

British Columbia.

Mr. Booth is opening a bakery at Ladner's. Paul Brazier, hotelkeeper, Field, has assigned.

H. H. Taylor has opened a photograph gallery at Donald.

Lazenby & Buck are opening a butcher shop at Hammond.

A Brotherhood of Trainmen has been organized at Donald.

Hill & Coatham have opened up a drug store at New Westminster.

The business of J. Barron, pork packer, Victoria, has been offered for sale.

Tierney & Co., Vancouver, have sold out their truck and dray line at that place.

C. G. Quick, of the firm of W. J. Quick & Co., cigar manufacturers, Vancouver, is dead.

The Northern canneries started running on the 15th instant, the season opening on that date.

Wm. Collier, New Westminster, has taken over the management of the Grotto restaurant at that place.

A. C. Anderson has been admitted as a partner in the firm of E. G. Anderson & Co., manufacturer's agents, Victoria.

A. J. Simpson, formerly of the Montreal office, has been appointed chief accountant of the Hudson's Bay Company, at Victoria.

The Cleveland Hotel, Westminster, has changed hands; J. R. Brennan is now proprietor, having bought out the interest of Mrs. Cleveland.

Batcher & Co.'s new cannery, on Lulu Island, will be ready for operations in a short time. The machinery has arrived and is being placed in position.

Representatives of the *Dominion Illustrated* are in Nanaimo obtaining material for a special Nanaimo edition of that journal to be published about the first of August.

The Port Townsend customs authorities estimate that over 600 Chinese have been smuggled into Washington Territory from British Columbia within the last seven weeks.

The Indians working at the McLellan cannery are out on strike, their wages having been reduced from 40 and 45 cents, the amounts received last year, to 35 and 40 cents.

The Eagle Creek Mining Company, Revelstoke, have been operating their crusher ten stamp mill, with a capacity of twenty tons per day, for about two weeks. They have 200 tons of ore on the dump.

The essays which have been made by Prof. Wallace, of Glasgow, of the iron ore found in the Sooke point mine show that it contains over 60 per cent. of metallic ore. The proprietors of the mine are Richards & Young.

The Gurney Cab Company have commenced operations at Vancouver. This company have taken over the effects of the Vancouver Transfer Company, whose manager, J. Cates, becomes manager of the new business.

The very difficult feat of laying the new main for the waterworks across the Narrows at Vancouver was accomplished one day last week. The pipe was specially manufactured for this purpose by a Pittsburg firm and was of rolled steel in lengths of 12 or 14 ft. The part of the pipe which was submerged was put together into one long piece of 600 feet. Cables were

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attached to the main and stretched across the water, and by means of two pile drivers the heavy length of pipe was successfully moved into place within two hours.

An organization has been started, with headquarters at Kamloops, to be called the Inland Agricultural Association. All parts of the province will be represented and their interests looked after. D. C. Morris, of the Kamloops *Sentinel*, has been appointed secretary.

Between two and three hundred men are now engaged in clearing the right of way for the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway, which line is to be pushed to completion as fast as possible. The annual meeting of the company was held at Victoria on the 17th instant.

An inspection of the Lillooet Mining Company's claim, near the town of Lillooet, was made recently, with unusually good results. Out of 3,500 cubic yards of earth removed, \$700 value was taken out. This would make the property worth in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* says that owing to the strike there are now eight vessels at Departure Bay loading and awaiting cargoes from the new mine of the Vancouver Coal Company. This is the largest number of vessels at those mines for the past eighteen months. It is said the Chase River shaft will be opened up to supply the demand.

A fishing company has been organized at Vancouver to be called "The Deep Sea Fishing Company," with a capital stock of \$50,000. The company is composed of leading business men and capitalists from Toronto and Montreal, and practical fishermen from the east have been engaged. Deep sea fishing will be pursued, and the catches put on the market fresh and salt.

Wm. Knox has sold out his agency business, at Vancouver, to W. J. Kidd, and will hereafter devote his entire attention to the produce and commission trade. He has secured a warehouse at 30 Oppenheimer street, Vancouver, and will do a jobbing trade in eggs, butter, cheese, foreign and native fruits, etc. Manitoba produce will be handled and he is open to receive correspondence from Manitoba shippers.

The Victoria *Colonist* says: The German bark J. H. Hustede, Capt. Rainers, which left here with a salmon cargo, the most valuable ever sent out of Victoria, on the 22nd of

October, was posted as "missing," nothing having been heard of her since she left port. The impression that she has gone to the bottom is now general and the news of her safety would be very surprising. She was a handsome boat, built in 1888, owned by J. H. Hustede, and carrying a crew of 21 men, the majority of whom were signed here. Her cargo is insured for about \$365,000, but the underwriters will probably not pay the policy-holders until actual proof of the ship's loss is produced, or she has been out 12 months.

The annual output of the British Columbia coal mines, according to the Government Inspector's report, is as follows: Nanaimo, 223,870 tons; Wellington, 273,383; East Wellington, 51,372; and Union, 31,204 tons; the total production for 1889 being thus 579,830 tons. The amount exported by these collieries was 443,675 tons, of which 417,904 tons were shipped to California; and there were used for local consumption 124,574.25 tons, there being 11,581.35 more tons on hand Jan. 1st, 1890, than on Jan. 1st, 1889. The production for 1889 shows an increase of 90,530 tons over 1888. The total value of the colliery property is \$210,000, being distributed as follows: Nanaimo plant, \$35,000; Wellington, \$150,000; Union, \$25,000.

Lying on the rocks near Vancouver is an old veteran steamer, of the Pacific coast service, one of the first steam vessels to visit the coast of British Columbia. She bears the name of "Beaver." A movement is on foot now to get possession of her and either remove the machinery and place it on exhibition at Victoria and convert the woodwork into canes and other souvenirs, or raise and repair her sufficiently to make her seaworthy and keep her anchored in the harbor of Victoria to be visited by tourists and pleasure seekers. A company is being formed for this purpose with a capital stock of \$2,500, which amount would be required to do the work.

The railways of the United States carried 472,171,243 passengers during the year ending June 30, 1889, from which it appears that one passenger in every 1,523,133 was killed, and one passenger in every 220,201 was injured. For the year 1888 the ratio of casualty in England to passengers from railroad accidents was passenger in 6,942,330 killed and one passenger in 527,577 injured.