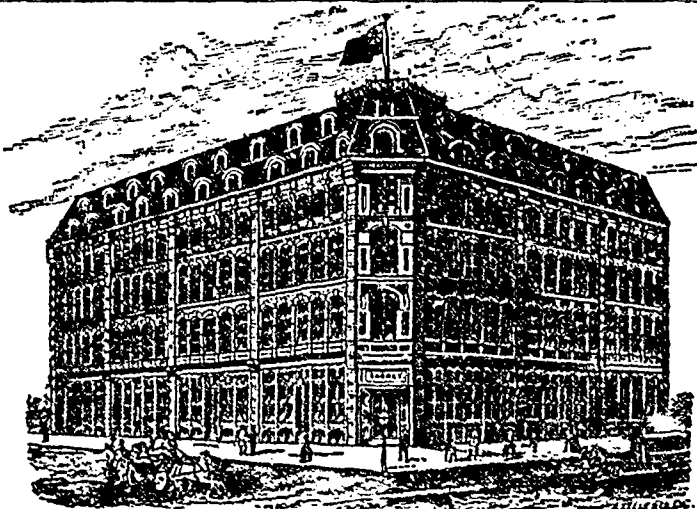


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The salmon run may be said to have commenced in the Fraser.

The steamer Parthia arrived at Vancouver from China and Japan on Monday last.

During the month of March there were four teen clearances of coal-laden vessels from Nanaimo, with 26,277 tons of coal.

The speaker has decided that the new license bill introduced in the Legislature by Hon. Mr. Robson is not in order, and is not properly before the house. So there will be no change in the license act this year.

The S.S. Batavia took from Vancouver for Yokohama and Hong Kong on her last trip, 11 cabin and 14 steerage passengers. Her cargo consisted of 2073 tons, the principal items in which were 26,052 sacks of Oregon flour, 6,160 pkgs. cotton and 5 street cars.

A return brought down at Ottawa shows that Mr. Parmelee, in reporting to the Minister of Customs in favor of making Kamloops a port of entry, said that the place was important and growing and was the natural outlet for the mining, grazing and farming regions, and that the duties collected on imports last year amounted to between nine and ten thousand dollars, the payment of which was a matter of much trouble and inconvenience to importers.

Westminster Columbian: A train load of cattle containing 80 head, arrived from the interior last night. This makes the second train to arrive during the week. It is said arrangements have been made with up-country ranchers to furnish cattle at Kamloops, where they will be bought and paid for, and shipped from there direct to the parties purchasing them. It is expected this will have the effect of reducing the price of beef, which has been exceedingly dear all winter. The price paid at Kamloops for fat stock will be three cents per pound.

Victoria Times: It is with much regret that we chronicle the failure of the B. C. Stationery & Publishing Company. The company has had difficulties from the very commencement that would have disheartened most any ordinary person; but Mr. Ferguson, with heroic zeal, determined to overcome them if possible, and probably would have done so but for a few over-zealous creditors, who believing their own interests would be better served, have begun legal proceedings against the company. As soon as this was known other parties, who had loaned money to the company and endorsed for them at the bank, withdrew their names and sureties, and the bank in its own interest has taken proceedings. As a result the sheriff is now in possession of the establishment. The company being a limited liability concern there will be no loss to the stockholders other than their investment. The heaviest losers, we understand, are Mr. Ferguson, the general manager, \$10,000, and D. Robson, of New Westminster, \$8,000. When interviewed as to the future, Mr. Ferguson said he had no plans, but will probably accept a position in New York which was offered him not long since at a very remunerative salary. We understand an assignment will be made for the benefit of all the creditors, but this requires a meeting of the stockholders.

Victoria Colonist: There is an active en-