to Adelaide at 37s 6d; Am. bark Southern Chief, 1,219 tons, Capt. Svensen, from Vancouver to Santa Rosalia on private terms; and Italian bark Elisa, 915 tons, Capt. Harken, from Moodyville to Valparaiso on owners' account.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Moodyville Mill—Br. ship Largo Law, 1,597 tons, for Valparaiso, f. o.; Br. bk Galusborough, 985 tons, for Melbourne; Am. schr. Wm. Bowden, 727 tons, for Sydney; Ital. bark Elisa, 915 tons, for Valparaiso. At Hastings Mill—Br. ship Astoria, 1,335 tons, for Queenstown for orders: Br. barkentine Xantippe, 909 tons, for Queenstown f. o. Br. schr. Grace Harwar, 1,750 tons, for Queenstown for orders. Am. Am. bark Olympic, 1,412 tons, for Callao direct. Nic. bark Don Carlos, 691 tons, for Noumen, New Caledonia; Am. bark Hesper, 661 tons, for Sydney; Br. bark Villalta, 806 tons, for Adelaide; Am. bark Southern Chief, 1,219 tons, for Santa Rosalia. At Sayward Mill, Victoria—Br. ship Benmore, 1,460 tons, for Adelaide. At Vesuvius Bay—Am. ship Guardian, 1,073 tons, for Santa Rosalia. Total, 14 vessels, 15,606 tons.

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard: Rough, \$8.00 per Mft; rough clear, \$11; ship lap, \$10; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$15; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$15; shingles, \$2; lath, \$1.75.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment: Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet, \$ 8 00 Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M ..... 19 00 Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M ..... 15 00 Pickets, rough per M ..... 8 00 Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M ..... 1 90

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

N. Paloreia, shoemaker, Donald, has removed to New Denver.

J. Harling, cigar factory, Vancouver, dan aged by fire, covered by insurance.

A. G. Fuller, formerly in charge of the H. B. Co. store at Nernon, intends opening a general store on his own account at that point.

W. K. C. Manley, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is opening a general store at Kettle River, and also intends erecting a sawmill and flour mill.

The hardware stock of the estate of T. J. Trapp & Co., New Westminster, has been sold by the assignee to Campbell & Anderson. Mr. Trapp will continue in the agricultural implement business.

The customs returns for Victoria for the month of May were as follows: Collections, \$53,457.36; imports, free, \$116,776; dutiable, \$136,922; total, \$253,008; exports, \$85,260. As compared with the corresponding month in 1893, the collections show a decrease of no less than \$29,311.61.

#### FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending June 2:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
30.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend.	64
30.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend.	61
30.	Sea King, Bark, San Francisco.	2,397
31.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend.	59
31.	Highland Light, bk, San Francisco.	2,050
1.	Pioneer, str., Port Townsend.	27
Total.....		4,661

#### BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

Bradstreet's review of trade for the past week is decidedly discouraging. The tariff uncertainty and the coal strike have paralyzed business. There were 183 mercantile failures reported throughout the United States this week, as against 137 last week, 234 in the week a year ago, 163 two years ago and 245 three years ago. There were 30 failures reported from Canada this week, against twenty-nine last week and a like number in the same week a year ago. Exports of wheat (flour included) from both coasts of the United States and Canada amounted to 2,400,000 bushels this week, against 2,310,000 bushels last week, 3,253,000 the last week of May, 1893, 2,891,000 bushels in the like period of 1892, and 2,597,000 in 1891.

#### DRY GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "The spring sorting trade is about over. Within a fortnight the demand will run almost exclusively on light summer fabrics and autumn goods. Travellers are now carrying double sets of samples. Full lines of autumn goods will be shown by travellers in a week or so. Current business is fair. Orders by mail and through travellers have come in fairly well, and house sales, while not so active, as last week, have been moderate. Prints continue the most active line. Dress goods and dress trimmings and linings, considering that spring is now well advanced, are selling well. Moire silks and moire ribbons are popular and free selling continues. Demand is also more or less active in hosiery, gloves, parasols, cretonnes, linens, plain, colored and fancy satens, spring suitings, cricket flannels and general tailors' supplies. The feature in Canadian staples this week is the activity in gray cottons, induced by sharp cutting in prices. The mills have made reductions this week, ranging from 10 to 15 per cent, in addition to those noted in the *Empire* a short time ago. The sudden drop has caused some uneasiness among holders, and further reductions have been predicted. Various rumors were current to-day as to the cause of the break. One was to the effect that the New Brunswick mills had been competing sharply, and another was to the effect that new factories were about to start. Mill agents here state that the drop has been due to a desire on their part to clear out a surplus stock of this line, and that the present was a more opportune time to sell than later in the season. There would be no further decline in price, as a good block of the offering had been already taken up. With the exception of the decline in grey

cottons, prices generally are steady to firm. Payments are reported to be getting slower as the month advances.

The umbrella trust has lost 50 per cent of its capital.

By the widening of Notre Dame street, Montreal, the city will have to pay \$363,575.

E. Viger & Co., one of the largest dry goods and clothing establishments in St. Catharines, Ont., has assigned.

The exodus is setting in now from the States to the Maritime Provinces, which are enjoying a good measure of prosperity.

A larger area than usual has been planted with fruit trees this year in the Mount Ida district and all are looking well.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co., of New Westminster, are rebuilding the warehouses and shops destroyed by the recent fire.

The Canada Collar, Cuff and Tie Co., a new Canadian industry, have recently started a factory at Berlin, Ont., to manufacture celluloid goods.

A Melbourne paper denounces the folly of a port providing splendid accommodation for vessels, then stopping them coming in by heavy charges.

Goods from the east to Vernon are shipped through to the coast, then re-shipped back again. The consignee saves money in the freight rates by this circuitous route of shipping.

The cattle export trade is being overdone and the Old Country market is being glutted by American beef, which is shipped out of New York on every outgoing steamer. Glasgow agents are advising caution in shipping.

The department of fisheries has declined to change the close season for sturgeon fishing on the Fraser, and now the board of trade of New Westminster urges that a commission be appointed to enquire into the habits of those fish.

The Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Lumber Co.'s sawmill at Port Moody has been cutting for two weeks and is turning out all grades of cedar and fir lumber and shingles. A specialty is being made of the bevel cedar siding which has become so popular in all the finer class dwellings in the Sound cities and the Eastern States.

British Columbia township debentures are, it is observed, being dealt in by Toronto brokers. Among the latest transactions reported is one of \$10,000 township of Burnaby, B. C., bonds purchased for English capitalists, township debentures being, it is said, regarded more favorably by British investors than those of villages or even towns.

The following have been elected officers of the Nanaimo Board of Trade for the ensuing year: George Williams, president; W. K. Leighton, vice-president; M. Wolfe, sec. treas. (re-elected); council, A. Haslam, M. P., Mayor Quennell, Geo. Norris, T. W. Grahm, A. R. Johnson, J. H. Pleace, E. M. Yarwood, and W. H. S. Perkins; arbitration committee, E. Plimbury, G. A. McBain, W. C. Scott, J. E. R. Taggart and the members of the council.