

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, July 5.—The holidays have demoralized trade here this week and the volume of business has been very small, so that there is little to report. Manitoba creamery is weakening and Manitoba eggs have given place to the article shipped from further east. Bran and shorts are stiffening, but prices are still unchanged. The fishmarket is becoming more active. Spring salmon has dropped to 6 cents and halibut is coming in at 6 cents. Prices in fruits are also constantly changing. Lumbering is very quiet this week, but shipping has been active, owing to the arrival of two San Francisco boats and the Oriental and Australian steamers, all heavily freighted. The Empress of China is taking out a full cargo and the Warrimoo is to be loaded to her full capacity.

British Columbia Notes.

The Economist, a weekly paper, is to make its appearance in Nelson, shortly, under the management of D. W. Carley, late of Victoria.

Fred Starkey and E. F. Radiger, late of Manitoba, have gone into partnership as customs' brokers and general commission agents at Rossland.

Wm. Garden, wholesale tea and coffee merchant of Vancouver, was drowned on July 4 at Harrison Lake, while bathing.

A special freight train of copper, the first shipped from the Kootenay mines, passed through to England recently.

The MacDowell, Atkins, Watson Co. Ltd., wholesale and retail druggists, Vancouver, are opening a branch at Revelstoke. G. T. Mallory will be in charge.

The Canada Drug and Book Co are opening at Revelstoke, in drugs, stationery, etc.—Revelstoke Herald.

Mr. McDonald has sold out his interests in the Balmoral hotel at Ferguson to John Cummings.

F. Arena is finishing up his hotel at Galena Bay, and will open on the 15th of July.

Vancouver, B. C., July 5.—Another smelter proposition has been submitted to the city council. This time, it is by H. E. Hague, Canadian representative of the Universal Corporation, Ltd., and a finance company of London, England. He agrees to erect a 100 ton smelter and refinery for a bonus of \$100,000, payable at the rate of \$3 per ton on over 2,500 tons smelted. At first he wanted free water and exemption from taxation, but later waived these conditions. The matter is now under consideration.

Manitoba.

Dr. J. Wilkinson will shortly open a drug store at Stockton.

Geo. James, of Souris, is opening a fruit store at Cypress River.

Jas. F. Holland, stationery, etc., Holland is adding jewellery to his stock.

The estate of Smale & Co., boots and shoes, Winnipeg, has proved rather an unfortunate affair for some of the creditors. The estate was all eaten up by a number of county court executions, and those creditors who did not get in executions will be left empty out in the settlement. It is said there are claims amounting to between three and four thousand which were not represented in the

scramble which resulted in the closing out of the estate.

The Manitoba Trust company, of Winnipeg, have announced a half yearly dividend on their stock at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable on July 15.

The first number of the Saltcoat's Siftings, published at Saltcoats, by Meikle & Co., has appeared. This makes two papers for Saltcoats. Mr. Meikle was formerly manager of the Saltcoat Assinibolien.

A. Moore, known locally as "Col." Moore, a well-known Winnipeg fur buyer for a United States house, is dead.

Reid & Tait, Lake Winnipeg Transportation Co., have opened an office at No. 500 Main street, Winnipeg, for the accommodation of the summer passenger trade on the lake.

E. Loggin, of Riding Mountain has purchased the livery business of J. Ritchie, of Neepawa.

Winnipeg caterers will hold their annual picnic on August 19. The place has not been selected yet.

THE CROCKERY TRADE.

Porter & Co., wholesale dealers in crockery, glassware, etc., Winnipeg, report the spring trade equal to other years at least. Spring importations are all in and a large part of the goods are now disposed of. The beginning of construction on the Crow's Nest road has already been felt in this branch, some orders having been received from the far west. Collections are rather slow just at present, but this is a feature of the trade about this time of year.

THE FUR TRADE.

