

**British Columbia Brief Business Notes.**

Wm. Byers has opened a general blacksmith shop at Mission City.

Thos. Trawary, formerly of Ainsworth, has opened the Victoria hotel at Kaslo.

F. R. Robinson has re-opened his pork packing establishment at Westminster.

A \$10,000 opera house is to be erected at Wellington by a local joint stock company.

Robinson & Campbell have bought the grocery business of Wm. Urquhart, Vancouver.

Preparations are being made for the opening up of the celebrated Silver King mine at Nelson.

Taylor & Davis, Vancouver, painters, have dissolved partnership. W. S. Taylor will continue.

The German ship Sirene has cleared with 58,558 cases of salmon and a number of sample shipments.

Peter Weigle, brewer and International saloon, Nanaimo, succeeded in bar business by Fox & Parks.

An order is being asked for the winding up of the Reid & Currie Iron Works Co., Westminster.

The firm of Flint & Williams, Victoria, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Williams continues.

The barque City of Carlisle, consigned to Turner, Becton & Co., is loading salmon for the United Kingdom.

The American barque Hesper, now laden with 770,012 feet of lumber for Adelaide, value \$5,886, has sailed.

T. L. Davis, Nanaimo, has effected a satisfactory settlement with his creditors and has re-opened business.

Dear Lake City, West Kootenay, wants a general store. G. West and F. B. Harper are advertising the fact.

Messrs. Draper & Leithead, wholesale cigar importers, Vancouver, have failed, but have resumed business again.

Simon Leiser, wholesale grocer, Victoria, contemplates admitting Emanuel Bloomingdale, of San Francisco, into partnership.

The *Nakusp Ledge* is British Columbia's latest paper. It is published by the late proprietor and editor of the defunct *Kaslo Claim*.

Cope & Young, Vancouver, formerly in the retail dry goods trade and then in wholesale commission, are now opening as provision brokers.

The Holbrook House, New Westminster, is now conducted by Al. Valahon, Cash & Elley having taken over the Merchants' Exchange of the same city.

W. J. Gallagher has completed arrangements for transferring the plant of the *Telegram* from Vancouver to Nanaimo, where he will issue, in a short time, the *Morning Telegram*.

Capt. McLellan, of Vancouver, has formed a company to fish for halibut on the northern banks. He is endeavoring to secure a steamer and will probably take a Victoria vessel.

Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., have chartered the ship Harold, which is now in the Orient, to load salmon for England. She will be the last of the British Columbia salmon fleet to load this year.

Hall & Alexander are making the first shipment of cattle to Victoria from the north. They have a rancho of 1,000 acres on Queen Charlotte Island, on which they have 600 head of stock.

The four masted American schooner *Salvator* of San Francisco, 444 tons, is loading lumber at the Brunette mills for Port Pirie, South Australia. She will carry away about 550,000 feet of lumber.

W. H. Goodwin, Vancouver, has been re-appointed agent for the Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company, and it will form a part of

the business of the firm of R. A. Anderson & Co., of which he is a member.

A telegraph wire from Kaslo and New Denver to Nakusp has been strung the entire distance. The current will be turned on between Revelstoke and Nakusp this week, and on the remainder of the line as soon as it can be repaired.

The Okell & Morris Fruit Preserving Co., of Victoria, has shipped to England 1,000 cases of preserved plums, pears, apricots, prunes, etc. The fruit was forwarded by the steamship Grandholm. It is reported that the Okell & Morris Co. have orders from England for 10,000 of preserved fruit.

The New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Co. has given notice of an application to the Parliament of Canada, for an act declaring the said company to be a body corporate within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and for amendments, extension of its powers, etc.

British steamer Grandholm has on board 1,000 tons of cargo, valued at \$145,300. It is made up as follows: 31,100 cases of salmon from the Bon Accord, Ewen's and the Anglo British Columbia Packing Co.'s canneries; 1,694 pieces of lumber, 155 bundles of laths, 44 cases of windows and doors, and 90 bundles of shingles from the Brunette saw mills.

A new gold belt is reported to have been discovered near Ft. Steel, B. C. If the latest accounts of the find can be relied upon as authentic, the lode is a very extensive one, easily traceable for miles across the country. The ledges, some of which are very wide, run in a northeast and southwest direction. The ore bodies occur in a slate fissure, and give every indication of being permanent.

