

The pack, taken as a whole, is far from satisfactory, both as regards quantity and quality, and the low prices at one time expected, it is said, are no longer entertained.

Smith, Fischel & Co., the insolvent cigar manufacturing firm, of Montreal, are to continue; the sole partner being J. E. Mullin, who desires to work out his claim for rent and to use up the tobacco on hand. Fischel will manage the business for him. Smith, it is said, is working as a book agent in Chicago.

A Montreal exchange says:—White lead is still one of the "cut" articles of trade here. It is difficult to see where the profit comes in when houses import dry lead, grind it and sell at a loss of ½c to ¾c. The trouble arose in the West, but the difficulty was not ameliorated by the oil and paint houses recently before the public. Montreal firms blame Toronto, and say they cannot make one price for this Province, and another for the West. A Dominion lead paint trust is said to be threatened.

A new fraud upon spice men and grocers has been discovered by the *Detroit Journal*. It is a bogus nutmeg made from pecan nuts. These are said to be pickled while green, dried and boiled in a mixture containing pulverized nutmeg, giving them the same odor and general appearance as the genuine article, but when subjected to the trial of taste revealing an absence of flavor. Several grocers are reported to have been victimized on the supposition that they were purchasing a bargain in nutmegs at about 5c per lb. below the regular market rates.

A United States exchange says:—There are many misuses of names in the commercial world. Here are some of them: "The Russian leather of commerce is made in Connecticut; most of the Bordeaux wine in California; Italian marble is quarried in Kentucky; French lace is woven in New York. Marseilles linen is produced in Massachusetts, and English cassimere in New Hampshire; Parisian art work comes from a shop in Boston; most Persian rugs never saw the Eastern Hemisphere; Spanish mackerel are caught on the coast of New Jersey, and Mediterranean sardines on the coast of Maine; Havana cigars are rolled by the million in Chicago; the olive oil of the American market is made from cotton-seed; Saddle Rock oysters were exterminated at Saddle Rock forty years ago; Orange County butter comes from every part of the Middle States; and just as much oleomargarine is sold for butter as before the suppression bill passed, only the honest farmers churn it in with their cream."

British Columbia.

George & Mundon, of Vancouver, have built a new sailing vessel.

Wm. Johnston has opened a boot and shoe store at Westminster.

Harry Connacher has closed up his business at Donald, his license having expired.

Lundberg & Becar, of Vancouver, shipped as an experiment 200 lbs. of fresh salmon to Hong Kong recently. On the arrival of the ship at Hong Kong, thirty days after her departure, the salmon was perfectly fresh.

F. Sears has leased his hotel business at Kamloops, to C. Aston and H. Atherton. The hotel is the Arlington.

Shelton & Co. have commenced business in the furniture line at Vancouver, B. C. H. T. Shelton, formerly of Winnipeg, is manager.

John L. Beckwith, resident agent at Victoria for Shorey & Co., wholesale clothiers, Montreal, was married recently to Miss Agnes S. McLeod of Nova Scotia.

The arrival of the sealing schooner, Favorite, in Victoria, with 2,134 skins has increased the total catch for the present year to 21,997 skins, of the market value of \$131,982.

The machinery for J. H. Tood & Son's new cannery, on the Fraser river, has arrived. The new cannery will be in complete readiness to commence operations next season.

About 15,000 cases of salmon have been packed to date at Ewen's cannery. This is the largest pack by several thousand cases of any cannery established on the Fraser river.

It is stated that the C. P. R. have acquired the charter secured last session by Ainsworth & Co., for a railway connecting Kootenay lake with Columbia river, and it is expected work will be commenced very soon.

Donald Truth says: G. B. Wright, general merchant, Revelstoke, has removed his stock of groceries to his camp at Galena bay on Kootenay lake; the stock of clothing and hardware is still at Revelstoke, but the store is closed.

