

Poppellwell, Henbrough & Borrie, of Westminster, have formed a co-partnership for the manufacture of flower-pots and pottery ware and have leased from Manahan Bros the pottery works lately erected under the superintendence of Poppellwell.

Lenz & Leiser, the enterprising wholesale dry goods house of Victoria, have entered into a contract with the Westminster woollen mill to take the entire product of the mills for three years. The value of the produce will be from \$35,000 to \$40,000 yearly.

Kamloops Sentinel:—Owing to the extremely mild weather ice has not been formed of sufficient thickness on the river here to enable Bennett to fill his contract with the C.P.R. He left for Griffin Lake recently to see what prospects there are for getting ice at that point.

Among the new works which are being turned out at the Vancouver Foundry and Machine Works, says the *W. Id.*, is a triple expansion engine, intended for the new steamboat which the Royal City Planing Mills Co. is building. The engine will be 175 horse power. The bed plate, which has been begun, weighs 2½ tons. The cylinders are 15 inch, 22 inch, and 34 inch bore respectively, and will have a two foot stroke. The propeller will be 9 feet in diameter, and the cranks will be of wrought iron.

Westminster Columbian: The weather is so extremely mild that it is feared there will be no ice on the lower Fraser this winter, and consequently, fish exporters, hotels, etc., are becoming anxious for their supply. A prominent fresh fish exporter had completed arrangements to get his supply of ice from Kamloops, but the intention was abandoned when it was learned 'no Canadian Pacific Railway demanded \$58.80 per car of 12 tons to transport the ice to this city. The shipment of fresh salmon and other fish to the east will be very light during the coming summer unless we are soon favored with a cold spell. If the railroad company would convey the ice from the interior at \$25 per car several hundred carloads would be contracted for by consumers in Westminster and Vancouver.

The last *B. C. Gazette* has the following notices:—The Hastings Saw Mill Co. give notice of an application for a timber lease in the Sayward district; Ross & McLaren, by their agent, C. D. Rand, make application for a license for timber in the New Westminster districts, four sections as follows:—6,610 acres, 2,400 acres, and another large district and 2,200 acres in the Yale district. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken are applying for incorporation of a company to construct, equip and maintain a canal from a point in Spillumcheen river to Okanagan lake; F. Joseph Spencer is applying for an act to incorporate the Christian Temperance Co-operative Commonwealth, for the purpose of establishing settlements in Malcolm Island. E. H. Port, R. V. Winch and C. D. Rand are applying for incorporation of the Vancouver Ice Company with a capital of \$10,000 for the purpose of cutting, storing and selling ice. Notice appears of Capt. Mellon's appointment as Justice of the Peace.

The *Vancouver News* says. J. L. Mudge, assistant general manager of the Anthracite

Coal company, arrived in the city yesterday. In an interview with a *News-Advertiser* representative Mr. Mudge said that the work of development was pushed forward at the mines with gratifying results. A new lead has been opened up about ten miles east of the present one, and a colliery will be established there. The further operations are extended the more certain it becomes that the deposits are practically unlimited. It is expected that by May the output will be 350 tons daily, which will give employment to about 250 miners. The objective output is about 1,000 tons per day, and this will be reached several months before the end of the year. Machinery with this capacity is now being placed in position at the mines. Large orders have been received from San Francisco and Pacific coast towns, which are being filled as rapidly as the present facilities will permit. Among the facts in connection with the working of these mines, that which will be of paramount interest to the people of Vancouver is that the Anthracite coal will be placed on the market here at a reasonable figure. The company will take measures to see that this is done. Mr. Mudge leaves to-day again.

Business in British Columbia.

The following were wholesale prices at Victoria last week: Flour—Hungaria, \$6.85; strong bakers, \$6.55; Oregon flour, \$5.00 to \$6.00; wheat, per ton, \$37.00; oats, per ton, \$25.05; barley, per ton, \$35.05; middlings, per ton, \$23.00; bran, per ton, \$25.00; ground feed, per ton, \$32.50; oil cake, per ton, \$37.50; cornmeal, Canadian, per 100 lbs., \$2.75; oatmeal, Canadian, per 100 lbs., \$1.20; oatmeal, native, \$3.50; potatoes, per ton, \$15.00; hay, baled, per ton, \$20.50; straw, per bale, \$1.25 to \$1.50; eggs, per dozen, 40c; eggs, imported, per dozen, 30c; butter in roll, native, per lb., 40c; imported, per lb., 27c; tallow, or firkin, creamery, 29c; dairy, 24c; cheese, local, per lb., 15c; Canadian, 12½c to 15c; California, 17c to 18c; hams, local, per lb., 15c; American, 17 to 18c; bacon, local, breakfast, per lb., 14 to 16c; American, 16½c; roller, 14c, shoulders, per lb., 12½c; lard, 12½c; meats, beef, 8c; mutton, 10c; pork, 12½c; dressed veal, 12½ to 15c; tallow, 2½c; hides, 4 to 7c; sheep skins, each, 25 to 35c; salmon, 7c; halibut, 8c; apples, Gravenstein, per 50lb. box, \$1.50; bananas, per bunch, \$4.00; pears, choice Bartlett, per box, \$2.00; peaches, 1.25; grapes, Muscatello, 25 lbs., \$1.50; coconuts, per 100, \$11.00; tomatoes, California, 25lb. box, \$1.00.

