

British Columbia.

G. C. Vessey, carriage maker, Vancouver, is dead.

E. Johnson has opened in the dry goods business at Nanaimo.

J. L. Brown, photographer, Kamloops, has given up business.

Andrews & Earl have opened in the bakery business at Victoria.

John Fitzpatrick has started in the plumbing business at Vancouver.

An architects office will be opened at Mission by McKenzie, of Vancouver.

New Westminster merchants are discussing the question of a city market.

Joseph Henley has purchased the Morley soda works, New Westminster.

Banberry & Howson, carpenters, etc., Revelstoke, have dissolved partnership.

Fader Bros. have started a fish packing establishment at New Westminster.

The firm of Andrew & Farsman, commission merchants, have opened at Victoria.

McEnery & Billingham have opened in the wholesale wine business at Victoria.

Davidson Bros, jewellers, Vancouver and Victoria, have opened a branch at New Westminster.

I. N. Kendall & Son, have opened offices at Westminster, as mill-wrights, draughtsmen and designers.

The Richmond Hotel, Steveston, has been leased to Trites Bros, who will manage it in the future.

J. H. McMillan & Co., have taken over the general store business of Young & Rickles at Northfield.

Nanaimo district has been released from the hog quarantine which has been in force for some time past.

E. W. Edwards, who recently arrived at Vancouver from the east, has started a mattress factory at that city.

The boat building firm of Foot & McDougall, Victoria, has been dissolved. H. R. Foot will continue the business.

J. Anderson, of Victoria, was in Nanaimo recently endeavoring to make arrangements to open up a brick yard there.

Philip Wade, stone and marble cutter, Vancouver, intends establishing a branch of his business at New Westminster.

R. Campbell has assumed the proprietorship of the Superior saloon, Vancouver. He has admitted McPhadden as a partner.

The Victoria upholsters, cabinet makers and house furnishers held a meeting recently to discuss the question of forming a union.

W. J. Scott, of Winnipeg, western manager of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., has appointed C. E. Perry as agent of the company at Vancouver.

A concern to be known as the Columbia Manufacturing Company, has been established at Vancouver, for the purpose of manufacturing writing inks.

C. R. Major, of the firm of Major & Eldridge, Vancouver, has decided to erect a large three-storey building in which that firm will transact its business.

A movement is on foot to obtain incorporation for a company to construct and operate a

line of railway from Nanaimo to some point north of Vancouver Island.

The *News-Advertiser* of April 11th says: "The British ship, Forest King, was expected to arrive here this morning to load lumber for Callao, Peru, at the Hastings saw mill."

The Hudson's Bay Company have decided to erect a new three-storey building at Vancouver. The cost of the building will be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Work will be commenced at once.

The tin, sheet iron and cornice workers of Victoria have formed an organization for mutual protection. It has been moved that after the 20th of April the nine hour day be adopted.

At a meeting of the municipal council of Victoria held recently, a memorial was received from the Montreal board of trade in opposition to the collection of the tax on commercial travellers.

The department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa have decided to make official enquiry into the loss of the steamer Sardonix, which was wrecked on the coast of the Queen Charlotte island some time ago.

C. Mallette has severed his connection with the firm of Bouchier, Croft & Mallette, real estate agents, etc., Victoria. He has accepted the position of general manager of the Port Angeles Southern Railway.

A proposition to have the Beaver, one of the oldest vessels on the Pacific coast, exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair, is being discussed in Victoria at present. This vessel is said to be first that ever rounded Cape Horn.

A motion has been brought before the city council of Vancouver, to provide for the appropriation of a sum of money to be used in celebrating the arrival of the first of the new China steamer the "Empress of India." She is expected about the 27th or 28th of this month.

Garvin & Campbell are calling for tenders for their hotel to be erected at Beacon Hall park. The new building will be three storeys high, with brick and stone foundation. There will be about fifty twelve bed rooms, with dining and sitting rooms and parlors. Thos. Garvin will take charge of the hotel.

Heretofore the position of mayor, of the city of Nanaimo, has had no salary attached to it. The question of compensating the citizen who fills that position is now being discussed and it is probable that some plan will be adopted which will at least partially repay those who do the duties. The aldermen will also be provided for.

The two leading legal firms of New Westminster have amalgamated. The old firm of Corbould, McCall & Jeans, and Fortin & Morrison, have entered into partnership. The name of the new combine will be Corbould, McColl & Fortin, and the members are Messrs. Gordon, E. Corbould, A. J. McColl, J. Fortin and Aulay Morrison.

Alex. Ewen is about to begin the erection of a new salmon canning establishment on Lion Island near New Westminster. The cannery will be in readiness to begin operations when the sockeye run commences, usually about the first of July. This makes the third new cannery to be erected on the Fraser the present year, the other two being those of the Lulu Canning Company, on the main river, and Rowan Bros., on the North Arm.—*Ledger*,

A vote of the citizens of Nanaimo is to be taken on the question of the city purchasing the Gas and Electric Light Co.'s works and operating these works in futuro. At present there are two companies, or rather one company and one private individual supplying that city with electric light and the by-law, which will be submitted to the ratepayers on May 4th, provides for the purchase of both those plants. It is expected that \$55,000 will be the amount of money required.

At the last session of the city council of Victoria notice was given that at the next meeting of that body a resolution will be introduced that a bonus of one million dollars shall be granted to a company for the construction of a railway between Victoria and Beecher Bay, to connect at the latter point with a ferry which will run to Port Crescent, the terminus of a railway now being extended to that place. The company which is to undertake the enterprise is now seeking a charter of incorporation from the provincial legislature. The charter provides that the work of construction shall be commenced not later than May, 1892, and the road and ferry be completed and in operation within two years from that date. The railway cars will be carried across the Straits, a distance of nine miles, on the ferry steamers.

North West Ontario.

A. Collins has opened a general painting, calomining and paper hanging shop at Port Arthur.

A model stock and poultry farm is now in operation on Pie Island, near Port Arthur. Nothing but really first-class stock is kept, and the poultry are said to be especially fine.

H. F. Atwell & Co., grocers, etc., Norman, have moved into larger premises, having taken the store formerly occupied by Carmichael. Boots and shoes, furnishings, etc., have been added to the business.

On Monday, the 6th inst., the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Rat Portage Reduction Works was held. Out of the 6,300 shares which have been issued, 4,462 were presented. The question of obtaining a supply of ore was discussed and it was decided that owing to the ore around Rat Portage not being developed in sufficient quantities to make it pay, the company would have to arrange for ore from other places. Some alterations were made in the by-laws. The election of directors was then proceeded with and the following cities are represented on the board: Cleveland, 1; Stillwater, 1; St. Paul, 2; Winnipeg, 2; Rat Portage, 1. The meeting then adjourned. The management expect to have the works running in about six weeks.

Assiniboia.

H. Yuill, has opened a restaurant at Medicine Hat.

McIntosh Bros., have disposed of the Queen's hotel, Qu'Appelle.

T. J. Braund of Toronto, intends to start in the general store business in Regina.

The Regina board of trade council has decided to publish another immigration pamphlet.

W. H. Maulson & Co., general merchants, Moosomin, offer their business for sale, through W. F. Henderson, of Winnipeg. Moosomin is one of the best business points in the territory.