Mayor Grant, of Victoria, has instituted criminal proceedings against the proprietors of the *Colonist*, W. H. Ellis and A. G. Sargison, for publishing a letter which asked some rather pointed questions on the defalcations of the absconded city treasurer.

Victoria Times: We hear from the coal miners that there is great unanimity among the miners on the question of wages, or prices. The miners are of opinion that now that coal is high in price their remuneration should be increased, according to a promise made them. A strike is said to be imminent.

James Reid, who has represented the district of Cariboo in the Dominion House of Commons for the last seven years, has been appointed to the seat in the Senate left vacant by the elevation of the Hon. Hugh Nelson to the governorship of the province. He is one of the earliest of the pioneers of the province and has been energetic in aiding its progress.

Since the location of the black cod banks, through the enterprise of Henry Saunders, wholesale fish dealer of Victoria, quite a push is being made to develop these fisheries. The schooner Mary Ellen, has left Victoria on a fishing cruise to the black cod banks, off Queen Charlotte Island. She is manned by a crew of sixteen experienced Newfoundland fishermen.

A Liverpool cablegram says: A large emigration of crofter fishermen to British Columbia is probable next spring, a number of leading cannery owners arranging to emigrate 120 families of about 600 souls to take the place of Indians and Chinese in the canneries at fixed wages. The movement is regarded as important in view of the drawbacks of the Chinese element in that province.

Westminster Columbian: The salmon run last night was not better than the daily average for the past two weeks. The canners are of the opinion that the run is over for this year, and have already commenced reducing the fishing staff. Unless a decided improvement takes place in the run the majority of the canneries will be shut down during the coming week.

Word has been received that the Southfield coal mine, belonging to the Vancouver Coal Co., situated near Nanaimo, is on fire. No lives were lost but the men working in the mine had a narrow escape. Three men were injured by falling rock. The fire is now confined to one part of the mine, in the air shaft. The Nanaimo fire brigade have four powerful streams playing on the flames and expect the fire will be extinguished by morning.

Grain and Milling.

The Ogilvie Milling Company are building a grain warehouse at Sintaluta, Assa.

W. Wignore has disposed of his grain warehouse at Bridge Creek, Man., to Roblin & Atkinson, of Winnipeg. G. W. Wood has been engaged as buyer.

The town council of Birtle, Man., propose aiding the Birtle Milling Co. to the extent of \$2,000 provided the rural municipality of Birtle assist in the enterprise.

D. H. McMillan & Co., of Winnipeg, are building an elevator at Indian Head, Assa. The capacity will be 25,000 bushels. This with the Bell elevator, 30,000 bushels capacity, will afford good facilities for handling wheat at that point this fall.

There is, it is said, no fear of a wheat blockade on the Canadian Pacific railway this season. The company has 3,000 cars on this division this season whilst last year they had but 1,600. With the probably slower movement of grain this year, and the increased number of cars available, it is to be hoped that the disastrous blockade of last season, owing to a shortage of cars, will not be repeated on this crop.

Lumber Cuttings.

Four new boilers for the Hastings Saw Mill Co., Vancouver, B. C., were made recently by the Albion Iron Works, of Victoria.

Some 1,500,000 feet of green lumber for the Port Arthur elevator have been purchased from the Superior Lumber Company, Ashland, Wisconsin.

The contract for preparing the site for the mammoth Ross-McLaren saw mills at Westminster, B. C., has been let, and the work is now in progress.

W. J. Macaulay, a well known pioneer lumberman, of Winnipeg, has located at Victoria, B. C., where he has bought a property and is building a residence.

The Alberta Lumber Co., after great delay, have commenced the erection of their mill at Red Deer, north of Calgary, Alberta. Logs will be taken out this winter. The settlers are greatly pleased.

It is said the Joggins raft experiment will be repeated on the Pacific coast. A telegram from St. John, N. B., says that the builder of this famous raft will go to British Columbia to build two rafts, one for San Francisco and one for Chili, South America.