An underwriters' sale of 1,645 bags refined sugar ex ss. Empress of Japan and damaged in transit is advertised for sale by auction at Vancouver on Sept. 28. It is said that this sugar is in such a state that it will be almost necessary to refine it again before it will be fit for consumption. New season's canned goods and dried fruit are expected shortly.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Whatever may be the result of the season's wind up, the butter market is unquestionably firm at the moment, higher prices being paid in the country than obtain here. Shippers state that 22c is the highest figure their limits will allow them to pay for August and September creamery, but that figure has been refused by factorymen, who are holding for 13c., but whether they will succeed in getting it remains to be seen. We quote creamery butter in this market 21c to 22c. In Eastern Townships dairy quite a lot of buying has been done in the country during the past week at 19c for fine fall goods, while as high as 20c has been paid for fancy fall ends, and we quote values here at 18c to 20c as to quality. In Western the market is steady at 15c to 17c as to quality, a lot of 50 pkgs being placed at 1610 for selected."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter-Eastern Creamery, tubs 274 @ 281
Manitoba Creamery, to 29 @ 30
" Dairy choice 18 @ 22
" Cooking 10 @ 15
Cheese-Canadian, tb
California 16 @ 00
Eggs, doz 20 @ 00
Smoked meats and lard are quoted:
Hams 15 @ 1
Breakfast bacon 15 @ 17
Short rolls 111 @ 13
Backs 13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear 11 @ 121
Pure Lard, 50hs
" " 20ms 13½ @ 1½
Lard Compound 101 @ 111
Sugar-Jobber's prices barrels and
kezs in each case being le higher:
Dry Granulated
Extra C
Fancy Yellow 5
Yellow 43
Golden C
Syrups, per ib
water por torrest

## SALMON.

A good demand is reported for salmon from Eastern Canadian dealers. The canneries have, however, sold their packs on English account and the enquiry cannot Eastern merchants were be satisfied. offered fish early in the season, but would not close as they expected that there would be sufficient salmon on the market to supply all demands. They were warned that the pack would be a short one this year, both by reason of the canners binding themselves to put up only a half pack all round for the province and that this was the off year on the Fraser. Every fourth year on the Fraser River has been a poor one since the beginning of the canning industry in this province in 1876.

The bark Martha Fisher, loading for Liverpool on account of Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td., has already taken on 20,000 cases of salmon, and is awaiting the arrival of the Danube having the balance of her cargo from the Northern canneries of the Victoria Canning Co. She is expected to finish and sail early in October.

## LUMBER.

The Chilian bark Lake Leman, 1.035 tons, Capt. Bozzo, cleared from Vancouver Sept. 22, with a cargo of lumber, consisting of 751,119 feet rough and 12,720 feet lath, total, 763,839 feet, valued at \$6,610, from the Moodyville sawmills, for Valparaiso, on owner's account. The George Skolfield sailed on Sept. 20. The bark Bankburn, on the wav from Taltal, is reported chartered to load lumber at Port Blakely. There are at present three vessels loading lumber at Burrard Inlet for foreign—the Scammell Bros., 1,218 tons, for Wilmington, Del.; Alice Cock, 732 tons, for Sydney; and Morning Light, 1,310 tons. for Cork, United Kingdom.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet \$ 9 00 Dock plank, rough, average length, 35 feet ...... 19 60

Pickets, rough, per M.... Laths, 4 feet, per M.....

The Victoria Lumber Exchange q.otes the following schedule of prices net at yard: Rough merchantable lumber, per M.....\$12 00

Double dressed and edged, per M..... 22 50 " ..... 20 00 Single No. 1 tongue and groove flooring, 1 x 4... 22 50 Rough deck plank...... 14 00 Laths, per M...... 2 25 Shingles, common, per M...... 2 25

Eight per cent on all accounts over 30 days standing.

## BUSINESS CHANGES.

Carne & Billings, loggers, Kaslo City, advertise plant for sale.

W. G. Potter. tailor. Northfield, has sold out to A Macaulay.

Mr. Cassady, grocer, has opened on Powell street, Vancouver.

L. H. Mershon, of Vancouver has been appointed Deputy to Col. Price, American Consul at Vancouver.

Lequime Bros. & Co., general merchants, Okanagan Mission, contemplate opening a branch at Penticton.

Chas. Woodray, grocer, dry goods, boots and shoes, Vancouver, contemplates selling out groceries to Davis & Steveston.

## INSURANCE IN CANADA.

The Insurance and Finance Chronicle of Montreal, says that according to the detailed report of Insurance Superintendent Fitzgerald on the business of the fire companies in Canada for 1891 in the amount of risks written four Canadian companies show an increase over 1800 and three a decrease, the aggregate increase exceeding the decrease by \$798,380. The total decrease of twelve of the British companies was \$37,033,780, and the iacrease of the other twelve \$20,850,150, leaving a total decrease of \$16,183,639. Of the American companies, seven show an increase of \$18,579,756 and one a decrease of \$500,000, the total increase This is prompt payment.

being \$18,579,756. On the purely underwriting account, the results for the Canadian companies show that for each \$100 of premiums received there was paid for losses \$72,18 and for expenses \$33,12; also \$1.05 for dividends. For each \$100 in premiums received by the British companies there was paid out \$60.95 for losses and \$27.83 for expenses. Of each \$100 collected by the American companies in premiums \$58.73 went for losses and \$30.95 for expenses.

Winnipeg papers of a recent date state that the price of bread there has been reduced from 14 to 16 loves for the dollar.

The shipments of canned salmon east by rail have been very heavy of late, a carload going out almost every day from New Westminster.

An Ottawa Company with a capital stock of \$250,000 is applying for incorporation with the object of supplying light and heat by electricity throughout Canada.

It is pretty generally agreed that, taken as a whole, the potato crop of this year has been a failure. The yield has been light in many quarters, rust and rot having been also prevalent.

The fire loss of Canada and the United States for August shows a total of 819,115,000. This is an increase of more than a million dollars over the aggregate for the same month in the years 1890 and

The Insurance Chronicle is in a position to state the Canada Accident Assurance Co. not only will continue actively in the field, but contemplates a strengthening and increase of its forces and a vigorous push for business all along the line.

The people of the city of Vancouver have, by their votes at the polls, sanctioned a grant of \$300,000 to the Burrard Inlet and Fraser River branch of the Northern Pacific Railway, thereby securing one more important railway connection of which they intend to make their city as much as possible the centre.

It will be remembered that last year the Northern Pacific Railway carried the bulk of the British Columbia sealing catch to the East, the terms offered by it being the most advantageous. This year the Canadian Pacific have already under transportation 3,600 skins, but how the rest of the take is to go is as yet undecided.

The United States authorities, it would appear, have been making further seizures, . : schooner Henrietta, which had been seized early in the season for sealing in Behring Sea, having been libelied while in the hands of the British naval authorities for an infraction of the United States revenue laws in transferring skins to the

According to the Canadian Trade Review of Montreal, of the 16th inst., the New York Life Insurance company has paid over a cheque for \$119,518, being the largest life insurance claim ever paid in Canada or perhaps the United States by one single company. The insurance was on the life of the late Mr. John MacDougall, who died ou August 29th.