

**British Columbia.**

Boyd & Kennedy, Donald, have dissolved partnership.

The Lambly Bros. have opened their new hotel at Spallumcheen.

Fairall, late of Orillia, Ont., will establish a brewery at Russell Station.

The Enderby roller flour mill is rushed with orders, the flour from this mill being in demand.

Men are engaged on the foundation for the new mill being put up by the Vancouver Mill Company.

There is a movement on foot to establish a co-operative store at Victoria, upon the same plan as the one at Nanaimo.

During the month of October, 26 coal-laden vessels cleared from Nanaimo, their united cargoes amounting to 34,005 tons.

Kamloops wants a pork packing and a meat canning establishment. The *Sentinel* thinks these industries could be made to pay.

George Baker & Son have disposed of their butcher business at Nanaimo to Joseph Ferguson, a well known settler of Cedar district.

About 70 men were paid off at the Moodyville saw mill lately. The night shifts will be discontinued for the present, as the rush has subsided.

Robinson's mill, near Donald, has been shut down for the last two weeks and all hands are now in the bush taking out logs for next season's cut. Robinson intends to take out a great many more logs this season than ever before, and is in much better shape to do it.

Work for the season has been suspended on the canal uniting Upper Columbia Lake with the Kootenay River. Sinclair & Co, the contractors, have shipped out all their men. Early in spring, work will be resumed.

J. Leamy has secured the contract for grading the whole of the Southern railway line from New Westminster to the boundary, and he intends to push on the work with every possible expedition. A commencement will be made at once.

Westminster *Columbian*: A ruddy fire of anthracite coal was blazing in Capt. Peel's store this afternoon. The coal was sent as a sample of the anthracite found in the mine on Queen Charlotte Islands. To all appearance the anthracite is as good as the Pennsylvania product, and it contains about the same percentage of carbon—90 per cent. The owners of the mine have a large number of men at work developing the seam and it is expected this fine anthracite will soon be on the market.

The sale of the Nelson townsite at Kootenay Lake, by order of the provincial Government, was very successful. Nearly all the lots, except a few which were kept over to offer to absent miners, were sold in less than an hour. It is said to be difficult now to obtain a lot in Nelson except at a great advance. Buildings are going up, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, but a saw mill is much wanted. The demand for lots in Nelson is one indication of the confidence felt in the progress of the vast mineral district of which it is the centre, and which promises to show remarkable results next summer.

The Federal authorities have asked for a postponement of the hearing of the appeal to the privy council now pending between the Dominion Government and the British Columbia authorities as to the ownership of the minerals in the railway belt, until after Christmas, in order that Attorney-General Webster, who has been retained by the Federal authorities in London, may conclude his arguments in the Parnell-Times case. The British Columbia Government have cabled to their London agents refusing to consent to such a postponement, on the ground that it would be extremely prejudicial to the public interests.

**Commercial Notes.**

All the capital for the proposed sugar refinery at Quebec has been subscribed, and vigorous preparations are being made to start the enterprise at an early date.

The Norfolk Knitting Mills at Port Dover, Ont., owned by Jonathan Ellis, which were destroyed by fire about a year ago, have been rebuilt in a very substantial manner and are now in full operation.

Australia now takes the lead among the wool-producing countries of the world. A recent report to the State Department at Washington shows that on the first of April last Australia contained 96,462,038 sheep. This is a gain of nearly 20,000,000 since 1885. The number of sheep in the United States in 1887 was estimated at 44,750,966, in European Russia in 1892 at 47,508,966, and in the Argentine Republic in 1895 at 75,000,000.

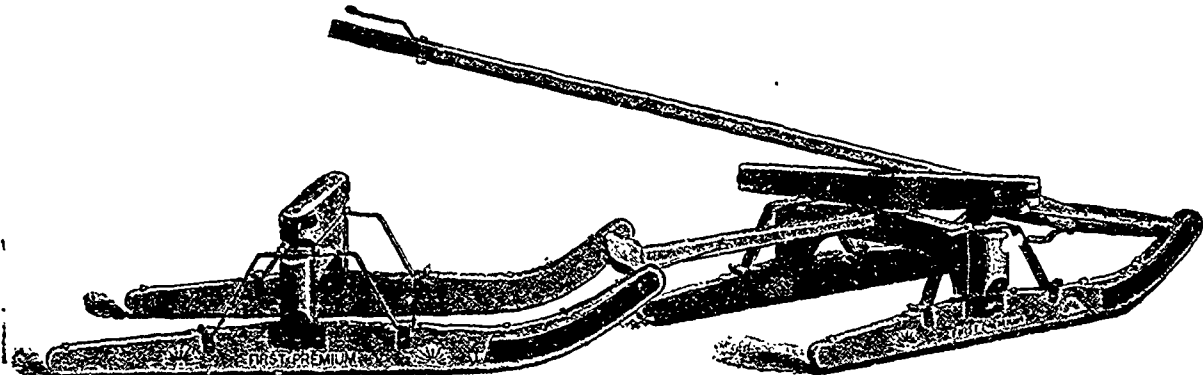
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