

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 16.

The Yukon outfitting and shipping trade of Vancouver is reviving somewhat as a result of summer travel to the north. It is not, however, what it was in early spring and the diminished volume is disappointing mercantile expectations considerably. The merchants of Vancouver, however, hoped that the beginning of the Mann and Mackenzie railway and wagon road operations under the provincial subsidy of \$1,600,000 now granted, to the Klaimat-Glenora and Teslin Lake enterprise, will aid in reviving the trade. The agricultural outlook of the coast district of British Columbia and of the Fraser valley in particular is excellent, and apparently both root and grain crops will be exceptionally large as a result of long continued good weather in spring, provided only that no sudden access of great heat in the interior do not cause floods in the Fraser valley. It is, however, hoped that the danger of this is passing and meanwhile with grain and root prices higher than they have been for years on the Pacific coast and with an ever increasing demand from mining districts north and east the farmers of this part of British Columbia have excellent reason for hopefulness as to the immediate future.

The price of flour has, of course, advanced to Manitoba and Oregon rates, the home production being confined as yet to mills in the Okanagan valley, which, though very successful in producing an excellent grade of flour from some of the best wheat in the world are not operated on any very extensive scale. The retail consumers of bread are naturally also suffering as a joint result of the rise to war and corner prices in sympathy with a like movement in the States and ten cents per loaf is the price now asked for loaves supposed to weigh a pound and a half.

British Columbia Items.

J. F. Pugh, tailor, Golden, is dead.

A. Morin, hotel, Ymir, has given up. Mrs. Carter, Sleamous hotel, is burned out.

S. DesBrisay is opening a general store at Ymir.

Mrs. McIlvanie, general storekeeper, Lumby, is dead.

R. A. Chisholm, Ymir, is out of business and away.

J. Clearhue is opening a general store at Glenora.

The estate of Wm. McKee, Ladner's, is offered for sale by tender.

J. Gill is opening in dry goods and men's furnishings, at Revelstoke.

J. M. Carroll, is opening a general store at St. Eugene, near Fort Steele.

A. A. Richmond contemplates opening in clothing and men's furnishings at New Westminster.

The balance of the stock of J. McGregor, clothing, etc., Nanaimo, is offered for sale at a rate on the dollar.

The following items are reported from Nelson: Morrison & Caldwell, grocers, have succeeded Harlington & Co. Russell & Thurman, cigars, have dissolved, Wm. Thurman continues. Salmo Lumber Co., have sold their branch yard at Nelson, to F. Lavin.

The store of G. R. Ashwell & Son, Chilliwack, was burglarized on Monday last. The safe was blown open, and then the store was fired and

completely burned. Loss estimated at \$15,000. Insurance about \$7,000.

The drug business of W. A. Griffiths & Co., Revelstoke, has been taken over by Chas. E. Reid, who has been manager for Griffiths & Co. The business will now be carried on under the name of Chas. E. Reid & Co.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Gubraith & Co., grocers, have opened business here. The English Bay Canning Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation. Alardyce & Co., bakers, have started business. J. G. Blecker, watches and jewelry, has opened business. J. C. Arthur, grocers, is starting business here. E. Spillman, paints and wall paper, has bought a half interest in the Pacific Varnish Co. F. Muskett, men's furnishings, style now R. A. Muskett.

The stock of the estate of W. J. Armstrong, hardware, Vernon, has been purchased from the assignee by Chambers & Co. The stock amounted to about \$5,000. S. W. Chambers, of the new firm, who has long been favorably known in connection with the hardware trade in Winnipeg, and who has now severed his connection with the wholesale hardware house of J. H. Ashdown, left on Wednesday to take charge of the business. The business will be continued as a general hardware establishment and with the experience of the managing partner in this branch, can hardly fail to be a success.

