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British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 3.
J. F. Thompson, formerly editor of the Yukon Sun, who is on his way to consult with Marconi's representatives regarding the establishment of gives regarding the establishment of the wireless telegraph system between Ashcroft and Dawson, said to The Commercial "correspondent this week that Dawson is not sound so far as the business community is concerned; the duamess community is concerned; that the Yukon is a permanent pro-jucer, but many of the business men per men of straw, and will have to be reeded out before business can be gut on a satisfactory basis. In Brit-sh Columbia business is reported fair, and money rather easier. There is pat on a satisfactory basis. In Britachamber and the control of combined to act considered. The Fisheries commission has finished its labors here. As was expected, the canners been a presentment recommending traps on the west coast of vascouver laband, but only under the conditions that the license for vasce their capital on the Fritish Columbia rivers in the salmon business. The Fishermen's Union made a presentment also, strongly recommending that traps not be allowed under any consideration, and that fishermen's license has been consideration, and that fishermen been suggested in their presentment that the fishermen's licenses be reduced in price, and the canners be taxed of in price, and the canners be taxed. ed in price, and the canners be taxed to provide revenue for the establishof more hatcheries. ment of more hatcheries. The board of trade council also met Commissioner Prince, and urged him to make representations to the government of Canada that United States parties were poaching for cod and halibut in Hacate Straits, which is Canadian waters. The question which is the topic of conversation in political circles now is, how to raise revenue On The board topic of conversation in political cir-cies now is, how to raise revenue in the province. Everyone in British Co-ismila believes that the province is not being treated right by the Do-minion government, which does not return to British Columbia a fair pro-portion of the revenues received from it. Several members of the legislature it. Several members of the legislature while agreeing that the Canadian government should be urged to do this province justice, believe that there will be delay in getting that Justice, and they propose that tribute be levied on Uncle Sam through the Puget Sound industries. They claim the time of the puget Sound industries are considered to the puget Sound. The Pacific Steel Works are reported as saying the only wailable iron on the North Pacific Is works are reported as saying the own available fron on the North Pacific is in Brilish Columbia, and they will im-port 60,000 tons a year. It is propos-ed to raise \$100,000 by taxing this iron ore, rebating the tax if the ore is inn ore, rebating the tax if the ore is used in manufacturing here. They propose to materially increase the tax of the control where, and not as at present, only on privately owned land. The deficit of the province, it is claimed, would be wiped out if this plan was carried through. It is stated that such a proposition will be brought up in the position will be brought up in the

Business at Vancouver.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Feb. 8.

Cured meats and lard are firmer.

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GRAIN—Wheat, \$256/350 per ton; oats,

17 per ton; corn, \$38 per ton. firmer.

FLOUR-Manitoba patent, per barrel, 14.75; strong bakers, 14.65; Oregon, 14.50; per barrel, Sudierby patents, 14.75; per barrel, Sudierby patents, 14.75; per ton; bran, 182; shorts, 182; cill cake meal, 185; per ton fa.6. Vancouver, including HAI—Fraser River Valley, 11(612) per ton; atraw, per bole, 26; mack, 25.0; two 615; macks, 25.0; two 615; macks, 25.0; two 615; macks, 25.0; four 224jb; macks, 25.0; two 615; macks, 25.0; four 15.0; four 15.0;

ng clear, 13c; rolls, 13@13½c; smoked des, 13½c. I ARD— Tins, 15c per lb; pails, 13½@ BUTTER—Local creamery, 25c; Mani-oba creamery, 22@24c; Manitoba dairy,

156719c. EGGS—Fresh local, 30@35c; eastern, 23 (25c; California, 28c per dozen. CHEESE—Manitoba, 12@12½; Ontario.

485c; California, Se per dozen.
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VEGUSTARLESS-Potatoes. 196812 per ton for locals, 28 for Anherotis: onlons.
FISH-Flounders. Sc; smelts. Sc; sea bass, 4c; withing, 5c; oses, 5c; hallbut, bernard, bernar

of 20.

