

will be moved to Vancouver,

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Abrams & McLean, dry goods and clothing, Vancouver, contemplate dissolving partnership.

The petition for the formation of a board of trade for Nanaimo has been received by the Secretary of State at Ott.wa.

F. G. Strickland & Co., Westminster, will establish a branch implement warehouse at Chilliwhack, wi'h S. Cauley in charge.

D. Campbell and W. Sempkins have leased premises in the Heathorn block, Victoria, and will open business in the merchant tailoring line.

A labor trouble has broken out at the Comox coal mines, lately opened by R. Dunsmuir & Co. The white miners have refused to work with Chinamen, hence the trouble.

John Mahrer will erect at Nanaimo a handsome brick block, three storeys high, to cost about \$20,000. The building will be fitted up as a theatre, with stores on the ground floor.

A new and practical use for the bustle has been discovered. A woman has been arrested at Port Townsend, W. T., for smuggling opium from Victoria. She wore a large bustle filled with the drug.

The nine hour movement is gaining strength at Victoria. The brick-layers, stone-masons and stone-cutters of the city have waited upon their employers with the result that the nine hours system is to go into effect on April 1st.

Two islands in the south arm of the Fraser river, Westminster district, were recently sold by auction, by the Government. They were put up at an upset price of \$2.50 per acre, but sold for \$17 per acre. A few years ago they were valued at \$1 per acre.

The Columbian advises the New Westminster city council to recommend the Legislature to drop the prefix "New" from the title of the city when the proposed amendmennts to the city's charter are being considered. The word "Westminster" alone is certainly lengthy enough, for any city in this western world.

Writs have been served upon the three Victoria daily papers, the *Colonist*, *Times* and *Standard*, in suits entered by Sir William Hoste, Bart, claiming \$5,000 in each case for alleged libel. A suit has been entered against