

**British Columbia Brief Business Notes.**

The letters of incorporation of the Wellington loan society have been received.

Okell Morris Fruit Preserving Co., Ltd., Victoria. Walter Morris of this company resigned as managing director.

National Electric Tramway & Light Co., Ltd., Victoria, changing title to the "Victoria Electric Railway & Light Co., Ltd."

The bark Templar, with a cargo of 567,000 feet of rough lumber, valued at \$4,911.36, from the Hastings mill, has sailed for Callao.

The Kamloops Electric Light Co. held its annual meeting on Monday afternoon at the Cosmopolitan hotel, with a large attendance. A dividend of 4 per cent for the year on the paid up stock was declared.

A telegraph line is to be constructed from Nanaimo to Vancouver, thence to Westminster and Brownville, where it will connect with the Great Northern railway line.

It is reported by wire that all the shingle manufacturers in British Columbia have joined an association to keep up prices.

The business of Stanley House, Victoria, retail dry goods, has passed into the hands of a joint stock company known as the Stanley House company (limited); authorized capital, \$209,000.

There will be a lively discussion at the quarterly meeting of the Victoria board of trade, says a telegram received on Jan. 4, on the question "Landlord vs. Tenant." Heretofore the discussions have been confined to merchants who object to the preference the landlords at present have over other creditors.

Nicola is the latest British Columbia town-site. It is located at the junction of the Cold Water and Nicola rivers, and is in anticipation of the Nicola Valley railway being constructed. The railway company is the promoter.

The Norwegian ship Germanie and the United States ship Benjamin Sowell have finished taking on cargoes at the Hastings mill for Great Britain, the former having on board 1,021,624 feet of rough lumber, valued at \$13,135.46, while the latter has 910,483 feet, or \$9,973.14 worth of the same.

Inspector of Fisheries McNab has received a draft of the proposed fisheries regulations for 1894. The main features are the same as in the relations of last season; the only radical change is in the price of the license fee, which it is proposed to reduce to \$10, and against which neither canners nor fishermen are likely to make a very strong protest.

The British Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Co., of Vancouver, has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 in \$10 shares. W. R. Robertson, A. F. Griffiths, D. R. Young, H. K. Leea and D. McPhee are the trustees.

A number of young men living in bachelor's quarters were poisoned by canned tomatoes used in the soup by a Chinese cook. Two were so seriously affected they hovered between life and death for twenty-four hours. Doctors pronounced the sickness lead poisoning.

The report of the exports from Victoria to the United States for the quarter ending December 31st has just been completed by Consul Myers. The export of gold dust is larger than it has been for any quarter for many years. The report follows:—Bananas, \$844; bones, \$60; cigars, \$118; coal oil, \$605; dry goods, \$233.50; fish, \$1,502.50; furs, hides and skins, \$22,627.77; gold dust, quartz, etc., \$94,173.54; Indian curios, \$109.50; liquors, \$2,150.14; miscellaneous articles, \$163.65; oat bran, \$131; returned goods, \$940; tea, \$600.50. Total, \$124,259.10.

Application appears in the *Gazette* for a charter for the operation of a line of railway or tramway from New Denver to mines within a radius of 15 miles of that town.

The N. P. steamship Tacoma, due at Victoria from China and Japan about the 7th of next month, has, as usual, a big cargo and 125 pass-

engers. The former is made up as follows: 1,000 tons of miscellaneous freight, including considerable silk for the east; 625 tons for Victoria; 450 tons for Portland and the Sound cities, and 100 tons for San Francisco, to be landed here.

Almost every day the fleet of sealing schooners on route to the Japan coast is enlarged by a fresh one starting out from Victoria, and on those which have already sailed over 200 men have found employment for at least seven months.

The injunction applied for in the case of the Attorney-General for Canada vs. Huqitt & McIntyre and the assignees of their estate, was granted. This forbids bringing any more logs down the river from Cowichan lake until those which have been allowed to accumulate are removed; and requires the defendants to forth with remove the accumulated logs, under the direction of Ashdown Green, who is duly appointed for that purpose.

A Vancouver telegram says: "Two rich Israelites bought up thousands of dollars worth of Chinese and Strait Settlement dimes at thirty cents on the dollar, and have been industriously passing them off throughout the province at face value. To-day, as if from tacit understanding, the banks, tramways, saloons, merchants and restaurants refused the imported silver, when its circulation suddenly stopped. The excitement resembled a panic after a bank suspension, as everybody lost something. The churches will reap a rich harvest even at 30 cents on the dollar, as the collection plate is the only outlet, though hundreds of dollars have been shipped east in hopes of using Winnipeg and Toronto as a dumping ground."

