

**British Columbia.**

A. E. Clarke has purchased the livery business of Huff & Clarke at Westminster.

James T. O'Brian, the senior partner of O'Brian & Dunlop, livery, Nanaimo, is dead.

The architectural firm of Sorby & Wilson, Victoria, has been dissolved. Each continue alone.

The first number of the *Chilliwack Progress*, published at Chilliwack, B. C., has made its appearance.

The establishment of a sauce, pickle and preserving works, under the firm name of J. H. Falconer & Co., at Victoria, is reported.

The prospectus has been issued at Vancouver by the Lion's Gate Woollen Manufacturing Company (Ltd.) with a capital stock of \$200,000, but of which \$100,000 shall be the first issue.

The steamer Taichow has been chartered by the C. P. Steamship Company from the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company, to do the coast trade in connection with the new C. P. R. steamers.

A. A. Clayton, jewelry and watches, Victoria, whose stock was seized by the customs department some time ago has come to a settlement with the department and reopened his store.

The Revelstoke *Star* of April 25 says:— "The steamer Lytton completed her first trip of the season this week. With ninety passengers on board carrying a good consignment of freight she started from the wharf. She reached Sproat at noon Sunday, and began the return Monday morning.

A correspondent at Golden writes: J. E. Askwith, of Ottawa, recently bought a mining claim in the McMurchie district, and will put in a stamp mill for the reduction of free milling ores. The steamer Pert, Captain Armstrong, is now making weekly trips to Windermere. The Golden Mining and Smelting Company are about ready for business, and when completed will be perhaps the best smelter in the Dominion.

The *Victoria Times* says: "Some days ago, as it will be remembered, mention was made of the Canadian tug *Lorne* towing the United States vessel *Oriental* into Tacoma, bound from Frisco. No action was taken at the time, but last Saturday the *Lorne* went over to Angeles to take out the *Fairchild* when she was arrested, the question raised being whether a foreign tug can take a vessel from one United States port to another, even while taking hold of her outside of United States waters. The fine of \$514 was paid under protest and the case will be contested.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver board of trade, the committee appointed to arrange for the banquet reported that the dinner would be held on the third day after the arrival of the steamship *Empress of India* at the Hotel Vancouver. The tickets had been fixed at \$10 each, and the dinner would cost \$7 a head. A guarantee of 100 would be required by the manager of the hotel, who had promised to give the best entertainment ever given in the city. Fifty-three complimentary invitations had already been sent out and 14 would be sent making 67 in all. The report was adopted. Fred. Cockburn was proposed and elected as a member.

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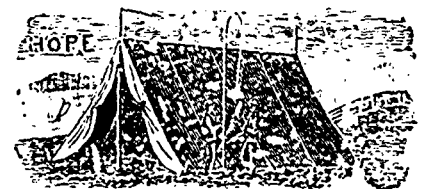
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