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conditions:

Campbie Sweeny, of the Bank of Campbie Sweeny, of the Bank of "Bustness in Vancouver for the year has been generally prosperous, and I confidently hope for it being even better next year," he said. "This is true of all lines of trade. There has been no cutting of prices. Real estate has been no cutting of prices. Real estate has been and remains dull, in the sense that there has been no been many transfers of single lots. When people want lots ed. Yea, the outlook, in my view, is most helpful."

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William Godfrey, of the Bank of British North America, caid: "The state of business generally was most bestliby, and the prospersy for Bodgeod many things to help us this year. The big salmon run was one thing, and of even more importance, perhaps, has been the improved contents of the property of the north. Despite unfortunate accidents to ships on the run, Vancouver merchants have demonstrated that they can handle and hold the northern trade. The business is on a more loss have been materially reduced since 1898. The speculative element in it has lessened materially, and there has been a gradual but marked improvement in the conditions for improvement in the conditions for improvement in the conditions for the conditions for the province of the conditions for the co

lines." customs returns also show a decided increase. In 1800 the total returns were \$940,005.01 for 1801, with December estimated they were \$1.-077.281.10. It has been definitely antorically antorically antorically as the second of the sec The customs returns also show are flourishing and no less than \$50,000 worth of machinery was installed last month in the Lenora and Tyee mines at Mount Sicker and the Hays mine at Alberni. Lumber export trade

is very quiet at present although freight is much lower. The damage to canneries by the late storm is not so serious as at first thought. There is no doubt that a great number of canneries suffered, but the aggregate loss will not be more than \$50,000 or

British Columbia Fruit Car.

A special fruit shipping car. signed on the same model as tha run by the Dominion Express Com can by the Dominion Express Company, for the Nasawa district of provinces of the Nasawa district of provinces of the Nasawa district of provinces by Inspector Kérby, of the Express company, kt is the intention of the company, kt is the intention of the Provinces of the Company of the Compan

will have a thorough keonyele, who will have a thorough keonyele, who handling fruits.

In a recent article, dealing with fruit shipments per the bonnion Extended in the control of the c

Trade With South Africa.

The department of agriculture has received a cable from the Imperial war office, with regard to the trans war office, with regard to the trans-portation of Canadian goods to South Africa, by the steamers which now carry hay and other supplies to South Africa, by the steamers which now Mr. Fisher for some time has been negotiating with the Imperial war of-fice to allow Canadian products and goods to be alipped to Africa by these supply bosts, pending the fuller the supply bosts, pending the fuller ship service.

development of a direct line of steam-ship service.

There is a fine opening in Africa for Canadian goods, and it is well known that if Canadian traders are early on the field at the close of the snown that if Canadian traders are early on the field at the close of the early on the field at the close of the early on the field of the field of

New System of Taxation.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6 .- The Ohio legislature convened at 10 a. m. today in annual session. At noon the annual message of Governor Nash was read in both the Senate and the was read in both the Senate and the House. It recommends a new sys-tem of taxation under which all taxes for state purposes are to be raised from corporations, franchises, the liquor traffic, etc., and all direct taxa-tion for county, municipal or other purposes are to be left to the coun-ties. It is a system of home rule in local taxes.

Population of the U.S.

Population of the U. S. Washington, Jan. T.—The consus bureau to-day issued a report announcing the population of the endre U. S. including all outlying possessive to the population of the endre U. S. including all outlying possessive of the population of the endre U. S. including all outlying possessive of the population of the popul

the terrstory of the United States proper 91,219.

The report announces that the 12th census only extended to Alaska and census only extended to Alaska 12th. States of the 12th census expert any similar the 12th census of the 12th census of

years.
There are but three countries which now have a greater population than the U. S., viz. China, the British Empire and the Russian Empire. China and the British Empire have each of them probably between 350,000,000 and 400,000,000 or together nearly and 400,000,000 or together nearly about 131,000,000 people Empire with about 131,000,000 people are more than half as many again as the U. S.

etition for Compensation

The License Holders' Benefit assiciation has distributed forms of petition to the legislative assembly around the various hotels in the city for signature. The petition begins as follows:

the various hotels in the city for sin-nature. The petition begins as fol-mature is the petition begins as fol-"Whereas, the legislative assembly recently passed an act called the "Liquor Act." and goes on to say that the act if enforced would seriously de-tinously the province, that large sums of morey have been invested under sanction of the law, and in good the sanction of the law, and in good of the sale of liquor; and the same claimed by those favoring prohibition that great benefits will accrue to the people and increased wealth to the people and the people and the people and of the administration of justice. It is pointed out that it would be only in pointed out that it would be only the act and the people and the people of the people and the act not being repealed, the pro-vince should provide fair and reason-able compensation to those persons able compensation to those persons whose interests will be injuriously affected by the act being enforced.

SOMETHING THAT WILL INTER EST YOU.

Person Should Read It—A Wonderful Nut.

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A native the first principle of Africa, the Kola Nut is not likely to remain much longer in obscurity if the properties which, on good authority, it is said to possess, are found to be as stated. From information communicated to the Figi Translation of the first properties of the first properties. Thomas B. Thurston, the cultivation of this nut should form an important industry of the future in tropical countries. Its qualities are as varied as they are extraordinary, lately been sequently as the first properties of the future in tropical countries. Its qualities are as varied as they are extraordinary lately been sequently as the first properties. Thomas Christy, Fil.S., who has proven that Kola feeds the muscular system, and prevents a rapid waster Thomas Christy, F.L.S., woo has proven that Kola feeds the muscular system, and prevents a rapid waste system, and prevents a rapid waste system, and prevents at rapid waste the have been making systements with the pure paste of the Kola Nut, in order to ascertain how far it would meet the difficulty of transporting provisions in time of war as a congression of the construction of th added purifies and chances water, that would be dang ro-drink, unless it were first male treated in this way. Dr. Nachtigall, who writes

Dr. Nachtigall, who write free personal experience, gives me in teresting information regard og Ko in his book on the Soudan. It has marvellous effect when take in the human system, it is acreeably stimulating and nourishing in som places where Kola happens to be scarce, such value is set upon it that for the dry powder of the butt as ne dry powder of the weight in gold dust



In the West andles and Fiji. of diarrhoea is so prevalent, Koa diarrhoea is so prevalent and the second of the sec In the West indies and Fiji tree oursis into Bossom, the hower ing is almost continuous, a bearing tree having fruit and flower at the same time. Two crops are obtained in the year, in June and November, which will be the must are gathered with great care, and bought by mechanis, who ship them to different blaces,

Medical men prescribe the Kola before meals to people who have rea-son to feel anxious about the state of

their liver.

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