

SAN FRANCISCO COAL TRADE.

J. W. Harrison's San Francisco coal report dated May 25, says: During the week there have been 11 arrivals from the Coast collieries with 28,705 tons of coal, from Australia 3 arrivals with 7,334 tons, from Swansea the "Oriente" with 1,734 tons, total 37,773 tons. Some of these grades have come to a good market, as Australian and Swansea Anthracite were in very light supply, hence the above arrivals have brought remunerative prices. The newspapers are all vying with each other as to which will give the most distorted account of "Coal trusts," "Combines," "Syndicates," etc., etc., which exists (only in their minds) here at present. It is most singular that distributors of information will not seek it from reliable sources, when accurate coal data can be had at the Merchants Exchange daily from a dozen or more Coal Dealers and Importers who convene there. There is not an article in the currency of trade which requires as much capital to carry the stock, valuable and spacious yards for storage, judgment for distribution, that has left a smaller remuneration for the past five years, as Coal. This is a positive fact, and actually known to be such by the writer.

There is listed as engaged tonnage for here, over 110,000 tons of coal tonnage from Australia and over 100,000 tons from Swansea—some of this may not arrive here this year. Seductive grain charters will assure us generous fuel supplies for 12 months to come at least.

FREIGHTS.

Grain vessels already under engagement are arriving freely, but there are few disengaged ships in port. These are held at pretty high rates, which so far exporters show no disposition to pay. In the lumber market freight continues steady to firm. Grain freights from San Francisco to Cork for orders, may be quoted nominally at 32s 6d from Columbia River 37s 6d, and from Tacoma 35s.

Lumber freights from British Columbia or Puget Sound are quoted as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 42s 6d; Sydney, 30s; Melbourne, 42s 6d nominal; Port Pirie, 40s; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 65s; Shanghai 52s 6d; Tientsin 55s; South Africa, 62s 6d.

Coal freights from Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$1.75 to \$2.00, to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50, all more or less nominal.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Co's shipments for two weeks ending June 1st:

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
18	Willapa, str., Alaska	77
21	G. Storey, str., Port Townsend	35
22	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend	18
23	Angeles, str., Port Townsend	9
25	P. Jensen, str., Los Angeles	1,638
27	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend	12
27	Willapa, str., Juneau	111
29	Kodak, str., Alaska	6
29	Pioneer str., Port Townsend	26
30	Willapa, str., Alaska	18
	Total	3,103

VESSELS IN PORT.

(June 3, 1895.)

VICTORIA.

Br. bark Wythrop, 1,231 tons, Capt. Edwards, arrived June 3, from Liverpool, with general cargo. To load grain at Tacoma.

COWICHAN.

Am. bk'tn Jane L. Sanford, 922 tons, Capt. Johnson, arrived May 17, loading props for Santa Rosalia.

WESTMINSTER.

Nr. bk'tn Wrestler, 447 tons, arrived May 21, loading lumber for Shanghai.

Am. schr. R. W. Bartlett, 495 tons, Capt. Olsen, arrived May 30, loading lumber for San Francisco.

VANCOUVER.

Br. ship Bangower, 1,561 tons, Capt. Manson, arrived April 13, loading lumber for South Africa.

Br. ship Aigburth, 1,798 tons, Capt. Jones, arrived March 28—from Liverpool with general cargo—H. Bell-Irving & Co., agents, loading lumber for Valparaiso for orders.

Br. ship City of Florence, 1,216 tons, Capt. Leask, arrived April 17 from Liverpool with general cargo, to load lumber for Cork, U. K., for orders.

Am. bark Areturus, 1,007 tons, Capt. Sloan, arrived May 8, loading lumber for Santa Rosalia.

Am. schr. Puritan, 584 tons, Capt. Saxe, arrived May 5, loading lumber for Tientsin.

Ital. bark Cavour, 1,389 tons, Captain San Mentor, arrived May 13, loading lumber for Callao.

Am. bk'tn Monitor, 221 tons, Capt. Turlo, arrived June 3, loading lumber for California.

NANAIMO.

New Vancouver Coal Co's shipping.