HARDWARE— Bar Iron, base, \$3, Horse shoe nalls, discount 50 and 10 cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$4.55; nalls, seprice, cut, \$3.40; wire, \$3.85; rope, 30 discount 56; white lead, \$7.50; putty, \$3.50; arbeed wire, \$4.50 per 100lb; glass, first beach, \$5

British Columbia Business Notes Morris Marks, clothier Victoria, as made an assignment.

E. F. McQueen, drugge Sandon, is closing up his business

D. H. Campbell is establishing sash and door factory at Kamloops. During the month of January the ore shipments of the Slocan district totalled 2,000 tons.

Contracts have been let in Victoria in connection with erection of a new smelter at Osborne Bay.

Smith & McLood, lumber merch-nts, Vernon, have dissolved partner-nips. S. Smith continues the busships.

The C. P. R. is opening a freight and passenger office in the business quarter of Rossland for the conveni-ence of the business men. A. C. Mc-Arthur will be in charge.

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At the customs port of Victoria the sum of \$58,967.55 was collected in duties during the month of January. The value of the dutiable imports was \$159,926, and of the free imports \$66,-

The newly elected officers of the board of trade of Grand Forks, B. C., are as follows: President, E. Doberer; first vice-president, Chas. Powell; sec-ond vice-president, Fred. Clark; treas-urer, Dr. Westwood; secretary. Colin urer, Dr. Campbell.

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A contract was let on Wednesday at Victoria for the construction of a new and specially constructed river steamer for service on the Skecua The vessel, which is being built for the Hudson's Bay company by the Victoria Machinery Depot, will cost \$23,000.

\$25,000.

The customs returns of Nelson for the month of January show an increase over those of the corresponding month of 1901. The value of the free imports was \$13,118; dutiable imports was \$4,226; dutiable imports was \$4,226; dutiable imports was \$4,226; dutiable imports was \$4,226; dutiable imports was a \$4,226; dutiable imports, and a superior of the duties collected last month over those of January, 1901, of \$2,359.56.

ary, 1901, of \$3,399.86.

The International Mining & Development Company has been registered as an extra-provincial company, with a capital of \$1,009.009, divided into 1,-00,000 shares. The object of the company is general mining in the state of Washington, and this province. The head office of the company is Tacoma.

Wash., and the provincial headquar-ters are at Duncans. T. J. Rinehart, mine manager of that place, is attor-ney for the company. The company's existence is limited to 50 years.

The board of trade of Atlin heid its The board of trade of Atin field its annual meeting recently and among other things discussed the question of the appointment of a county court judge for that district. This is very greatly desired by the residents. Freight rates on the White Pass and Freight rates on the White Pass and Yukon Railway were also considered and the opinion was expressed that the present schedule is greatly injur-ficers resulted as follows: President, J. A. Fraser, vice-president, J. H. Gil-lard; secretary, F. L. Stepnenson; council, Dr. Young, A. C. Hirschfeld, J. S. Munro, D. Hastie, Geo. Kerr, D. G. Stewart, A. & Cross.

Final insurance award has been made in regard to the fire losses at Spencer's Arcade at Victoria, which was destroyed by fire a few weeks made in regard to the fire losses at Spencer's Aradia at Victoria, which was destroyed by fire a few weeks on hand before the fire at \$294,090 and fixed the losses sustained by the firm as follows: The total insurance carried on the stock was \$180,000, ditures, \$7,000; building, \$10,400; total \$115,048. This insurance is divided as follows: The total \$115,048. This insurance is divided as follows: Pheenix, of London, \$5,000; Phoenix, of Hartford, \$2,300,09en of Annews, \$5,000; Chino, \$67,000; Philips of Brooklyn, \$7,500; Anglo-American, \$20,000; British America, \$5,000. Caledonian, \$5,000; Commercial Union, of North America, \$10,000; Liverpoet & London & Globe, \$10,000, National, \$2,500; North British & Mercantic, \$10,000; North American, \$1,000. North American, \$

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A meeting of the directors of the Winnipeg Forestry association was forestry association was represented by the second of the Winnipeg Forestry association was passed on the second of the Ambert of the work of the association were fully discussed and a resolution was passed on motion of a resolution was passed on motion of the Forestry branch of the department of the interior to the desirability of reserving for forestry purposes, all the region lying south of the main line of the C. P. railway, in the second of the forestry of the property of the proposes. A committee was appointed on motion of D. W. Isu-chanan, to interview the provincial sewell that is unuitable for home-steading purposes.

appointed on motion of D. W. But-chanan, to interview the provincial minister of education to urge the im-portance of a more practical observa-tion, especially in connection with the curual schools.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Forestry association in Winnipeg on Tuesday, March 11th, dresses by practical speakers is being arranged for.

