

British Columbia.

H. Burmister has purchased the meat business of J. Ferguson, at Nanaimo.

J. Cathcart, of Chemainus, will open a butcher shop at Duncan Station.

A tailor, from Brandon, Man., was fined for doing business in Westminster, without a license.

Ninety-five colored coal miners, from Pennsylvania, have arrived to work in the Comox coal mines.

The good-will, furniture and stock-in-trade of the Palace Hotel, Nanaimo, has been purchased by Hindmarsh and T. Peters.

F. W. Hall, formerly of the Driard Hotel, Victoria, will purchase the half interest in the Central Hotel, Nanaimo, owned by G. Howe.

The British Columbia Soap Works, of Victoria, owned by Pendray & Co., are being enlarged. It is the intention to commence the manufacture of bluing, shoeblacking, etc.

J. J. Dawley, formerly proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, and C. C. Fox, have purchased I. Rechtel's interest in the Vancouver House, on Yates street, Victoria.

S. L. Kelly's ice manufacturing works at Victoria, have been put in operation, and work satisfactorily. This is the first attempt to manufacture ice by artificial process, made in B. C.

H. T. Thrift, of Surrey municipality, is calling for offers on \$10,000 or \$15,000 worth of debentures proposed to be issued by the municipality of Surrey to enable the construction of the dyking works. Offers will be received up to the 31st inst.

The following is a statement of the business of the Nanaimo branch of the Dominion Savings Bank: Deposits for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1889, \$119,761; withdrawals for the same period \$92,513.61. Total amount due depositors on June 30th, 1889, \$283,744.94.

The Vancouver daily *World* has recently been considerably enlarged in size. The *World* is now a four page, thirty-two column, paper; which is not so bad for a city the age of Vancouver. But Vancouver journals have kept in advance even of the rapid growth of the young city.

The *Columbian*, of Aug 7th, says: Harvesting at Chilliwack and Sumas is well advanced, and magnificent crops are being reaped. A little more rain would have improved crops, but as it is they are over the average. On Friday last threshing commenced and is now in progress on half a dozen farms.

The *Columbian* of Aug. 10th says: The salmon run to-day was fully up to the average, and shows no sign of decreasing. The estimated pack up to date is 240,000 cases, and this number will probably be increased by 75,000 cases more if the run continues good. Many of the canneries have run out of tin for making cans, and have ordered fresh supplies, which a month ago they little expected would be necessary.

The *Victoria Times* says: W. Howatson is collecting data in respect to the consumption of news, print and wrapping papers in British Columbia. His intention is, if his inquiries

show the demand will warrant it, to erect a paper mill and commence the manufacture of this article. Raw material of a very superior kind, can be procured in the province, and with transportation charges amounting to twenty per cent. of the value, as against eastern manufacturers, there would be no difficulty, we are of opinion, in controlling the local market. It is all a question of the amount consumed.

The big run of salmon in the Fraser continues. The *Westminster Columbian*, of Aug. 7, says: "Last night's salmon catch beats the previous records for this season, and to say the least it was something wonderful. Every boat came in this morning loaded to the water's edge, and the fishermen well nigh exhausted from their exertions. The day shift went out at 5 o'clock this morning, and the first drift made by one of W. H. Viannen's boats resulted in a catch of 640 fish, the largest catch made in one drift this year and probably the largest ever made on the river. It required three boats to haul the fish in, and each was well loaded. Such fishing as this was unexpected, and is surprising to even the oldest fishermen. This is the third week of the "big run," but there is no sign of the fish lessening in numbers. It is probable the pack will be the largest ever made on the river.

The country up the Fraser river from Westminster, is a famous fruit section, and the crop appears to be a good one this year. The *Westminster Columbian* says: "Every steamer from up river points arrive at this city fairly loaded with plums and other fruits, an evidence of the immense increase in the yield this season over that of any former year. Many young orchards are bearing this season for the first time, which largely increase the production, but next year the quantity of fruit for export will be more than double that of this year. Since Friday last fully ten tons alone have been received at the different wharves, and the season for this kind of fruit has only just commenced. The quantity of apples received during the same time was very great. Up to the present, the local demand for fruit has been so great that none has been exported, but in a few weeks more exports to the Northwest will commence on a large scale, if railway rates are not prohibitory. The express company should offer very liberal rates to points as far east as Winnipeg."

Lake Superior Region.

An empty frame house, at Port Arthur, owned by Geo. Marks, was burned last week. Loss \$600; no insurance.

The *Victoria Standard* denies the report that it is about to change proprietorship and come out as a morning newspaper.

The foundry by law, granting \$2,500 bonus to Mr. Thompson, of Qu'Appelle, to establish a foundry at Fort William, has been carried.

L. H. Doll, jeweler, Donald, is moving to Revelstoke. Dawson, Bole & Co., druggists of the same place, are also moving to Revelstoke.

A Chinaman while digging a well on the Westminster road, three miles from Vancouver, struck a seam of coal 3½ feet thick, at a depth of 20 feet.

Donald's newspaper, *Truth*, has ceased publication. The proprietor will likely start a paper at Westminster. Other newspaper enterprises are talked of. The *Vancouver World* says a new morning paper will shortly be started there.

A telegram was received at Port Arthur last week, from Thomas Marks, president of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway, stating that the contract for the construction of the road was signed. The contract is made with G. H. Mudd's firm, formerly Government engineer on the C. P. R. between Port Arthur and Rat Portage, backed by Scotch capitalists.

As a summer resort, Port Arthur cannot be too highly recommended. The *Sentinel* says: The lake that gives us drink is the birth-place of the breezes that temper with kindly coolness the heats of the Junes, Julys and Augusts. As a summer resort Port Arthur has admittedly few equals and certainly no superiors. Hotel accommodation unsurpassed, scenery to make the heart glad, fishing the best in the world, and other attractions almost too numerous to mention. A great country surrounding it and an inland ocean in front of it, our town offers more real enjoyment in the hot weather for less money than can be found anywhere. Our citizens do not have to leave their homes in the heated spell to find comfort and pleasure—the luxury of a continual seaside is always theirs. The mystery is why many more tourists do not find their way here. Scores of Canadians travel much farther than they would to reach Port Arthur, and at double and triple the expense and yet not enjoy half the comforts that they would here.

The principal feature of interest in the mining district, says the Port Arthur *Sentinel*, has been the big strike at the Beaver. Apart from this, however, matters throughout the district have been progressing favorably and quiet development work is being pushed through in all directions. The bush fires still prevail to some extent in certain districts and have interfered somewhat with exploratory operations. The announcement that the railway contract has been signed and that the work will commence at once, is sure in itself to create a much greater degree of activity throughout the mineral region. Many good locations are but awaiting the advent of the railway to see active development work commenced and just as the road is pushed forward will the riches of the district be fully demonstrated. At Silver Mountain East they now have 24 barrels of high grade ore, all told, ready for shipment, and the work goes on. At the West End, Mr. Woodruff, in the absence of Mr. Nicholls, was in charge. The mine continues to turn out rich ore in all its workings. At the Beaver they are still in bonanza. For 21 days now they have been taking most extraordinarily rich ore from both levels of No. 2 shaft and the drifts northward. The ore which is being produced is probably the finest the Beaver has ever shown and will average \$1,000 to the ton.

Clougher's elevator at Otterburn, Man., was burned last week. Valued at \$3,000, insured for \$1,000. Only a small quantity of wheat was in the building.