Large sales of furs are reported at Edmonton, Alberta. Following are one week's sales: Guillaume Desjarrias, Lesser Slave Lake, \$7,062.30; John, \$627.20; McLelland, \$200; T. McLelland, \$530; R. Ferguson, Lesser Slave Lake, \$1,600, to F. Secord. Total sales \$10,339.50. E. Lagrandeur, of Lesser Slave Lake, sold to Larue & Picard, a few days ago, a large lot of fur for \$1,554.52. He also sold another lot valued at \$400 to the same firm during Mr. Picard's visit to Lesser Slave Lake.

LUMBER TRADE ITEMS.

Ottawa lumbermen are satisfied with the dollar a thousand rate on pine going into the United States, and now do not want an export duty on logs. The change in the United States tariff at the last moment, in favor of a lower duty on lumber, will probably kill the agitation in Canada for an export duty on logs.

Mr. D. C. Cameron, of Rat Portage, went west on Sunday after spending a few days in the city. To a Free Press reporter he said that as yet Premier Greenway had not accepted his challenge to publicly discuss the lumber question and prove the statement that he (Mr. Greenway) had made that American lumber could be laid down at Manitoba points at five or six dollars less a thousand than would be paid for the Canadian material of like grades and dimensions. "The statement," said Mr. Cameron, "is positively not true and if Mr. Greenway will discuss the question with me the report of the discussion to be made public, I will show that it is not in keeping with the facts. Mr. Greenway must know better and I am surprised at him making such a statement."

HIDES, WOOL, ETC.

Toronto dealers quote 8c for green cow hides, 8 1/2c for steers, and 8 1/2c for carad.

The Toronto Globe of July 2 says of wools: The receipts have fallen off, as was to be expected after the large deliveries made to anticipate any duty on wool entering the United States. Prices have had a decline of 3c to 4c from the highest price paid last week. Shipments to the United States have now ceased, and, as all available wool that could be got was shipped out of the country, stocks here have been about cleaned up. From 16c to 17c is quoted for washed fleece. The next day prices advanced again to 19c to 20c, on resumption of buying to ship to the States, owing to the delay in passing the tariff bill.

FREIGHT RATES.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: There have been engagements of grain at 1s 4 1/4d to Liverpool and 1s 7 1/2d to London, holders now asking 1s 3d for latter port. To Glasgow 1s 6d is the rate at which last business was done. Bristol is quoted at 2s. There is more doing in sack flour at 7s Liverpool, 9s London and 8s Glasgow. In provisions there has been a fair business at 9s to Liverpool, 10s London, 12s 6d Glasgow, and 12s 6d to 15s Bristol. A few eggs are going forward at 15s measurement to Liverpool. Cheese 20s Liverpool and London, and 25s Glasgow and Bristol. Freight rates on butter are 25s Liverpool and London, and 30s Glasgow and Bristol. Cattle freights 12s 6d to 45s.

MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended July 3, aggregated 360,881 bushels, the shipments were 227,429 bushels and the quantity in store was 1,842,043 bushels. For the corresponding week last year receipts were 231,481 bushels, and shipments 80,172 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 1,362,000 bushels.

THE UNITED STATES TARIFF.

The new United States tariff bill passed the senate on July 7. One Democrat voted for the bill, and one Silver Republican voted against it. The bill will not become law until it is concurred in by the house and signed by the president.

ROCHIE PERCEE COAL CO.

On Tuesday at the court house before Mr. Justice Killam an application was made on behalf of the liquidator of the Rochie Percee Coal company, for leave to put up the assets and property of the company for sale by auction. Some of the shareholders objected to a sale by auction, and thought that at a private sale, if time were given to effect same, a better price might be obtained.

After some discussion it was arranged that the matter should stand over until Aug. 10th, to give anyone interested an opportunity to make an offer, and if none were then made an advertisement of sale should be inserted in papers in Montreal and Winnipeg and in the United States. Mr. Philpen appeared for shareholders, Mr. Hough, Q. C., for liquidator, and Mr. Baker for creditors.