The Depression in Germany.

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the sufference from year went on the protests against 'oreign competition in the labor mar-quent. In spite of these facts several large manufacturing firms in Saxony, Thuringia, and Pomerania have for-ting the several properties of the several large manufacturing firms in Saxony, Thuringia, and Pomerania have for-cern the several several have been foreigness. In Saxony, however, leading firms have demanded that the leading firms have demanded that the categorically forbidden. In a similar spirit a number of Thuringian com-munities have petitioned the Imperial munities have petitioned the Imperial stant immigration of Case's and Polish laborers and artisans. The government of Anhalt has -o only support of the several several policy and the several several policy and the several several policy and the several policy policy and the several policy British Columbia Mining.

The Dubrovnik Mines, Ltd., have een incorporated with a capital of

Marble Bay mines, including all the property owned by J. J. Palmer and the Christie estate on Texada Island, have been sold to the Tacoma Smelter & Iron Syndicate. The purchase price is said to be \$200,000.

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After more than a year of inactivity the Golden Crown property in Wellington camp, near Phoenix, has rejoined the list of Boundary shippers. Subments of ore have been started, but to the Granby smeiter and part to the Granby smeiter and part to the Crown of Smeiter.

part to the Greenwood smelter. The Van Anda smelter, Texada Island, British Columbia, signed a contract to ship its matte to Grand Forks for treatment in the converter of the Granby Smelter Company. The matter will be shipped via Vancouver. The plant is now turning out over 30 tons that the contract of the Granby Smelter Company and the contract of the contract of

Northwestern Ontario.

Whilst cross-cutting towards old "faulted" vein of the Sult mine, which had been relocated means of diamond drilling, a la Sultana mine, which had been relocated by means of diamond drilling, a large body of ore has been encountered, big enough, it is estimated, to keep their thirty stamps busy for two years, the ore being of a higher grade than any of the large sized ore-bodies that they have as yet milled at the Sultana.

New Mills for Vermilion.

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An era in the progress of the development of the Peace River valley is to be marked by the erection at an early date of a lumber and flour an early date of a lumber and flour an early date of a lumber and flour flow in the Hudson's Bay Co. The mill will be the Hudson's Bay Co. The mill will be party and the Hudson's post at Vermillon, about 240 miles down the Peace from the Landing. The H. H. Company have long here, doing a large far and three hudson's house of the pioneer has sought here, doing a large far and the business. Of late years, however, the enterprise of the pioneer has sought of the progressian the cost and inconcentrate of thindout the company have decided to erect the mill mentioned. It is probable too that the movement Inprobable too the termination of the company to be early intention of the company to be early intention of the company to be early intention of the termination of the development which is now commonly anticipated at no distant date for the paration for the another mill will include a shing mill, thus making a complete establishment for the manufacture of all ordinary building materials. The analysis of the control of the manufacture of all ordinary building materials. The four mill will include all the necessary apparatus for the necessary apparatus. The building the part of the necessary apparatus for th the cost and inconvenience of in tation that the company have deunder the direction of air. J. G. Onlever, an experienced machinist. Mr. Oliver will leave next week to begin operations and will have the assistance of a gang of men large enough to push the work rapidly to a finish.

—Edmonton Bulletin.

A. C. Henry, general purchasing gent of the Canadian Pacific Rail-ay, died at the general hospital, lontreal, on Sunday night. He was agent Montreal, on Sunday night. He was operated upon two days before for appendicitis.

T. J. Blain, of Brampton, Ont., has een awarded \$3,000 damages against been awarded \$3,000 damages against a railway company for failure to pro-tect plaintiff while on the company's property. Blain was assaulted on a train by another passenger, and the assault was repeated after he had asked protection from the train of-