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THE VICTORIA PRICES CURRENT AND SHIPPING LIST.

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It gives us much satisfaction to note the continuance of the general activity in trade noticed in our last. It is true the movement is chiefly in provisions, which are being dispatched by every steamer "en route" for the mines, but of course every other branch of commerce participates more or less in the current business. We have now four steamers plying between this port and New Westminster, and all seem to have a fair amount of traffic. The mining season has now fairly commenced and our streets are consequently comparatively deserted.

Provisions generally rule high, owing to the increased values at San Francisco and Portland. Flour and Grain continue to command the high prices noticed in our last issue without the likelihood of a proximate reduction. Golden Gate none in first hands. Chili is held at \$15 75; by last advices from San Francisco Golden Gate was quoted at \$15 50. and Chile at \$13 50 @ \$ 14 00. Large quantities of the latter continued to arrive at that port with no appearance of overstocking the market, the consumption keeping pace with the supplies. From the foregoing it will be seen that in Flour, prices ruling at present in Oregon and San Francisco are somewhat lower than they have been, although not sufficiently as to cause any material change in the quotations here.

Sandwich Island Sugar—None in first hands, but jobbers supplied; a further supply is expected about the 18th next month.

In our quotations of flour the following alterations should have been made:—Pacific,

extra, \$18 00. Oregon, \$17 @ \$17 50.
Dry Goods—Market well supplied in all descriptions, with few exceptions. In knits and narrow sheetings there is a great scarcity, which we learn will be fully supplied on the arrival from London of the Ann Adamson, due here in the course of the next month or the beginning of June.

Coffee—Stocks low in first hands, Costa Rica may be quoted at 21cts @ 22cts. In all other goods our market may be said to be well supplied.

With regard to the present conditions of our mining operations in the vicinity of this City, we cannot give a very favorable report, they do not seem to be pushed forward with that energy that is always so strikingly observable in the mining districts of our American neighbours. We hear from time to time of new diggings being discovered, and new claims are recorded daily, but from want of means or energy, or perhaps both, the results so far have been extremely small; the present season has, however, been remarkably backward, and this, there is no doubt, may reasonably account in a great measure for the present meagre results of the mining carried on in the vicinity of Victoria still, from what we can learn that perseverance so characteristic of the true miner is not displayed to its accustomed limits this may be owing to the fact that those engaged in the extraction of gold at the Island diggings are mostly men not accustomed to the work and thus are chary of exposing themselves to the hardships attendant upon this description of labor; be this however as it may the fact is unquestionable that operations do not advance with that

rapidity which is to be looked for in a mining district; this will doubtless disappear as experience develops the best mode of procedure.

The recent proceedings in our Court of law have made but too apparent the total ignorance of those who attempted to open up the Quartz ledges of Gold Stream V. I., who, after an abortive effort to form themselves into Joint Stock Companies for that purpose are now paying the penalty for meddling in matters of which they know nothing; large sums of money have been uselessly expended in blasting out a few tons of quartz which are now lying where they were thrown, the too palpable evidences of mismanagement and the want of necessary information. This however in no way indicates the absence of the precious metal in the various places where the leads were partially opened. There is little doubt that had these same leads been in California or Oregon they would have given rise to endless speculation and probably in the main would have richly rewarded the explorers. We are reliably informed that an American citizen resident on the Sound is endeavouring to purchase all the Stock in one of the defunct companies and once possessed of the greater part or the whole which he will be enabled to buy through his agent here for a tenth of the amount paid on it we may be unpleasantly convinced of our blunders in regard to quartz mining, and we trust enlightened in respect to the wealth that we appear to treat so lightly at present.

We learn from Willmer and Smith's paper of March 4th that the "Ta Lee" has put into Gibraltar dismasted and we therefore look for no vessel from Liverpool or London until the arrival of the "Ann Adamson."

The Ship "Envoy" has been chartered and proceeded to Burrards Inlet to load lumber for Port Adelaide, Australia.

The American Barque "Glympso" is expected here daily from Burrards Inlet where she has taken in lumber for Sydney.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

ENTERED.

- April 12.—Bg Franklin Adams Burr San Francisco
- Sip Restless J Wendt Port Angeles
- Sip Alexes Becka Fort Rupert
- Sip Alarm Hollins Nanaimo
- April 13.—Sip Hamly Gray Nanaimo
- Sip Pacific Enns Astoria
- Sip Enterprise Mount New Westminster
- April 16.—Str G S Wright Lewis Nanaimo
- Sip Native Jones Skoko
- Sch Thornadyke Thornton San Juan
- Sch Eliza Carleton Faanick
- Sch A Crosby Ketchum Astoria
- April 20.—Str Diana McCulloch Nanaimo
- Sip Enterprise Mount New Westminster
- Sch Thornadyke Thornton San Juan
- April 22.—Str Caledonia Frain, New Westminster
- Sip Alexandra, Delaware, New Westminster
- April 25.—Eliza Anderson Finch Port Angeles
- Sip Thornton Warren New Westminster
- Sch Thornadyke Thornton San Juan
- April 26.—Str Fidelity McCulloch Nanaimo
- Sch Wester Mills Port Angeles

- Str Caledonia Frain New Westminster
- Bt Lopez Harlan San Juan
- April 27.—Bt Harriet Duk San Juan
- Sch Annie Elorn Chemoun
- Sip Naylor Fallon San Juan
- Sip Northern Light Mount Port Angeles
- Sip Gaskin Tosgood Port Angeles
- Sch Growler, C Williams Port Angeles
- Sip Enterprise Mount New Westminster
- Sip Alexandra Lusley New Westminster

CLEARED.

- April 12.—Str G S Wright Lewis Nanaimo
- Bk Rival Blair Port Angeles
- Sip Restless Wendt Port Angeles
- Sip Alexis Brown New Westminster
- Sip Brigate Blid Weeks Valpaais
- April 13.—Sip Hawley Gray Nanaimo
- Sip Pacific Burn San Francisco
- Sip Enterprise Mount New Westminster
- April 16.—Sch Thornadyke Thornton San Juan
- Sch A Crosby Ketchum Nanaimo
- April 20.—Str Enterprise Mount New Westminster
- Sch Thornadyke Thornton San Juan
- April 22.—Sch Eliza, Carleton, Saanich
- Sch Winged Kacer, Peterson, Port Angeles
- Sip Alarm, Hollins, Salt Spring Island
- April 25.—Str Eliza Anderson Finch Port Angeles
- Sch Thornadyke Thornton San Juan

- April 20.—Str Fidelity McCulloch Nanaimo
- Sch Gen Harney Oberg Port Angeles
- Sip Eagle Knight Stekin
- Bt Lopez Harland San Juan
- April 27.—Bt Harriet Duk San Juan
- Sch Caledonia Frain New Westminster
- Sch Orin Swanson N W Coast of V I
- Sip Naylor Fallon San Juan
- Sip G Skidder Osgood Port Angeles
- Sip Enterprise Mount N W Westminster

LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

- From London—Ann Adamson, sailed 9th Jany. do Philomela, loading.
- From Liverpool—Cyclone, sailed 9th February. do Ta Lee, sailed 6th January

ALBERNI SHIPPING NEWS.

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Alberni, for Honolulu.

SAILED.

John Stephenson, for Adelaide, on 1st April