The following items are reported from Victoria: Wing Chong & Co., Chinese merchants, have assigned. McKilllean & Anderson, contractors, have dissolved partnership. G. E. Munro & Co., are opening business in commission, produce, etc. J. Wilson & Co., feed, etc., has sold out to Shaw & Dickinson. Braden Bros., plumbers, have opened a branch at Vancouver. Michel & Canary, hotel, have dissolved. Jas. Schroder, groceries, has opened business. Wm. Blair, groceries, is out of business. J. H. Getschmann, groceries, is opening business here. John Richards, grocer, is out of business and moving to Glenora.

Grain and Milling News.

A sale was made in Winnipeg on May 13, of 16,000 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat for direct shipment to Liverpool, at 50 shillings per quarter, equal to \$1.33 afloat Fort William.

J. W. Daly, M. Jordan, S. Lowry and O. Howard, of Cartwright, and John Lawrence, D. B. McKinnon, Jas. Robertson, T. B. Coulthard, and C. A. Graves, of Clearwater, are applying for letters of incorporation as "The Mather Joint Stock Farmers Elevator Company, Ltd." It is proposed to erect an elevator at Mather Siding, Man.

The Montreal Gazette of May 13 says: The Lake of the Woods Milling company placed 2,000 sacks of flour for shipment to Glasgow at a higher price than has been realized at any previous time during 1898. They also received a cable this afternoon offering the same price for 1,000 sacks for shipment to Dublin and another 1,000 for Glasgow, which they accepted, making sales for the day on export account 4,000 sacks.

The Montreal Gazette of Tuesday says: The Lake of the Woods Milling Company report that the offers made to London of all grades of flour were contrary to their expectations, accepted, as the price put on each grade

was beyond, in their opinion, what the Englishmen would pay. Not only did they accept, but also cabled to make daily offers of all grades of their flour. The quantity placed to-day was 2,000 sacks. They marked up prices 25c. per barrel on all grades, and on receipt of cables this afternoon made a further advance of 25c. as they claim they are not only justified in doing this on account of the price they are receiving for export orders.

The Live Stock Trade.

C. Atkinson, cattle buyer, took a shipment of 300 Manitoba stocker cattle south this week.

Kobold & Co., Winnipeg, secured four cars of very choice cattle at Pilot Mound last week for the local market.

H. E. Walker shipped seven carloads of stockers from Carberry and Reburn, Man., recently, for the United States.

E. Fearon, of Maple Creek, Assa., will take a drove of sheep to Dawson City. He has already taken a shipment of cattle to the Klondike.

Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg, have shipped about 6,000 of Manitoba stocker cattle this season to the western ranges and 3,600 to the United States.

Mullins & Wilson, Winnipeg, have sold 1,400 head of Manitoba yearling cattle to Conrad Bros., ranchers, of Lethbridge, 1,000 of these were shipped last week and 400 will go west this week.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, Man., shipped 100 fat cattle to Vancouver on Saturday last, and a train of stockers to his ranch at Rush Lake. It is his intention to ship 1,000 stockers from his farm near Carman to the western ranges this month.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel says: Another large shipment, comprising beef cattle and stockers, a train load of fourteen cars in all, was shipped from here Wednesday of last week by Chalmers Bros. & Bethune, consigned to Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg. The stockers will be placed on their ranges in the west. A number of hogs were also shipped the same day.

Mr. Haslam, of Headingly, Man., has returned from the maritime provinces with a shipment of 700 young cattle, which he is taking to Alberta, where they will be fed on the ranges. It seems strange that while stocker cattle are being shipped out of Manitoba to the United States, other shippers are bringing in cattle from the east for stocking our western ranges, live weight.

Regulations for the navigation of the Stikine river through United States territory have been received at Ottawa from Washington, and are said to be satisfactory.

The Crow's Nest Coal company will at once begin the construction of coke ovens for making coke at the mines in the Crow's Nest Pass. The smelters in that region, on both sides of the boundary, are now using Welch coke, which costs them \$16 to \$18 per ton. The Canadian coke can be supplied, it is said, at about \$7 per ton to the smelters in Canada and about \$8 to United States smelters, duty paid. It is expected the railway will be sufficiently advanced to permit of shipping coke and coal by October.