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quiry for city and Esquimalt district real estate and advanced prices. The Southern Railway connection is not unlikely to create a land boom in this locality.

Vancouver Herald: The number of buildings created in the city during the first three months of the present year number 222 or a monthly average of 74. These are all habitable buildings and do not include sheds and such like.

Kamloops Sentinel: A new ranching company was recently formed at Vernon, under the name of the Kettle River Ranching Company. The principal members of the company are Missis. Coryell, Murray and Randall, and the property is situated in Grand Prairie, on Kettle River, 40 miles below Rock Creek, and 130 miles from Okanagan Mission. Cattle in that district were only fed for three weeks last winter, being turned out on the 28th of January. In the middle of March the grass was quite three inches long.

A meeting was held lately at Vancouver to organize a building and loan society. After considerable discussion Mr. Clute moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, that a committee be appointed to examine into the various schemes and report to the meeting in a month's time. The motion was carried and the following committee was appointed. Mayor Oppenheimer, ex-Mayor McLean, Messrs. Clute, Skene, Hamersley, Calhoun, Dunn, Worsnop, Dr. McGuigan, Baldwin and Bodwell.

Westminster Columbian: It is announced that the B. C. Stationery Co., of Victoria, has made an assignment. This company was organized about two years ago, and had three separate establishments, at Victoria, Westminster and Vancouver. The great Vancouver fire resulted in a very heavy loss from which the company never recovered. It was followed shortly by a fire at the Victoria establishment which envolved another loss of several thousand dollars. Both the Westminster and Vancouver houses were disposed of, and during the past year the business of the company was confined to Victoria. It was not able to recover from the heavy losses sustained by the two fires, however, and it was deemed best to make an assignment.

Dairy Matters.

A cheese factory will be started at Gladstone, Man.

A meeting to discuss the cheese factory question was held at Arden Man. lately.

EARLY green vegetables from the Pacific coast have been received at Calgary.

Grain and Milling News.

The Willford & Northway Mfg. Co. of Minneapolis has taken a contract to build a 60 bbl mill for Douglass Bro., at Lerdo Mexico.

While in Winnipeg recently on a business trip, J. A. Clare merchant, of Neepawa, Man. was inform A by the Ogdvie Company that they fully stend to change their grain warehouse at Neepawa to an elevator of 40,000 bu. capacity before next harvest.

The machinery of the fine new roller mill at Holland was started on Friday last, and worked satisfactorily. The mill which is owned by a joint stock company, is capable of turning out 75 barrels of flour per day and cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

Lumber Cuttings.

A timber limit in the Lake Dauphin district, Man. has been purchased by John Cameron of Minnedosa from the Dominion Government.

The barque Howden, 1163 tons, cleared from the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B C. for Melbourne, Australia. Her cargo consists of 830,988 feet rough lumber, 4559 bundles pickets, and 800 bundles of laths, a total of 894,272 feet, valued at \$9958.

Victoria, B. C., Times: We understand that there is now on the tapis a scheme for the erec tion of a gigantic sawmill and lumber manufacturing establishment on Esquimalt harbor. The concern will be one of the largest on the coast. and equipped throughout with the best and most modern machinery. It will be in close proximity to the railway. Truck cars for conveying logs to the mill from up the line will be utilized. They are cow used largely on the Sound and in the lumbering districts in the east. It is claimed that the mill will effect a great saving in the towage of logs and vessels by being crected in the spot named. Several extensive lumber men are at present in the province looking up timber and selecting claims.

Western Notes.

At the last meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade, W. W. Ogilvie and J. Ogilvie were elected as members of the board. Burk, Macdonell and Bowerman were appointed a committee to take all steps necessary recommending a site suitable for a board of trade building. V. Bowerman, J. Ogilvie, W. C. Dobie, D. G. McBean, F. E. Gibbs and W. J. Bawlf were appointed, under Sec. 3 of "The Ceneral Grain Inspection Act, 43 Victoria," as grain examiners for the town of Port Arthur for the year 1888. Gibbs, Bowerman and Dobie were appointed a committee to look into the grain standards for the year 1888.

THE property lately owned and occupied by Wesbrook and McKennit, at Moosonin, Assa., has been purchased by Colin McLean, and fitted up as a butcher shop, which has been opened by Tudge & Stewart, late of Wapella.

A SCHEME has been proposed by J. H. Ross and is at present in the hands of the Moosejaw Council, to lay before the outside world particulars of the Moosejaw district.

The exports of silver from the Port Arthur mines for the year 1887 amounted to over \$400,-