

Wm. Angus, of Croft & Angus, Chemainus, on a similar charge, the damages in his case being placed at \$10,000.

Nesbett, Dickson & Co., biscuit manufacturers, Victoria, whose assignment to R. P. Rithet and Andrew Gray, was reported last week, recently erected large premises and placed in first-class machinery. The cause of the failure is not known, as a large trade was done by the firm. The firm of Nesbett & Co. is one of the old establishments of Victorias.

Wellington (Vancouver Island) coal sells for \$9 per ton in San Francisco, about one thousand miles from the mines, says the *Victoria Times*, and in foreign country. The same coal is \$10 per ton in Victoria, seventy miles from the mines and without any duty being paid as in the former case. From this it would seem that B. C. is blessed with the very worst kind of a coal monopoly.

A deputation, says the *Victoria Colonist*, of the 21st ult., consisting of Hon. Amor De Cosmos, Major Grant, Alex. Wilson and C. E. Redfern, waited upon the Government yesterday for the purpose of securing a promise of aid to the Victoria, Saanich and Westminster railway. After hearing what the deputation had to say, they were informed that the subject would receive the earnest consideration of the Government.

Mainly through the energy of Vancouver, an exhibit from British Columbia was sent to the great exhibitions in Eastern Canada last fall. The Vancouver city council is already taking steps to repeat the experiment next fall. A meeting will be held in the board of trade rooms, Vancouver, on April 13, to which the mayors, Reeves and other interested parties of the province have been invited, to arrange for the exhibit. Vancouver is showing great enterprise in this matter.

The following motion has been made in the B. C. Legislature:—"That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to draw the attention of the Imperial and Dominion Governments, at an early day, to the necessity of providing, in the event of a subsidy being granted to a steamship line between British Columbia and the Asiatic coast or Australasia, that provision be inserted in any contract entered into that will provide for steamers, both ways, coming to Victoria or Esquimalt."

*Victoria Times*:—It is learned that an earnest movement is on foot to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$250,000 for the purpose of erecting a large summer hotel. The enterprise has been under consideration for some months and it is thought a sufficient number of citizens of means will be found to take hold of the matter and carry it through. It is understood that the promoters have secured the refusal of suitable grounds on which to erect the hotel at James Bay, and a public meeting called by the mayor to further the object is likely to be held.

*Westminster Columbian*:—The *Columbian* has another instance to lay before its readers of the wonderful climate we live in. In the past California has supplied us with the first new potatoes each season, but from this time for-

ward the Golden State will be forced to take second place if the garden experiments of Joe Tenasse, of this city, are as successful in the future as they have been this winter. Last fall Tenasse planted a small plot with potatoes, feeling certain he would be able to grow a crop even in the winter months. The experiment proved a great success and the other day he dug a small basketful of as fine looking new potatoes as any one would wish to eat.

### Grain and Milling.

A new elevator for Routledge station, Man., is talked of.

Cartwright, Man., has a committee at work in the interest of securing a flour mill.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. shut down their elevators at Oak Lake and Griewood, Man., on Saturday.

Gore & Minty, of the Bluffs, near Regina, have ordered a portable grist mill for use in their settlement.

A correspondent at Bossevain, Man., writes: The mill enterprise is being rapidly worked into shape. A bonus of over \$4,000 is already assured, with more to follow. Offers have been received from parties willing to build such a mill as is wanted on the terms offered.

The Brandon board of trade has adopted the resolutions passed at the meeting called by the Winnipeg board regarding the grain standards for Manitoba, and printed copies have been sent to T. M. Daly, M.P., the Minister of Inland Revenue, and Van Horne, of the C. P. R.

Cochrane, proprietor of the Crystal City, Man., mill, is said to be arranging to erect a mill at the station of a greater capacity than the one now in operation at the old town, one mile south of the station. He will be given a small bonus of wheat, to be delivered next fall.

*Manitou Mercury*: Jno. J. Walterhouse, of Winnipeg, who is interested in the construction and operation of roller flour mills, has been spending a few days in Manitou. We believe the object of his visit was to see Robt. Ironside, who has some intention of commencing the erection of a mill at this place in the spring.

N Bawlf, grain merchant, Winnipeg, has received some samples of wheat grown in the Prince Albert district, Saskatchewan Territory, which weighed from 65 to 68 pounds to the bushel. The samples were greatly admired on the Winnipeg exchange. It is a pity this rich agricultural district is not opened out by railway communication, but it doubtless soon will be.

The *Mercury* of Manitou, Man., says: Letters have been received by one of our prominent business men from parties in Ontario making inquiries regarding the establishment of a roller mill at Manitou. One gentleman offers to put in a first class roller mill, with a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day, for a bonus of \$5,000, or a fifty barrel mill for \$4,000. The other gentlemen ask for particulars in connection with the proposed industry.

Minneapolis *Northwestern Miller*: A movement is on foot in Canada to increase the duty

on American flour. Doubtless this action would, from the standpoint of Canadian millers, be eminently just and proper, and we would not blame them for seeking to accomplish their object and urging the passage of a bill to increase the tariff on our American product. It remains to be seen, however, how far the Canadian parliament can go in this direction without working an injustice on the larger proportion of its constituency, who are not millers, but consumers of flour. To discuss this point would, of course, necessitate the introduction of all the arguments for and against protection—which heaven forbid. We have heard it all so recently during the course of a presidential campaign, that we are sick of the subject and would fain let it drop for the present.

### Canned Salmon.

Reports continue to be received here from the Pacific coast advising an active and strong market for next season's pack of salmon. The movement, it appears, was first started by what is termed an English syndicate, but as the information began to leak out of the movement, local speculators there caught on, and desiring to float with what they considered as the flood, they started in to cover what quantities they thought could be easily disposed of upon the basis of the wholesale cost. The operations have been chiefly in Alaska, Fraser and Skeena river brands, but Columbia river packs have also sold to a considerable extent. The prices realized have been \$1.57½ to \$1.70 for Columbia, as to brand f.o.b., the export contracts being placed at \$1.57½ to \$1.67½ net, the Alaska \$1.25 to \$1.30. The transactions were at first reported as reaching the total of 600,000 cases, but this we considered as an excessive estimate, and reliable authorities to-day believe, from the private advices received, that the movement up to date will not exceed 250,000 cases. This, however, is regarded as a large quantity to be marketed at this early period. In the face of such activity, and the higher price paid in comparison with the last year, a singular feature of the market is the indifference which is entertained towards spot goods. Columbia River of good brands are freely offered to-day at \$1.82½ to \$1.85. Taking similar quality for next season's delivery upon the basis of \$1.70 f.o.b., the costs laid down in this market will be \$1.91.—*N. Y. Commercial Bulletin*.

At the last meeting of the board of trade of Medicine Hat, Assn., the following resolution was passed: Resolved, That a great injustice is being done to the towns throughout the Territories, by allowing the importation of beer while prohibiting its manufacture. It was also carried that the Northwest Land company be requested to contribute towards the expense of sinking a shaft for coal on the town site. The question of offering inducements to the Northwest Coal & Navigation Company to make Medicine Hat, instead of Dunmore, its eastern terminus, was discussed at length. It was thought, however, that the natural advantages of this place should be a sufficient inducement, though the board is willing to do all in its power to assist the company, if it sees fit to make such a change.