

British Columbia.

The furnishings of the Stag & Pheasant Hotel, Vancouver, were purchased at the bailiff's sale by the owner of the building, George Doering, who intends to relet the place.

Wood & Charlton's stationery stock, at Vancouver, which was sold by the bailiff, realized \$740, which will about pay the rent and chattel mortgages.

Wadhams, Ludner and Ewen, representing the Fraser River canneries, and W. H. Dempster, for the northern canneries, have gone to Ottawa to interview the Minister of Fisheries relative to the restrictions as to salmon fishing recently issued from that Department.

There is complaint that Canadians are trespassing on United States fishing grounds in the vicinity of Point Roberts.

The little steamer Nellie Taylor has been purchased by W. H. Vianen, Westminster, from her former owners in Vancouver, and has been transferred to the Fraser river.

The first car load of ore has been received and treated at the new smelter at Revelstoke. It came from the Fish Creek mine, at Illecillewaet. Mining in the interior should be brisk next season, now that ore can be treated at home.

The Victoria city council has decided to place a by-law before the electors granting a \$15,000 subsidy to the promoters of the proposed paper mill, providing that \$50,000 be spent in erecting the works.

John Campbell, general store, Kamloops, has assigned.

Desantels & Ferron, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, were sold out by the sheriff.

F. Schneider, hotel keeper, Vancouver, has sold out.

The Vancouver Soap Company, Vancouver, has sold out.

The chemists and druggists, of Vancouver, have formed themselves into an association, with the following officers: President, Chas. Nelson; secretary-treasurer, H. McDowell; committee, A. W. Draper, T. R. Morrow and J. McAlpine.

Stoddart Bros., jewelers, Vancouver, have opened a branch house at Nanaimo.

Soules & Yorke, Vancouver, offer a compromise at 25 cents on the dollar.

Fritz Schneider, lately proprietor of the Pacific Hotel, has purchased the Glasgow Hotel, Vancouver.

Lumber Cuttings.

Mississippi Valley Lumberman: For three months past the best guessers have placed the cut of the Minneapolis mills for the sawing season of 1889 at figures varying from 250,000,000 to 275,000,000,000 feet. The actual returns show the latter to have been the nearest to the correct figure. The cut is 275,855,648 feet of lumber, 138,196,000 shingles and 63,620,290 lath. In comparison with the last year's cut this is 61,807,653 feet less lumber, 31,459,860 more shingles, and 9,553,030 less lath.

The *Columbian*, of Westminster, B. C., says. The Royal City Plaining Mills company, has shipped three cars of building lumber to Banff, where extensive alterations and additions will be made to the hotel. About a dozen more cars of lumber will be sent by the Royal City Plaining Mills company to Banff.

Grain and Milling Matters.

A public meeting was recently held at Pilot Mound, Manitoba, to consider the proposal of of Messner to move the St. Leon mills to that place. It was stated that the buildings and machinery would be moved to Pilot Mound if farmers would give assistance with their teams in the removal. A bonus of \$1,000 would also be required. The well and ground owned by the Pilot Mound Milling Company would be taken as part of the bonus. The establishment consists of a stone flour mill, a barley and oatmeal mill.

The wheat inspected at Winnipeg, for the week ended Nov. 23, was as follows: Extra Manitoba hard, 2 cars; No. 1 hard, 54 cars; No. 2 hard, 31 cars; No. 2 northern, 25 cars; No. 3 northern, 2 cars; No. 1 white fife, 4 cars; No. 1 rejected, 6 cars; rejected, 17 cars—a total of 140 cars.

An exchange says: Oats are the best balanced of all grains, containing on the average about 12 per cent. of flesh form, 65 per cent. of fat and warmth giving constituents, and 3 per cent. of ash. A noticeable feature of oats in comparison with other foods is the large percentage of husk or fiber that they contain—namely, about 10 per cent. of the whole. When chopped or ground they make a better food than when fed whole. Oatmeal is far richer in flesh former, fat and warmth producing constituents, as it contains but little husk. It is, however, too expensive to feed as a rule, but it makes an excellent food for chickens, and also for fattening purposes. Oatmeal consists of 15 per cent. of flesh formers, 75 per cent. of fat and warmth giving properties, and 2 per cent. of bone making substances.