**Alberta.**

R. P. Wood, flour and feed, has opened at Innisfail.

H. Hetu, hotel, Edmonton, has leased hotel to T. Jackson, of Anthracite.

F. D. Fortin, stationery, Edmonton, has been sold out under chattel mortgage.

Calgary merchants have wisely agreed among themselves to close their places of business at 6.30 o'clock, up to Oct. 1st, 1894.

Glover & Andrews, music dealers, Edmonton, have purchased a portion of the stationery stock of F. D. Fortin, and will add stationery to their regular business.

Lynx and foxes are being caught in large numbers this season, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, having increased with the increase of rabbits. Musk rats are also numerous. There is every prospect of a good catch of fur this winter.

Alberta can produce some big cattle. A steer which was slaughtered by Hull Bros., of Calgary, for the Christmas trade, tipped the scales at 3,500 lbs., whilst numbers of carcasses of beef are hung up in their shop which average 1,200 lbs each. Their is also on exhibition a calf two months old which weighed when dressed 225 lbs. There are also to be found a number of Alberta bred sheep, weighing about 100 lbs each, and lambs averaging about 50 lbs.

**Assiniboia.**

R. B. Taylor has opened a drug store at Grenfell.

J. Johnson has opened up a meat market at Whitewood.

A. C. Patterson, publisher, Qu'Appelle, has given up business.

Seven thousand five hundred dollars were realized out of live stock shipments last year from Grenfell.

Mr. Skrine, of Grenfell, has just got moved into his new building. It is built with field split stone, and it is said to be the largest general store west of Winnipeg. The building cost about \$9,000.

About 35,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from Grenfell, and there is about 30,000 bushels to market yet.

H. DeSora, of Whitewood, leaves about the 20th inst. on a pleasure trip to France. He shipped about 800 sheep last year.

A correspondent at Moosomin writes as follows: There are about 125,000 bushels of wheat to market yet. About 63 car loads of live stock were shipped last year from here. There has been about 190,000 bushels of wheat shipped from here. It was sold for about 44 cents per bushel.

**Saskatchewan.**

Plaxton & Cox have opened a butcher shop at Prince Albert.

D. D. McLeod has opened a grocery store at Prince Albert.

**Broadview.**

A correspondent sends the following from Broadview, Assiniboia:—

The wheat here averaged twenty bushels to the acre and graded No. 1 and 2 hard.

The new stone school house was opened two weeks ago. It is a credit to our citizens.

W. Hodson has just finished building his new stable—it is a credit to the district.

Mr. Clementson has just completed building a terrace of three nice houses at a cost of \$2,000.

Mr. Clementson intends building a fine meat market for Mr. Cody to continue his business; the present one being too small for the trade.

B. S. Robertson's hotel is now open. It cost \$4,000, and is nicely furnished. Good sample room and 13 nicely fitted up rooms for commercial men.

Thirty new settlers arrived here last year, bringing with them implements and stock from Ontario, and think this is a good district for mixed farming.

Five cars of live stock were shipped from here last year at about 3 cents per pound live weight. Five thousand pounds of pork were shipped to Winnipeg last year.

There is lots of money in this district. The farmers wife makes enough out of butter and eggs to keep the house going. This is the best district in the West for butter. There is a splendid opening here for a good harness maker, druggist and barber.

**Fort Qu'Appelle.**

A correspondent writing from Fort Qu'Appelle, Assiniboia territory, on January 3, says:

The Fort is a very promising place and is growing steadily and honestly.

Two hundred children attend the Indian Industrial School. The school is a substantial brick building and has recently been remodeled and extensive alterations made. There is a gymnasium and brass band in connection.

Wheat is selling to-day at 43 cents. There has been 40,000 bushels marketed and there is considerable to market yet. Wheat averaged 30 bushels to the acre, and some had 50 bushels to the acre.

Joyner & Elkington, proprietors of the Qu'Appelle Valley Flour Mills, have been making some extensive alterations in their mills. They have put in a new steam plant, and increased the capacity to 120 barrels, at a cost of \$6,000, and are contemplating building an elevator. They have been running night and day up to a few weeks ago, and report business good.

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for week ending 4th Jan., 1894, \$1,205,594; balances, \$208,414. Clearings for week ending 28th December, 1893, \$992,966; balances, \$129,059. Clearings for 23 days ending 30th Dec., 1893, \$4,970,725.