

British Columbia.

The Hudson's Bay Co. will establish a trading post at Priest's Valley.

Brown & White, dry goods dealers, Victoria, will open a branch at Vancouver.

The C.P.R. Co. is erecting a second building at Vancouver, for the storage of tea.

The Pacific division of the C.P.R. has been extended from Donald, to Banff, Alberta.

A store for the sale of Japanese goods and wares has been opened at Vancouver.

O. G. Dennis has been appointed Deputy Sheriff for the Kootany district, south of Golden.

O'Hagan & Coldwell, tailors, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. M. O'Hagan continues the business.

The B.C. Stationery and Printing Co., Victoria and Vancouver, has sold out its branch at the latter place to Wm. Harrison.

The water in the Fraser is subsiding and all danger of a flood is now considered at an end. In the meantime fishing is at a standstill.

The Bank of British Columbia will open a branch at Kamloops, under the management of R. Lee Barnes. Kamloops is becoming the centre of a large trade.

A number of Australians have arrived at Vancouver, en route for Liverpool, England. Heretofore Australian travel has been by United State's roads.

G. O. Buchanan, Donald, reports the loss of his office, boarding house, blacksmith shop, and all their contents by fire last week. His saw mill alone escaped.

The Hamilton Powder Co. will establish a magazine at Vancouver. It is also reported that the company will build a factory for the manufacture of explosives.

The Kamloops C.P.R. lots will be put on the market shortly. The enquiries for these lots have been very brisk, and it is thought there will be quite a rush for them.

A large number of staterooms have been engaged for the return trip to China and Japan of the S.S. Abyssinia, the first of the steamers to arrive on the new C.P.R. Asiatic line.

The amount of capital invested in the salmon fisheries of British Columbia is \$871,445, and the number of men employed 6,211. There were 20 vessels and 459 men engaged in fur seal fishing of this province, and 38,907 seals were killed. Whitefish and speckled trout abound in the inland waters of British Columbia.

The C.P.R. traffic department has received advices that the S.S. George W. Elder has sailed from San Francisco for Vancouver with a cargo of goods to be shipped over the C.P.R. to eastern points. The cargo consists as follows: 150 tons of wool, 75 tons of syrup, 60 tons of beans and a quantity of general merchandise.

Robinson's new sawmill at Beaver, is about completed. It is 70x30 ft. with 22 ft. walls. The water-power is first-class. The water is carried in a flume 6x4 ft. 600 ft. and has a fall of 27 ft. Besides the usual sawing gear capable of cutting 30,000 ft. a day the outfit consists of lath, shingles, and planing machines. Robinson intends to move the old mill to the limits owned by him further west.

The Chinese, says the Vancouver News, are slowly but gradually gaining a stronger foothold among us and are now ten times stronger numerically than they were three months ago. One of the tyhees is building a long row of of cabins near the Royal City mills, and it is reported that he has purchased the land on which he is building, thus securing all the rights of a landed proprietor.

The Abyssinia arrived at Vancouver on Monday last, out 13 days and 14 hours from Yokohama. She had a number of cabin passengers and 80 Chinese. The cargo consisted principally of Japan tea, with general merchandise and mails. The entire cargo amounted to 2,830 tons destined for New York, Chicago, Montreal, Toronto, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Cleveland and other points.

The employes in the Burrard Inlet saw mills went out on strike lately, in order to enforce a demand for a reduction in the hours of labor to ten hours per day. The men have been working eleven and a half hours per day. The mills were very busy at the time of the strike, no less six vessels being in waiting for lumber for foreign ports. The strike has since ended by the proprietors acceding to the demands of the men.

The Victoria Times says: We have it on what we deem the most reliable authority that the Customs collector in this city some weeks ago made an important seizure, a business concern being suspected of undervaluation in passing entries. The matter was arranged finally on payment of double duties (amounting to \$9,000 or \$10,000) and a fine of \$10,000. The whole matter was kept very quiet by all concerned, but it is now current talk at New Westminster.

Personal.

Mr. Alex. Jardine, of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, was in the city last week.

Mr. John McClary, of the McClary Manufacturing Co., of stove fame, was in the city last week.

Mr. D. K. Elliott, of R. J. Whitla & Co., wholesale dry goods, has returned from a purchasing trip in the United Kingdom, and the East.

General Notes.

The machinery in the Gibson Cotton Mill, at Marysville, is to be reinforced by the addition of two hundred shirting looms.

An advertisement in an English paper announces that seventeen policies, aggregating £48,000, "on the life of a gentleman aged 62 next birthday" is offered for sale by public roup.

The annual meeting of the shareholders in The Craven Cotton Co., was held in Brantford, Ont., lately. A half yearly statement was submitted showing a good profit, which was placed to the credit of reserve account with a view of providing against future contingencies.

Speaking of English co-operative stores the London Grocer says that it is certain that at the present time, among a large section of the more intelligent of the working-class population, belief in the co-operative principle of trading is gradually dying out,

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