Am. ship Cyrus Wakefield, 2,103 tons, Capt. Henry.

Am. bark Wilna, 1,491 tons, Capt. Slater.

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Am. ship Two Brothers, 1,313 tons, Capt. Windrow.

UNION SHIPPING.

Am. s.s. City of Everett, 1,858 tons, Capt. Buchanan.

RECAPITULATION.

Ports.	No.	Tonnage.
Victoria.....	1	1,281
Cowichan.....	1	922
Vancouver.....	7	7,812
Nanaimo.....	4	6,713
Westminster.....	2	912
Total.....	15	17,673
Previous week.....	11	14,389
Correspond'g week last year.....	26	30,593
".....	1893.....18	26,253
".....	1892.....12	16,970

It is unfortunate that prospectors do not know they can be more satisfactorily equipped with supplies and necessities for prospecting in Ashcroft, or up-country, than at the coast. Several have come up with outfits which they were compelled to throw almost entirely away because of their unfitness for the journey intended. It would also be advisable for those who think of bringing up provisions in small quantities to remember that it costs almost as much to bring small quantities as large, and, therefore, unless they need much, it will be cheaper to wait till they get up here.—Ashcroft correspondence World.

The Financial News, one of the leading monetary papers of England, in a recent article, takes the public of Great Britain severely to task for investing their money in many worthless schemes in all sorts of half and quarter civilized countries and neglecting their own possessions, of which it holds up West Kootenay as a bright but very much neglected example. There is unfortunately no doubt that investments in British Columbia are not so attractive to the British public as say in the United States of Columbia, an obscure republic in South America, where revolutionists are the only past time and where repudiation is simply prevented by the shadow of a British man-of-war.

Dodwell, Carlill & Co., shipping agents for the N. P. L. N., have removed their Victoria office to the Board of Trade block.

MEMORANDA.

Vessels on the way to British Columbia Ports.

- A—Via Suva, Fiji, May 21, and Honolulu June 1—due about June 10.
- B—Lumber to Sydney at 36s 7d.
- C—To sail June 12, via Yokohama June 21—due July 3.
- D—Cargo of coals.
- E—May 6, sailed from Galway to Liverpool, to sail thence about June 15. Chartered for grain from Tacoma.
- F—Via Yokohama.
- G—15th April, arrived at Flores with 11 of the crew sick with yellow fever. Chartered for lumber to U. K.
- H—Tea cargo.
- I—Via San Diego, chartered for Salmon to U. K., at 35s., September, loading.
- J—Lumber for California.
- K—Chartered for salmon to U. K., at 36s., by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.
- L—To sail June 1, via Yokohama, June 15—due June 29.
- M—Dec: 28 passed Scilly. Spoken January 1, lat. 25° N. long. 14° W. January 22—lat. 21° S. long. 39° W. March 2, put into Port Stanley, F. I., partially dismasted, lost sails, bulwarks and chain plates damaged.
- N—Chartered for salmon to U. K., at 33s. 9d., by Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd.
- O—March 1—Arrived Barbadoes.
- P—Chartered to load lumber for U. K.
- Q—Arrived Santa Barbara April 29, chartered for lumber from Vancouver to Adelaide at 38s 9d.
- R—May 3, sailed from Las Palmas thence via San Francisco. To enter coal trade.
- S—Chartered to load lumber on Puget Sound for U. K.—exclusive of west coast of Ireland at 70s.
- T—Via San Diego with coal at 16s—thence to Royal Roads for orders.
- U—May, loading. Chartered at 52s 6d for the round. Salmon to be the return cargo.
- V—Spoken March 2—lat. 35 N. long. 20 W. March 22—lat. 6 S. long. 28 W.
- W—To sail June 25—Via Yokohama July 6—due July 20.
- X—Via San Francisco—To enter coast coal trade for Saginaw S.S. Co., of San Francisco.
- Y—Via Yokohama June 1—due June 13.
- Z—Via Yokohama June 1—due June 12.
- AA—To load a return cargo of lumber.
- BB—June sailing, via Yokohama.
- CC—To sail from Antwerp June 25, and from Liverpool July 31.