The following were quotations at Vancouver: Flour—Manitoba patents, \$6.65 per bbl.; Manitoba bakers', \$6.25; Oregon family, \$5.75. Oatmeal—Standard, 100 lb. sacks, \$3.00; granulated, \$3.25; rolled, \$4.00. Potatoes—\$13 to \$18 per ton; cabbage, \$12; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$20; onions, \$25; beets, \$15; turnips, \$15 to \$20; sweet potatoes, \$6 per cwt. Feed—bran, \$25 a ton; shorts, \$27; chopped stuff, \$33 to \$35; oil cake meal, \$40; oats, \$26 a ton; wheat, \$35. Dairy, etc.—Butter, creamery, 29c per lb.; dairy, 25c; cooking, 18c; eggs (pickled), 26c; fresh, 35c. Cheese, 13 to 15c per lb. Fruits—Oranges, \$3 to \$6 per case; lemons, \$7.50 per case; figs, 15c. to 20c. per lb.

The *Vancouver News* of Jan. 27 says: The volume of trade during the past week has been

decidedly satisfactory. The shipping business is picking up rapidly, and the amount of freight by water and rail has been largely in excess of what was generally anticipated. In the various lines of trade the merchants are reporting business lively, and money much easier. Real estate has benefitted thereby, and several large and quite a number of smaller transactions have been made. Native fruit and vegetables are increasing in price, and slightly decreasing in quality. The fish market has been unusually well supplied, and has been very active. About three thousand pounds have been used for local consumption, and a larger quantity shipped to the east. California fruits and Sicily lemons are coming in in large quantities, and are slightly easier. Fresh eggs and butter have also been received and the price lowered.

Wholesale prices at Westminster last week were: Beef, per 100 lbs., \$5.50 to \$6.50; pork, \$8 to \$9; mutton, \$8 to \$9; potatoes, 50 to 75c; cabbage, 50c to \$1; onions, \$1 to \$1.50; wheat, \$1.50; oats, \$1.25 to \$1.50; peas, \$1.50 to \$2; hay, per ton, \$12 to 15; butter, rolls, per lb., 28 to 35c; cheese, 14 to 15c; eggs, per doz., 35 to 40c; cordwood, retail, per cord, \$3 to \$4; apples, per box, 80c to \$1.25; hides, green, per 100 lbs., \$4 to \$6, dry, do, \$5 to \$9; wool, per lb., 6 to 10c.

Dairy Matters.

The Silver Creek settlers, Russell County, Man., have decided to start a creamery.

The first quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Manitoba Dairying association will be held in Winnipeg on February 6th. It is the intention of the association to submit a bill to the Legislature, having for its object the advancement of the dairying interests of this country.

Qu'Appelle, Assn., Progress: We understand that S. H. Caswell has definitely decided to start a creamery here in the spring. It is intended to offer all farmers within a radius of seven or eight miles good facilities for disposing of their milk, and outside of that limit to, say, fourteen miles facilities will be offered for taking the cream.

The *Brandon Times* gives the following report of prices there for last week, to farmers:—The market has been very quiet this last week. Monday one or two of the buyers ran the price of No. 1 hard to 90c, and it has been stopping at that price since, but it is liable to drop to 85c if any quantity should come in. Oats—Feed oats from 22 to 23c; good white oats are bringing from 25 to 25½c. The market is weak at present, and if a quantity were brought in the price would be apt to drop to 20c for feed oats. Barley is only quoted now at 25c per bushel and purchasers are very indifferent about buying. The grain market on the whole is very quiet. Beef is quoted at present at 5 to 5½c per lb. The prices are firm with not much indication of a change. Mutton ranges from 9 to 10c per lb. with the demand equal to the supply. Pork—The butchers are busy packing for the summer market. The price ranges from 6½ to 7c per lb. Chickens range from 8 to 10c per lb.; turkeys 9 to 11c per lb. Potatoes range from 50 to 55c and retailed at 75c. Butter stands the same as last week, 16 to 17c per lb. Eggs 20c per doz.