

## Importing Australian Mutton.

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The establishment of reciprocity between the colonies would remove this drawback. Still Mr. Bowron confidently guarantees that when once British Columbians learn from practical experience the difference between New Zealand and Canadian mutton they will be perfectly willing to pay a few cents extra for the former.

## The Burrard Inlet &amp; Fraser Valley Railway.

After a long period of inactivity there are prospects of the B. I. & F. V. Ry being constructed. M. C. D. Rand, the President, has made the following statement:

"We have just got consent from the Privy Council of Canada to bridge the Fraser river at New Westminster, and work will soon be commenced. The bridge will be a 2,300 foot steel combination, and the entire line will be a little over 50 miles in length. We have only commenced work recently, but have several miles ready for grading. The main interest connected with this road to Seattle is that it will be the connecting link between the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad and British Columbia. It is practically an extension of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, which will connect Seattle and Vancouver in a direct line. It will, according to our franchise, have to be completed within twelve months. The road has been subsidized by the city of Vancouver, which has given \$300,000 in bonds, and the city of New Westminster, which gave \$250,000 in bonds. The Government of British Columbia has guaranteed the interest and sinking fund of New Westminster's bonds for seven years, as they consider the road particularly in the interest of that city."

## Brief Business Notes.

Phillips, Gibson & Co., Westminster, have dissolved.

J. Harling, cigar manufacturer, is about to re-start in business in Vancouver.

J. D. Ross, tannery, Kamloops, advertised for sale by the sheriff.

Geo. J. Kanarek, restaurateur, Victoria, sold out to Wm. H. Shjured.

The Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Lumber Co., are seeking incorporation.

J. A. T. Caton & Co., Victoria, have dissolved. Carl Loewenberg continues.

Cornell & Burnyeat, civil engineers, are opening a branch at Fairview.

Application for incorporation has been made by the Commercial Printing company, of Westminster.

M. Hagan, of Okanagan Mission, is devoting his attention at present to irrigation schemes for the Mission valley.

Between forty and fifty men are at work in and around the Silver King. The trial shipment of ore is nearly ready and will shortly be sent onward.

Coryell & Burnyeat, of Vernon, intend shortly to open a branch office at Fairview, with J. A. Coryell in charge.

Charles Harding and Geo. Maloy, Theodosia Arm, loggers, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors.

Powers will be asked for next session to confirm the incorporation of the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co.

Rahy Bros., fancy goods, have opened in Victoria, repairing vessels cheaper than by the usual toria, at 160 Government-street.

The furniture and fittings of the Colonial Metropole hotel are advertised for sale by auction.

H. V. Wier and E. W. Bremner, produce and fruits, have opened in Victoria, at 19 Yates street.

Joseph McAl'lan, shoemaker, from Marysville, Cal., has opened in Victoria, at 81½ Yates street.



Owing to the difficulty in getting rails down from Revelstoke, track-laying is practically suspended on the Nakusp and Slocan railway until navigation is resumed in the spring.

Tenders for clearing the Kaslo and Slocan railroad right-of-way to the number of 26 have been opened in Kaslo. The average letting price is \$70 an acre, and contracts call for completion of the work by December 31.

The incorporation is announced of the Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Lumber Company, Ltd., which will take over the interests of J. E. Crane and H. Chapman in certain timber limits in Westminster district. The new company's stock is \$500,000, in \$100 shares; the head office is in Victoria, and the trustees are J. E. Crane, Howard Chapman and R. A. Cunningham.

C. T. Dunbar, E. L. Phillips, B. T. Rogers, C. J. Lowen, C. St. A. Pearce and M. W. Elphinstone seek the incorporation of a company to be known as the Siwash Creek Gold Mining Co., Limited, with a capital stock of \$500,000 in \$10 shares, and business headquarters at Vancouver. The new company will take over the lease issued to and held by John P. Roddick, J. C. Keith and C. T. Dunbar.

## Montreal Hardware and Paint Prices.

Metals—Copper and metal generally drag along with extreme dullness. We quote:—Summerlee, \$18.50 to 19.00; Eglinton, \$17 to 17.25; Carnbro, \$16.75 to 17.00; Siemens No. 1, \$18; Langlois, \$18.50; wrought scrap No. 1, \$15 to 16; bar iron, \$1.90 to 1.95. Tin plates, cokes, \$3.15 to 3.25; I. C. charcoal, \$3.75 to 4.25; Canada plates, \$2.45;terne plates, \$7.25 to 7.75. Galvanized iron, 4½ to 4¾ for 28 gauge. Copper, 11½ to 13; ingot tin, 21½ to 22½; lead at \$2.85; and spelter at \$4.75.

Paints and Oils—It was expected that there would be some change in oil and turpentine this week, but the trade met and decided to make no alteration for the present. In paints, leads and varnishes business has been very quiet. We quote:—Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5 to 5.25; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; No. 4, \$4; dry white lead, 5c; red lead, pure, 4½c; do, No. 1, 4½c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; No. 1, \$6.25; No. 2, \$5.25; glass, \$1.25 first break; \$1.35 second break, per 50 feet; \$3.25 for first break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 60c; boiled, 63c; putty, in bulk, \$1.85.

Turpentine, etc.—There is a fair demand for turpentine at 47 to 48c, but other lines of ship chandlery are neglected, business being on the whole very dull. We quote:—Turpentine, 47 to 48c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5.00

as to brand; coal tar \$3.75 to \$4.00; cotton waste, 3½c for colored, and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage—Sisal at 9½c for 7-16 and upwards, and 15c for deep sea line. Pare manilla, 11c for 7-16 and upwards, and 12c for smaller sizes.

Petroleum—We quote Canadian at 11½c in shed in Montreal for round lots, and 12c for small quantities. United States petroleum, 16½c in car lots, 17c in 10 barrel lots, 17½c in 5 barrel lots, and 17¾c for single barrels, nett cash; United States benzine, 23 to 25c; Canadian benzine, 10¾c; Petrolea; 12½c Montreal.

Cement—Arrivals of Portland cement during the week have been heavy, and there is rather an overstock of the article on the market, considering the season, and that the bulk of outside work is about closed. Prices are a shade easier in consequence, and ex-wharf English cement is offered at \$2.05 to 2.15, and Belgian at \$1.90 to 2.00. Fire bricks are scarce, and light stocks have stiffened prices to \$17 to \$21 per 1,000, according to the brand and quantity. —Gazette, Nov. 17.

## Alberta.

S. Barber, manager of the Imperial Bank branch at Calgary, has resigned, to accept the secretaryship of the Golden Lumber Co., of Golden, B. C., in which concern he is a large stockholder.

Window & Grindley's new store building at Fort Saskatchewan has been completed and is now occupied.

A coal drift is being run in on the north bank of the Saskatchewan at Fort Saskatchewan on A. Lang's property. An eighteen inch seam has been struck already, and there is every prospect of a thicker seam being struck.

Coal is delivered to consumers, retail, at Edmonton, at \$2 per ton.

## Grain and Milling.

The new mill at Luder, Man., has begun grinding.

The millwrights are busy getting the machinery placed in the new mill at Hartney, Man. It is expected that the mill will be ready to begin operations in a few days.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co's Keowatin mill ground over 2,000 barrels of flour one day last week.

Dow & Curry have received the machinery for their new oatmeal mill which they are building at Pilot Mound, Man.

At Drayton, in Pembina county, Dakota, not far south of the Manitoba boundary, wheat is quoted at 46c per bushel.