

British Columbia.

J. C. Hayes, general storekeeper, Golden, B.C., has assigned in trust.

D. W. Ellis, hotelkeeper, Victoria, offers his business for sale by tender.

Henry Arkell, produce and provisions, Vancouver, intends retiring from business.

The schooner Mary Taylor, with 1,000 seal skins has arrived at Victoria from Behring Sea.

Four car loads of cattle were shipped lately from Kamloops to the coast by George Hayes.

Auld, of the C.P.R. store department at Donald has given in his resignation and intends going into business with Joseph Smith, at Revelstoke.

The Standard Oil Co. have erected a warehouse at Vancouver, and intend making that place the base for supplying British Columbia with their oils.

The Abyssinia, the last China boat to arrive, brought out 18,030 pkgs tea, 198 pkgs silk, and 4707 pkgs of general merchandise, a total of 23,065 pkgs, or 1,428,865 pounds.

Steen & Kimpton, merchants, Donald, are erecting a building 20x80 feet with 20 feet walls. The upper story will be used as a hall and the lower for a wholesale establishment.

The Mexico, on her last trip from San Francisco, brought for transportation over the C. P. R. the following goods: For St. Louis 3618 bags, (259,146 lbs.) beans; Chicago, 438 pkgs dried fruit; Omaha, 325 cases canned goods; New York, 52 bales scoured wool; St. Paul, 102 cases California champagne; Boston, 70 bales split hides.

Customs collections at Victoria for month of August were:

Duties	\$65,457 44
Miscellaneous	878 06
Chinese Immigration Act	506 00
Total	\$66,840 50

Inland Revenue Collections were:	
Tobacco and cigars	\$2,232 70
Spirits	1,249 93
Malt	1,202 25
Licenses	60 00
Total	\$4,744 88

Quick Time to Chicago.

Judging from the following circular, it would appear that the slow-coach movement between St. Paul and Chicago has come to an end.

Commencing Sunday, Aug. 21, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will improve its train service, and its through train will leave St. Paul as follows: For Milwaukee and Chicago (fast line), 7.30 p.m. daily; for Milwaukee and Chicago (Atlantic Express), 2 p.m. daily; for La Crosse, Milwaukee and way (Day Local), 7.25 a.m., except Sunday. All these trains run via River Division, through Winona, La Crosse and Milwaukee, and all classes of tickets will be honored on them. The "Fast Line" train makes the run from St. Paul to Chicago in fourteen hours, serving breakfast in the Dining Car before arrival. This is the quickest time made by any route between these cities. With its elegant Day Coaches, magnificent Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars of the newest and most

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Percentage of Profits.

In the case of articles of slow sale, a larger percentage should be placed on them, because capital is locked up longer, and some of them are apt to deteriorate and grow worthless with the lapse of time, so that allowance must be made for this element. Another thing that must be taken into account is the loss by shrinkage and wastage. Take for example the item of dried fruit, which is more than likely to lose weight by evaporation. Probably five per cent. would not be too much to add on for this. In selling sugars, allowance must be made for down weight, cost of paper, twine, etc. Articles like butter, lard, eggs, etc., do not pay a very large profit, but sales are very quick. Canned goods are usually sold at a good profit, and there is very little loss by spoilage, etc., and none if care is used, as swells can usually be returned to the jobber if the matter is attended to at once.

Teas and certain articles in the line of fancy groceries pay such large margins that every merchant who is not in business for his health should consider how best he can increase his sales on them. A careful buyer can purchase teas so as to secure an average of 40 per cent profit and yet give the consumer good value.

It would be difficult to fix upon a percentage of profit that must be obtained in order to make the business sufficiently remunerative to justify the risk of capital and labor. So much depends upon the amount of sales that no inflexible rule can be laid down, but we believe that every successful dealer in groceries must secure the equivalent of at least twenty-five percent age in gross profit, and even this on a small business would not afford much remuneration. —Chicago Grocer.

It is claimed that a harnessmaker would find a good opening at Russell, Man.

J. M. McGregor has arrived at Brandon with a car of horses from British Columbia.

The annual exhibition of the Russell agricultural society will be held on the show grounds, Russell, Sept. 30; \$950 in cash will be given in prizes.

Some 550 bales of raw furs arrived in Winnipeg last week, for the Hudson's Bay Co., from the Athabasca and Peace River districts, en route to London, England. They were valued at about \$400,000.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Manitoba Electric and Gas Light company held at Winnipeg, on Thursday, the following were elected directors: J. B. Armstrong, J. F. Bain, F. H. Brydges, J. M. Bond, H. E. Crawford, James Stuart and William Bathgate. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: J. B. Armstrong, president; J. F. Bain, vice-president; Wm. Bathgate, secretary-treasurer and general manager.

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