

## COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Senator Haythorne died at the Grand Union, Ottawa, on Thursday morning last.

The premier announces that the government has not decided to admit American cattle free of duty.

The associates with the Messrs. Rothschild in handling the Russian loan, are Bleichroder, the discountor, Gesellschaft and the St. Petersburg discount and international bankers.

Senator Boulton will move an address to the Queen asking Imperial aid to the Hudson's Bay railway, on the ground that the Northwest will be a great food producing country for Great Britain.

Mr. Adam Brown, honorary commissioner for Canada to Jamaica, has been delivering addresses in different parts of the Island in furtherance of his mission. It is believed that the manner in which Mr. Brown is placing the question before his audiences will bring about good results.

The Canadian Pacific earnings during March, 1891, were as follows: Gross earnings, \$1,510,059; working expenses, \$1,012,999; net profits, \$497,040. In March, 1890, the net profits were \$392,770; and for three months, ending March 31, 1891, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$4,213,754; working expenses, \$3,050,168; net profits, \$1,163,586. For the three months, ending March 31, 1890, the net profits were \$767,132. The earnings and expenses of the N. B. railway are included in both years.

A Washington dispatch says: Secretary Foster has received the resignation of Charles Goff, a special treasury agent of the seal islands. It is said it will be accepted and Goff given some other position fully as important and as remunerative. Secretary Foster said that he was perfectly satisfied with Goff's report, which is strongly objected to by the North American Seal Company, and the change was not due to any distrust he entertained with respect to Goff. He regarded the matter as a very important one, where the Government and the company were both interested, and he wanted an abundance of facts and opinions on the situation and so will send Colonel Williams, of Wellington, to Alaska to succeed Goff. Williams has been in the treasury service for fifteen years and is an old time friend of the secretary.

Sir Charles Tupper has been appointed delegate by Canada to the International Postal convention in Vienna this month.

Victoria Colonist: Mr. Harrison's short speeches are admirable. They do not consist of mere common-places neatly worded and pleasantly said. There is thought in them, and it is often very happily expressed. He lets the people know that he has opinions of his own, and that he is not afraid to express them, but he has the tact and skill to propound party doctrines without evincing the slightest trace of party spirit. His speeches were as well received by the Democrats of Texas as they are by the Republicans of California.

There are thirty-six vessels in the Alaska cannery fleet this year, all of which number have already sailed for the north. The fleet is made up of twenty-five sailing vessels and eleven steamers, representing an aggregate of 12,472 tons of tonnage. The first vessel to sail was the premier, on February 19, the last, the Marion, on the 23rd instant. Last year's fleet at this time numbered 43 vessels representing 16,214 tons of tonnage, but there are other vessels that will be added to the fleet of this year, which will bring the aggregate up to that of the tonnage of last year or nearly so.

Several sugar refiners are at Ottawa, with the hope of inducing the Government to take the duty off raw sugar, and a corresponding amount added to the refined article. Leather manufacturers desire the duty taken off certain chemicals used in tanning. Tobaccoists ask for the reduction of duty on tobacco, and ship owners and others interested in the cattle export trade interviewed Messrs. Carling and Tupper regarding the bill to be introduced this session. Shipowners and cattle owners cannot agree as to the size of cattle stalls on the boats. Dr. McEachren strongly advises the Department of Agriculture to have incorporated in the proposed cattle shipping bill a clause providing two feet eight inches for each animal. The steamship companies will fight for two feet six inches space. It is stated that, pending the passage of the bill, the doctor will refuse to pass any boat with less than two feet eight inches. It is the intention to have every animal inspected, and those found to be so will be marked sound.

## PRESS COMMENT.

Victoria Colonist: The explanation made by the person who represents the United States in Vancouver is ludicrous in the extreme. He is certainly not a better Republican than, say, Mr. Lincoln, minister to London, Mr. Chauncey Depew, or Mr. Carnegie. These United States citizens, and many others equally eminent and equally loyal to their country and its institutions, stand up when the health of Queen Victoria is drunk and God Save the Queen sung, without having the slightest suspicion that they are doing anything that a good Republican ought not to do. The truth is that these Americans know what is required of a gentleman on such occasions, and the man who considers that he represents a Republican Government in Vancouver city does not.

Victoria Times: Now, all we ask is, that the Tories practice what they preach, and particularly when, according to their own doctrine, trading with the Americans, they are undermining their loyalty to the "old flag." Not being annexationists ourselves, and morally certain that no business relations with the States, however broad, would corrupt our fidelity to the old flag, it would be sad, very sad, did it come to pass that a few years hence we should be compelled to oppose Toryism as inimical to Canadian autonomy and British prestige on this continent.

News-Advertiser: The experience gained in the few months since the McKinley tariff came into force, and the information which the Government has gathered from various sources, appear to show that Great Britain can take from us enormous quantities of produce of a class which hitherto we had exported but little. In other articles it is understood that prudence will dictate a change being made in our methods, so that in place of the coarser products which we have been accustomed to ship across the line, and which are of too little value in proportion to their bulk to bear transportation to long distances, we may substitute others which are in demand elsewhere and which will yield remunerative results.

Postmaster General Haggart says the whole question of reduced postage, including an Imperial penny post order, is under consideration.