The Crown of England, having discharged her cargo of Japanese tea and Russian petroleum at Seattle, goes from there to Nanaimo to engage in the coal trade. F. C. Davidge, agent of the line, says that the depression in business makes it unprofitable to inaugurate this year monthly sailings of steamships in connection with the Great Northern, as was intended, but if business looks up, they will be begun in the spring with vessels having passenger accommodation.

The well known wholesale shipping and commission firm of Bell-Irving & Paterson, Vancouver, and Bell-Irving, Paterson & Co., New Westminster, has been dissolved. "Mr. Bell-Irving will continue to carry on the shipping, agency and commission business in Vancouver under the style of H. Bell-Irving & Co. R. H. Paterson will probably start in business in Vancouver on his own account. The stock in hand in New Westminster has been sold to A. G. McFarlane, who will continue the business there.

A company is being organized to work in Oregon, Washington and Colorado for the utilization of the products obtained by burning, from the firs and pines of the Pacific coast forests in those States. It is estimated that very large dividends can be realized on a capital of more than a million dollars, whilst clearing settlers' heavily timbered land for them. A German chemist's patent process will be used, and turpentine, pitch, tar, resin, &c., produced. It looks as if there were a suggestion in this of much value in British Columbia, as one of the first furnaces of the new organizations will, it is said, be set up at Port Angeles, in forest country exactly similar to most of that of our southern mainland. An enormous amount of valuable produce goes utterly to waste in the ordinary clearing of land in B. C., which apparently a company like this American one could in many cases save.—*News-Advertiser*.

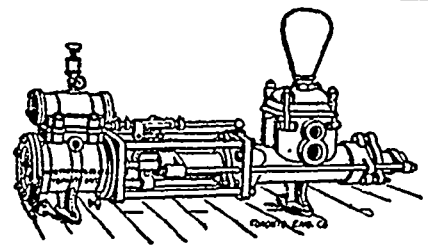
Courbold, McCull, Wilson & Campbell give notice in the Gazette of two private bills, to be introduced during the approaching session of the Legislature. The first is a bill "to authorize the commissioners for the 'Sumas Dyking District' to reclaim those portions of Townships 16, 19, 22 and 23 affected by overflow of water, and to divert the water of Vedder's

Creek and all other streams and creeks that may be found to be necessary, and in such manner as they may be found expedient, and for such further and other powers as may appear to be necessary and expedient." The second bill sought is to amend the Ashcroft & Cariboo Railway Co. Act of 1890 "by changing the corporate name of the Company, by extending the time for the commencement and completion of the proposed line, by changing the point of connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway, by reviving and confirming the grants, rights and privileges conferred on the company, and by revising and consolidating in one Act the several Acts relating to the company."

**Toronto Dry Goods Trade.**

"There is no boom in the dry good trade at present," said a leading wholesale man on Oct. 20, to a representative of the *Empire*, "neither is there any champagne and corner lots in it; but there is a good healthy safe trade being done at 100 cents on the dollar. Our bad debts are few. This is not the time bad debts are made. When the retailer comes in with his list and says, 'I'll buy just what I know I can sell, and no more,' you may feel pretty sure that his account is, under ordinary circumstances, all right; but when the boom is on and the country merchants are coming in, buying everything they see, the counting house needs to be on the lookout. Bad debts are made in boom times, and we feel the evil effects when trade gets down to a normal condition. At the present time, however, the dry goods trade is being prudently, cautiously conducted."

During the week a general sorting trade has been done. Special lines of dress goods, sealottes, braids, men's and women's underwear and fall tailoring supplies have been in chief demand. Travellers are now showing new cotton goods for the spring trade, but so far orders have been rather light. Canadian woolen mills continue busy on numerous repeat orders for current autumn trade, and on liberal orders placed for spring goods. Cotton mills are also working on goods for the spring, samples of which are now being shown. A feature of the week has been the offering here of quantities of print cloths and muslins by United States mills. The goods were evidently last year's make and were offered at low figures, but our tariff was such as to prevent any sales being made.



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