New Manitoba Towns.

By the construction of the Morris-Brandon branch of the N. P. & M. railway ten or eleven new villages have sprung into existence. The stations on the road between Brandon and Morris, at each of which a plot has been surveyed into lots for dwellings and business purposes, are named as follows: Naughton, Martin, Wawa Nesa, Hilton, Belmont, Greenway, Marieapolis, Swan Lake, Somerset, Miami, and Myrtle. Wawa Nesa and Miami are the two most important places at present. The former is located on the southwest quarter of section 27, of township 7, range 17, on the banks of the Souris river, that stream curving right around the town. The town is two and a half miles east of old Souris City. There are already established in the place three dry goods stores, one furniture store, one drug store, two hardware stores, and two tin shops, one saddlery: two blacksmith shops, a large livery and feed stable, two lumber yards and an elevator, and a Presbyterian church will shortly be erected.

At Miami there are two churches, implement warehouses, hotel, three or four dry goods and hardware stores, elevators and other business establishments. The residents of St. Leon are removing to Somerset and taking their buildings with them and the residents of St. Alphonse are removing to Marieapolis. The St. Alphonse people will take their church along with them and a school will be established in connection with it. The pretty name Marieapolis was given to the new town by the parish priest of St. Alphonse. The birth of all the towns above mentioned may be said to

date from September 1st of this year. Some of them have certainly made gratifying progress already.

The town sites are owned by the railway company, who, in order to have the towns or villages grow up compactly, have only surveyed from four to six blocks close to the depots in each place, and the ground on one side of the depots has been laid out for elevators, sidings, etc. As soon as the surveyed lots are taken up the next adjoining blocks will be subdivided. The size of the lots on business streets is 25x130 and on other streets 50x120. The town of Naughton is at Rounthwaite post office and is named after Mr. McNaught, president of the company. Martin is named after the Attorney-General, and Greenway after the Premier. In one of the towns the two leading streets are named Norquay avenue and Mercier avenue. —*Free Press.*

Prices in British Columbia.

Dealers in the city report large receipts of farm produce during the past few weeks. Prices rule about the same as this time last year. Wheat per ton is quoted at \$33; oats, \$24; bran, \$25; ground feed, \$30; Saanich oatmeal, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; peas for feed, \$23 per ton; potatoes, \$29; onions, \$1.50 per 100 lbs.; hay, \$17 per ton.

The market is fairly well stocked with fruit of all kinds. Gravenstein apples bring \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box of 50 lbs.; choice Bartlett pears, \$1.50.

Island eggs sell for 40 cents, while the imported article brings only 25 cents.

Butter is quoted by dealers at 35 cents, although the epicure knows that a good article will bring, retail, 40 cents. Tub or firkin, 27½ to 30 cents.

Hides, \$5 to \$8.50; sheep skins, long wool, 90 cents to \$1.25.

General Notes.

The commercial travellers' paper in Toronto has been revived by John Goss, under the name of the *Canadian Traveller*.

The total salmon pack of Alaska the past season is placed at 509,687 cases, by the San Francisco *Chronicle*. Twenty-six companies are included in this count.

"See this coat?" he queried as he entered a Main street hand-me-down store the other day.

"Yes, I see dot coat. Vhas somedings wrong?"

"I should remark! See how it is all shrunk up."

"I see. How did she come?"

"I got caught in the rain."

"Exactly. Did I sell you dot coat for waterproof?"

"No; but it hadn't ought to shrink up like this."

"Dot may be, but suppose dot coat swell out und vhas worth \$2 more—would you pay me extra?"

"Of course not."

"Exactly. She was even. If it shrinks you doan' blame me; if she swells you doan' pay any more. Please doan' plock oop der shstore, my frendt, dis was my busy day."