

From the last British Columbia freight and shipping report of Robert Ward & Co. we learn that the lumber charters effected during September were, two barks from New Westminster to Melbourne, Australia, one f. o. 40s., and one on p. t.; one Redwood to Valparaiso, Chili, 52s. 6d., and one Puget Sound to Valparaiso, 48s. 9d.; three from Puget Sound to Melbourne, at 49s., 52s. 6d., and 55s.; one from Burrard Inlet to Melbourne at 52s. 6d.; one from Burrard Inlet to East Coast of S. A. at 53s. 9d., one from Puget Sound to Hobson's Bay at 50s. The barque "Hesper," lumber-laden, sailed from Chemainus for Sydney, and the steamer "Ferndale," carried 1,700 tons iron ore from Texada Island to Port Townsend.

From Burrard Inlet the clearances during September numbered seven ships and barques, 8,490 tons in all, to Shanghai, Valparaiso,

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Sydney, and Melbourne, with lumber, lath, and pickets from the Moodyville and Hastings Sawmill Companies. From Nanaimo and Departure Bay twenty-five sailers and steamers left during September, with coal to the extent of 44,034 tons. Of this total 36,542 tons went to San Francisco, 2,000 to San Diego, and 3,183 tons to Wilmington, Cal.; cargoes or part cargoes to Sitka, Alaska, to Astoria, Eureka, Portland, and China. The principal shippers were Robert Dunsmuir & Sons and the Vancouver Coal Co.

The failures for the week amongst Ontario traders are for the most part of minor importance. But we notice among them that the old and well-known tailoring firm of Stovel & Co. has failed. The only member of the firm now is Mr. Stovel, who was unfortunate enough to be a shareholder and depositor in the Central Bank. This, it is understood, seriously crippled his resources, and in addition he was being pressed by his former partner whose interest in the business was still owing him. Mr. Stovel's creditors are all in England.—In Clinton, Chas. Cole, dealer in fruit, has made an assignment, having begun only a year ago.—Geo. A. Sherman,

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harnessmaker, Clinton, is offering his creditors 60 cents on the dollar.—In Parkhill, an assignment has been made by Neil McPhee, a hardware dealer, whose creditors will meet to-day to consider his affairs.—The jewellery stock of E. R. Price, at Thorold, has been sold by the sheriff. It was bought in by a friend, who has turned it over to its former owner.—The general jobbing firm of A. J. Anderson & Co., in this city, has made an assignment. They have numerous creditors throughout the Dominion and will owe considerable.—N. P. R. Hatch, manufacturer of cigars, Toronto, who came from New York some time ago, is now reported to have left the city.

A Front St. merchant was heard to remark the other day: "What a tidy sum I should have in the bank to-day had I all the money paid out for fire insurance premiums since beginning business. Not a dollar of loss have I suffered through fire, still you can't tell what to-morrow will bring forth." This was strikingly illustrated in the case of Messrs. M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co., in Yonge St. of this city. On Tuesday night last the customary careful inspection of their warehouse was made by one of the principals and everything found to be in order. A few hours later the interior of the building was a mass of flames, and the air resounded with the sharp crack of bullet cartridges which had been stored away. Before the fire was under control many thousands of dollars' worth of goods were destroyed and one of the old landmarks in that neighborhood pretty thoroughly gutted. Messrs. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. fortunately possess the pluck and capital equal to the occasion, and while the cable will soon bring a new stock of goods the sound of the hammer will not cease until adequate facilities for their large business are provided. The firm has \$65,000 insurance on the merchandise in one of its stores and some \$36,000 on the other.

—A Spanish magistrate, shocked and exasperated by repeated food adulteration, has issued a proclamation aflame with righteous wrath that "all wines, groceries, and provisions which, upon analysis, are proved to be injurious to health, will be confiscated forthwith and distributed to the different charitable institutions."—*Popular Science News.*

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