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VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS

K. ViaSan Pedro, chartered to load lumber at Burrard Inlet for Melbourne wharf at 57s Gd. I—Passed Torrhead Sept. 17. M—Chartered for M., A. or P. P., rate 62s Gd. option Sydney 52s Gd. P—Arrived Bahia Sept. 16, and sailed Oct. 2. Cargo of blacksmiths coal for San Francisco, thence to load lumber for Valparaiso, T—Chartered for M., A. or P. P., at 57s Gd. option Sydney 47s Gd. A—Spoken Oct. 8, lat. 46 N. long 10 W. H—via Liverpool, to sail in February. N—Passed New Aujer Oct. 2. D—For orders. G—Cargo of mut rice. R—Spoken Sept. 25, lat. 11 N., 26 W. S—Cargo of sult and scaling outfit, passed Deal Nov. 17. B—Vis Honolulu C—Dec 8, towed into Gravesend. She lost two anchors and chains in the Downs, and damaged windlass. F—to load lumber for the Deleware ship yard, U. S. Navy. E—arrived at Holyhead Dec. 19, sailed 2. J—via Pasarocan. O—Chartered to load lumber from Burrard Inlet or Paget Sound to Valparaiso at 42s Gd. Q—Chartered to load lumber for Shanghai at 50s.

E. G. PRIOR & CO., (LIMITED.)

The next issue of the B. C. Gazette will announce the incorporation of E. G. Prior & Co. as a joint stock company, with a capital stock at \$250,000. Col. E. G. Prior. G. F. Matthews and G. W. Wynne are the trustees of the company. This is one of the oldest established businesses in the province, having been founded in 1859 by Mr. Fellows. Col. Prior became connected with it in 1880, when he purchased | S.F. Herold of Trade. a half interest. In 1883, he assumed the entire business, and, three years later, took Mr. Matthews into partnership. Mr. Wynne has been with the firm for over twenty years as a trusted employee, and will bring an experience to it the value of which cannot be over-estimated.

COSTLY MISTAKES

A local dry goods firm whose name has been frequently mentioned in the daily newspapers of late will have good reason to remember its costly mistakes of this year to the last day of its commercial existence. The firm in question, by the mistakes or inadvertance of its correspondents abroad, allowed certain goods to be shipped to it under a manifest which did not truthfully disclose the character of the goods shipped, and if the mistake had not been discovered by government officials, the probability is that the firm would have made a considerable saving on the duties on the goods imported. But the Government agents did discover the mistake, and were uncharitable enough to say that it Mahon, loading.

was not a mistake, but a plain and evident attempt to defraud the revenue. If it was a mistake, it was a very costly one. The firm has suffered in reputation, and besides is now being called upon to pay \$70,000 to the Government. The duties all must be paid, and perhaps a fine, and in addition to all that the firm must pay for its own loss of time and reputation and for the inconvenience to which it has been put in the clearing up of its mistake .-

VESSELS IN PORT.

(January 4, 1892.) VICTORIA.

British bark City of Carlisle, 823 tons, Capt. Kendall, loading salmon and naval stores for London, Robert Ward & Co., consignors.

VANCOUVER.

British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons Capt. Dexter, loaded with lumber for Adelaide. Nor. ship Morning Light, 1,316 tons, Capt. Johansen, loading lumber for Melbourne.

British bark Titania, 879 tons, Capt. T. W. Selby, loading salmon for London, Bell-Irving Paterson & Co., consignors.

British steamship Empress of India, 3,003 tons, Capt. Marshall.

NANAIMO.

NEW V. C. CO'S SHIPPING.

Nic. bark Bundaleer, 921 tons, Capt, Williams, loading.

Am. ship Commodore, 1,976 tons, Capt. Davidson, waiting to load.

Am. ship Sea King, 1,436 tons, Capt.

EAST WELLINGTON SHIPPING,

Am. bark Melrose, 943 tons, Capt. Kalb. loading.

Am. bark C. D. Bryant, 929 tons, Capt Jacobsen, loading.

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Haw. steamship Costa Rica, 1,274 tons, Capt. McIntyre, loading.

RECAPITULATION.

Ports.	No.	Tonnage.
Victoria	1	823
Vancouver	. 4	6,560
Nanaimo	6	7,479
Total	11	14,871

LIVE STOCK IMPORTATION.

Following are the importations of live stock to this province for the year ending December 31, 1891:

Cattle	• • • • • •	• • • • • •	 	909
Hogs	• • • • • •		 	54
Mules		• • • • • •	 	63
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Total.				24 621

These figures show a large increase over those of 1890, which is attributed to various causes, the principle one of which is a change in transportation facilities between the Mainland and Sound ports.

Seals are reported fairly plentiful off the west coast. The Indians are taking a few with their canoes, but the heavy weather is against the work. One day last week a cance got three seal .- Times.