

LUMBER.

The City of Florence, 1,246 tons, has been reported chartered to load at Hastings Mill for Cork, U. K., for orders at 35s, direct 33s 9d. The Aigburth is also reported under charter to load at the same mills. The charter of the Wrestler is reported at 45s to Shanghai. The R. W. Bartlett sailed April 17, for California with 600,000 feet of lumber and 175,000 laths.

A more hopeful feeling undoubtedly exists on the sound than has been felt for some time, says the *Commercial Review*. An analysis of the grounds for this feeling shows that it all comes from the fact that some cargo mills are very full of orders and a very few of the mills that look after the car or eastern trade are busy. A close investigation discloses the fact that lumber for cargo shipments is going at low figures in spite of the statement recently made by Bradstreets that prices of lumber on the Pacific coast were advancing. The demand from the outside world indicate a betterment in prevailing conditions, but it will take a long time even on the present rate of advance to bring the trade up to a nominal condition in the ports reached by the lumber of this coast.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Vancouver: British ship Olivebank, 2,647 tons, for South Africa. Br. bark Glanivor, 1,084 tons, for U. K. Am. schr. Meteor, 561 tons, for California—Br. ship Earl of Hopetoun, 1,770 tons, for Adelaide—Chil. bark Lake Lehman, 1,030 tons, for Valparaiso for orders. Am. schr. Peerless, 233 tons, for California. Br. ship Blairgowrie, 1564 tons, for Cape Town and Delagoa Bay, South Africa. Am. schr. Volunteer, 571 tons, for Shanghai, at Westminster. Am. bk'tne. Mary Winkelman, 426 tons, for California. Am. schr. Falcon, 196 tons, for California. Am. schr. Lucy, 294 tons, for California. Total, 11 vessels; 10,381 tons.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet.	\$ 7 50
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M.	18 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M.	14 00
Pickets, rough per M.	8 00
Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M.	1 90

SAN FRANCISCO COAL TRADE.

J. W. Harrison's San Francisco coal report dated April 13, says: During the week there have been the following arrivals: From the Coast collieries 14,990 tons; no foreign cargoes have arrived. There is no change to note in the market, everything is rather quiet. Domestic grades are firm at the advance, but steam coals are still offering at prices favoring the consumer. Yet in face of the low

prices ruling here, there are over 95,000 tons of Swansea coal listed for loading and on route for here. This grade of coal keeps growing in favor, and will eventually aid to diminish the demand for Australian, and all other foreign coals. It is also liberally consumed by gas companies as a gas producer conjunctive with crude oils.

The Australian mail is at hand, but the information comes second hand, as recent cables has given us earlier news; freight quotations indicate a softening from that section, yet the demand is light. The arrivals of coal from Australia for the past 60 days are the smallest for some time, being less than 13,000 tons.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Mr. Mills has opened a butcher shop at Mission.

W. J. Meakin, hotel keeper, Vernon, is dead.

Worth Bros., butchers, have opened at Wellington.

J. E. Ross, tinware, etc., has opened at Armstrong.

Fred. Ackers, tobacconist, Vancouver, has sold out.

Hart & Jeffers, hotel keepers, Silverton, have dissolved.

Theodore T. Everett, tobacconist, has opened at Vancouver.

Wm. Martin has opened the International hotel, Nanaimo.

John Hilbert, undertaker, Nanaimo, has assigned to B. D. Presley.

Watson & Co., blacksmiths and wagon-makers, have opened at Alberni.

F. L. Perkins of Perkins & Payne, general store, Saturna Island, is dead.

W. R. Jackson, saloon, Victoria, style changed to Mrs. Mary B. Jackson.

Watts & Trott, boat builders, Vancouver, intend removing to California.

G. Tribe, saloon, Victoria, has admitted Harry J. O'Leary into partnership.

E. A. Howse, general store and hotel, Nicola lake, hotel destroyed by fire.

Hilton & Penny, Victoria Iron Works, Victoria, have resumed operations.

Cowan & Seagel are opening as grocers and mens' furnishings at Wellington.

W. W. Day, late of Tacoma, has reopened the Zealandia saloon Victoria.

G. H. Williams, late of Kaslo & Three Forks, has opened a drug store at Nakusp.

Welsh & Nightingale, grocers, Vancouver, have been granted an extension of time.

J. B. Donald accused of falsifying and mutilating the books of the firm of Riley & Donald, was tried before Judge Spinks last Tuesday at Vernon. The case was dismissed.

The Finch Mining Co., L'd., (foreign), has been registered to do business in this province.

Thomas & Grant, tailors, Victoria, contemplated admitting Charles Thomas into partnership.

J. B. Donald & D. W. Sutherland, land and insurance agents, Kelowna, have dissolved.

Charles J. Robson, crockery, fruit and confectionery, Westminster, has assigned to James G. Smith.

The property of the Westminster Slate Co. was purchased at auction by Geo. D. Brymner for \$5,100.

Carbutt & Muskott, clothing, mens' furnishings, Vancouver, have changed style to J. F. Carbutt.

T. L. Davies, late clothing and mens' furnishings, Nanaimo, will shortly remove from the place.

Colin Mc. Calam, plumber, Vancouver, trading as the B. C. Plumbing and Heating Co., has assigned to J. W. Went.

James E. Macrae is now manager for Dodwell, Carill & Co., agents of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company.

Trenary & Co., Three Forks, have dissolved, Cole Murchison retiring, Thomas Trenary and Thomas Devlin continue the business.

G. O. Buchanan, assignee, offers for sale by tender the interest of the estate of McEachern & Co. (in liquidation) in the Hotel Slocan, Kaslo.

The Nanaimo Electric Light, Power and Heating Co., L'd., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. T. J. Jones, A. Lindsay and Joseph Hunter are trustees.

At a meeting of the creditors of the B. C. Pottery and Terra Cotta Co. before the Registrar on Friday, A. S. Barham was selected as official liquidator. The business will be continued and offered for sale as a going concern.

The fifth annual meeting of the B. C. Fruit Canning and Coffee Co. was held at Vancouver on April 16th. The concern made the best showing since its incorporation, and it is understood that a satisfactory sum was carried forward as profit on the year's business. The directors decided to largely increase the output during the coming season.

At Westminster, on Thursday last, William Davidson was committed for trial on a charge of moving from his own store articles which he had transferred under a chattel mortgage. The articles were part of the defendant's saddlery stock and were valued at about \$150. They had been taken possession of under the chattel mortgage by Mr. Brymner, manager of the Bank of Montreal. The accused was admitted to bail, himself in \$2,000 and two sureties in \$1,000 each.