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WINNIPEG.

British Columbia.

W. J. Taylor, undertaker, Vancouver, is dead.

J. Teague, jr., drugs, Victoria. Sheriff in possession.

Andrew Kidd, harness, &c., Chilliwack, sold out to A. Robinson.

J. G. Wilkinson, boots and shoes, Chilliwack, sold out to D. F. Clement.

Henry Arkell, flour, feed and provisions, Vancouver, sold out to Welch Bros.

G. C. Shaw & Co., commission, &c., Victoria, has admitted R. H. Benedict as partner.

Moodville Saw Mill Company, Ltd., Moodville, sold out to the Moodville Land & Saw Mill Co.

Richardson and Heathorn, commission, &c., Victoria, have dissolved. P. F. Richardson continues.

Reid & Currie, blacksmiths, &c., New Westminster. Correct style now Reid & Currie Iron Works Co., Ltd.

R. N. Begg, formerly of the *Colonist* has entered into partnership with J. R. Kerr, of the Central book and stationery store, Victoria.

In reply to protest regarding the closing of Behring sea, the Victoria board of trade has received a communication from the colonial office, to the effect that the British Government will be prepared to consider any case in which it is established that direct loss has been sustained by a British subject, through the closing of the sea.

One of the handsomest publications which has ever reached THE COMMERCIAL office, is one which bears the imprint of the Vancouver

Daily Telegram. It is in pamphlet form, with illustrations on almost every page and has for its title "Land of the Okanagan," British Columbia. The book, as its title indicates, is devoted to a description of the Okanagan district, which it is well known is one of the most valuable portions of the province, and which is now being opened up by the Shuswap and Okanagan railway. The pamphlet deals very fully with the district, and is a credit to those who prepared and published it.

The C. P. R. has decided to run another excursion along the north coast of British Columbia as far as Alaska, and including the Queen Charlotte island. The elegant twin screw steamer *Islander* will be placed under charter for the occasion. The route to be taken is on the archipelago of the British Columbian coast, and which formed the subject of two lectures given in the city during the winter. The Titanic beauty of the mountain scenery among which the steamer passes transcends that of Norway, the famous resort of English tourists. Opportunities are also given to visit the Indian villages on the Queen Charlotte islands where the wonderful carved totem poles are to be seen. The great inlets which penetrate the mountains for miles will also be entered. Though the steamer is constantly in salt water on this route the open ocean is only sighted two or three times. The trip will occupy fourteen days from Victoria, meals and berths being furnished free during the cruise. Round trip rates are being made from Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal for the trip. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. It is very rarely that the chance to make

this enjoyable trip is offered, as the route is on the regular course of ships.

Assiniboia.

Representatives of a German settlement in Dakota, says the *Medicine Hat Times* were in town yesterday making entries for land south west of here. These delegates have obtained a thorough knowledge of the country and its climate and have concluded that though grain farming may not pay in this district, yet the advantages the country possesses for ranching and dairying are ahead of any other district they have visited. Indeed cheese and butter making will be their chief occupation though they will put in a crop every year. The settlers are a very desirable class of small capitalists.

Another vein of gas has been struck at Medicine Hat, giving a greater quantity than the first vein, at a depth of 640 feet. The force was so great as to throw water ten feet in the air, and boring was suspended. Calculations are that enough gas has been secured to light up the town. A later report says: "An other good vein of gas was struck here Saturday. A pipe was run up thirty feet from the top of the well and has been burning steadily for 36 hours, lighting up the town and surrounding valley, thus proving an inexhaustible supply. The people of Medicine Hat are greatly elated over their good luck. A meeting will be held to night to discuss as to what purpose the gas will be utilized. The estimated pressure of gas is now one hundred and fifty pounds."