

### British Columbia.

The San Francisco *Journal of Commerce* will write up the industries of Victoria.

A preliminary meeting has been held at New Westminster, with the object of establishing a provincial fruit grocers' association.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have opened an agency at Vancouver, in charge of Wm. Skene.

The licensed vintners of Victoria, New Westminster, Vancouver and Nanaimo talk of uniting and forming a provincial organization in self interest.

E. G. Prior & Co., iron, hardware and implements, Victoria, have opened a stock of hardware at Kamloops, where they also carry a stock of implements, wagons, etc.

Twelve carloads of salmon were shipped via the C.P.R. from New Westminster on Sept. 13th, consigned as follows: 5 to Montreal, 2 to Toronto, 2 to London, Ont., 1 to Ottawa, 1 to Kingston, 1 to Drumbo.

The Commercial Mills of Vancouver, shipped lately another consignment of six carloads of building material to the Northwest. The sash, door and blind factory in course of erection for the company is rapidly going ahead.

The SS. Mexico, arrived on Sept. 16th, from San Francisco, with a large quantity of California canned fruits, cured salmon, syrup and wine, consigned via the C.P.R. to New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Troy and Minneapolis.

THE COMMERCIAL is pleased to welcome quite a number of the leading merchants of British Columbia to its subscription list. J. C. Devlin, provision and commission merchant, Victoria, and J. & A. Clearihue, also in the same line of business at Victoria, sent in their subscriptions to this journal with the last mail.

*News.* It cannot be said that the Royal City (New Westminster), is much behind in enterprise and improvements. The population has nearly doubled within the last three years, so it is stated by those who are in a position to know. The Electric Light also is expected to be in operation soon: a local joint stock company is now being organized for the purpose of introducing it.

Henry Arkell, commission and produce merchant, Vancouver, writes denying the report current in commercial circles that he intended retiring from business. He explains that some time ago he offered for sale his building and the lease of the ground on which it stands, and incidentally remarked that he would sell his business too if he got his price, a remark that any business man might make.

The Westminster Woollen Manufacturing Company (Limited), was incorporated in 1886, for the purpose of manufacturing wool into blankets, flannels, tweeds, yarn and woollen goods generally, and selling the same by wholesale and retail and buying and selling wool. The amount of the capital stock of the company is \$16,000, divided into 640 shares of \$25 each. The provincial government gives a bonus of \$3,000 toward the establishment of the mill, and the city council \$1,000. The principal shareholders at present are: James Punch, John Jennings and John Paris. The building

is three-storays high and has an area of 40x60 feet. This mill has just been completed and commenced running.

*Victoria Standard:* The prospectus of the Perry Gold Mining Co. has been issued. The company holds extensive leased mineral lands on either side of Perry Creek, Kootenay district, which are now being worked with satisfactory results. The capital stock of the company is stated at \$75,000 and 14,000 shares are now open for public or private subscription on payment of ten cents per share. There can be no doubt that Perry Creek is a very auriferous country and it is hoped that the company may be successful in its efforts to further develop it. The mines are situated 24 miles from Cranbrook. The temporary trustees of the company are: Dr. I. W. Powell, D. R. Harris and Henry Jacoby of this city.

### Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway.

The committee on transportation has selected the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, commonly known as the "Albert Lea Route," for the transportation of the comrades of the G. A. R. of this department to the National Encampment at St. Louis. The train will leave St. Paul on Sept. 25th, at 3 o'clock p. m., and Minneapolis at 3:30 p. m. It will be a "special" for the use of the comrades and their friends: will be suitably decorated and have ample sleeping and dining room cars for the accommodation of all. It is expected that a good band will accompany this train. The fare will be \$15.85 from St. Paul or Minneapolis to St. Louis and return. Comrades can join the train at any point on the route, and obtain tickets elsewhere in the state to St. Paul or Minneapolis on payment of one full fare one way. The same rates apply to all other routes leading to St. Louis. The headquarters of this department will go over the Albert Lea Route, and be established at rooms 50 and 52 in the Southern Hotel on Sept. 26th. All comrades are requested to report there immediately on their arrival. Tents will be pitched in all parks for such as may desire to occupy them—comrades furnishing their own blankets. The grand parade will occur on the 27th, and will, without doubt, be a most imposing and magnificent pageant. Comrades will, as far as possible, appear in Grand Army uniform. It is especially desirable that all those who intend going by this train should notify the Assistant Adjt. Gen. at St. Paul, or Comrade Robert Stratton at Minneapolis, in order that suitable accommodations may be provided for them.

2. Comrade John B. Sauborn is hereby appointed chief marshal, and will have charge of all arrangements connected with the grand parade by the Department of Minnesota.

3. Comrades F. Seibold, of St. Paul, Edwin Dunn, of Eyota, and ———, of Minneapolis, are detailed as color guard, and will have charge of the department colors. By command L. L. Wheelock, Department Commander, W. W. Braden, Assistant Adjutant General.

SNAPPISH UNCLE—No, George, I'll not help you with a solitary red. You must paddle your own canoe.

Despairing Nephew—But what with, uncle? "A skull—like I did."

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