m boxes, \$1.75, in crates, \$1.80. Oregon apples (greenings), \$1.00; Baldwin, Bellflower, Rose and Blue Pearmain, \$1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, \$3.50; California Messina lemons, \$6.50; silverskin onions, 13c. per lb.; Island apples, \$1.25 per box: tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.25; sweet pointoes, 34c. per lb.; potatoesgisland, \$20 per. ton ; Chilliwack, \$18 per ton : Fraser River, \$16 per ton : Bonapartes, \$25 per ton ; persimmons, \$1.75. arocentes and provisions.

Irade is reported exceedingly good in ail lines, more especially in fruits, nuts and fancy groceries for the holiday trade. Prices, all round, are very steady. New auts of all kinds were received by the jobbers last week, prices, are a trifle casior than, last year. Fresh castern eggs are uoted at 27c and are said to be getting scarce. The butter market in the east is still reported very strong and prices will probably go higher shortly. The last quotation received from Montreal is 25c for eastern creamery. A sale is reported of 1,000 tubs of butter shipped by a Montreal house to Bristol at 25c. The meat market is overstocked. Canadian meats are quoted : Hams, 131c to 14c; breakfast bacon, iste short; rolls, 12c; dry salt sides, 11 c. A good demand is reported for dried fruits. Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 84c, in half-bbls. 84c.; valenencias, Slc; sultanas, 14c; London layers, \$2.25 a box; California sultanas, \$2.25 a box; dates, 9c; prunes, 9c to 121c. California evaporated fruits in 25 lb. boxes are quoted as follows: Peaches, 121c; apricots. 14c; nectarines, 14c; pitted plums, 11c. About the same grade of fruits in cotton sacks are quoted from lc to 2c per lb. less. New Canadian evaporated apples are quoted at 11c per lb.

A considerable advance in brooms and brushes is advised. The corn crop of the Western States is a failure, so that the raw material for brooms, etc., has advanced 50 per cent. over the prices or last year. The second importation of 1,000 piculs of dry granulated sugar by R. P. Rithet & Co. (Ld.) from Hong Kong, ex the Upton steamship Zambesi, is causing quite a stir among dealers, who are anxious to handle it, as the importers are going to sell it at prices to meet all competition. Vancouver granulated is quoted at 5kc in sacks and 5kc in barrels.

The local jobbers are now carrying full stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which include apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot marmalade, etc. Quotations are 11 lb. size, \$3 per dozen ; 3 lb. size, \$5 per doz.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried y the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups-of home manufacture.

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There is little of note, as foreign shipments are very light. The only clearance last week was the American ship Benjamin Sewall, 1,361 tons, Capt. Sewall, for Valparaiso. The late reports from some foreign points do not improve matters. The great financial panic in Melbourne Chinese and 102 Japanese passengers.

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has caused the failure of a number of lead ing firms and the suspension of a large banking corporation. Melbourne is now reaping the consequences of her boom of the past few years, and the lumber trade will continue to fall off for some time to come. There are three vessels load. ing at present at Burrard Inlet: Chil, ship Atacama, 1,235 tons, for Nineveh, 1,174 tons, Capt. Broadfoot, for Sydney; British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons, Capt. Dexter, loading for Adelaide, and the American schooner I'. S. Red field, 416 tons, loading for Sydney at the Chemainus mills. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordi nary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet ; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

Local trade is reported as keeping up well and expectations are that it will hold till the end of the year.

For local trade, the Rock Bay Saw Mill onotes:

Rough lumber, per M	810	00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M		
Second " " "	- 00	00
Laths, per M.	2	50
Shingles. "	. 2	25

BUSINESS CHANGES.

T. F. Barretthas opened a harness shop in Nanaimo.

Fred Allen has opened in the flour and feed line at Vancouver.

Robertson Bros. & Co., hardware, Vancouver, have assigned.

W. T. Wenborn, butcher, Nanaimo, has sold out to D. H. Beckley.

Pearne & Main, ship brokers and com-mission agents, Vancouver, have dissolved.

J. Mason & Co., auctioneers, Vancouver, have admitted Ralph Purdy as a member of the firm.

Hardman & Co., plumbers and tin* smiths, New Westminster, have dis-solved; H. A. Power continues.

Michael Stoike and Joseph Bainzick, hotelkeepers, New Westminster and North Arm Road, have dissolved ; Joseph Bainzick continues.

Walter Sillman, formerly of the San Francisco baths and barber shop, has purchased from H. Fried the Driard baths and shaving parlors.

G. F. Burpee has withdrawn from Steeves, Burpee & Co., flour and feed merchants, Vancouver. The business will be continued by W. A. Steeves and C. G. Fauouier.

The American tug Collis, Capt. S. B. Randall, of Port Townsend, has been fined \$400 by the Customs authorities for taking a party out to the wreck of the San Pedro on November 23.

The Upton steamship Zambesi, 1,560 tons, Capt. Edwards, arrived from the Orient via Honolulu December 3. She has a full cargo of Oriental merchandise, including tea, rice, matting, curios and 1,000 piculs of sugar ; also 6 white, 38

PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

Chas. A. Rattray, formerly of this city, will return from Portland and go into business here.

F. Rendt and H. McKenzie have taken over the Windsor Hotel in this city from John H. Simpson.

James Bloomfield and J. C. Innis, en-Valparaiso, owner's account; British bark | gravers, artists and designers, have opened an office in New Westminster.

On the 1st January, postoflices will be opened at Abbotsford near Huntingdon, and at Cheam near Chilliwack.

The Langley Mills, which heretofore only turned out chopped feed, have sent their first shipment of flour to New Westminster.

Leanny & Kyle's saw mill on Falso Creek, Vancouver, has been closed for repairs. It will probably not resume till January.

It is reported on good authority, that the sale of the Wellington Coal Mines in England has not been consummated be. cause of the condition of the money market there.

The Westminster Steam Navigation Co., owners of the steamer Delaware, have made a settlement with their creditors at 50c on the dollar. The Delaware has resumed regular trips between New Westminster and up-river points.

The bankrupt stock of the L. Davis estate has been purchased by a Victoria firm for 50 cents on the dollar, which was accepted in full by the creditors. Joseph Marymont will have charge of both stores. The Nanaimo stock will be removed to Vancouver.

A carload containing 30,000 lbs. of fresh salmon has been shipped by the Frazer River Freezing Co., of Port Haney, to Hamburg, Germany. It is going via Canadian Pacific Railway to New York, thence in the cold storage department of a German steamship. This is the first chipment of fresh salmon from British Columbla to Europe.

J. B. Thornton, Vancouver, has left that city leaving numerous creditors. He carried on a grocery business, also the Stewart House. He supplied logging camps and contractors. The liabilities are said to be nearly \$10,000, while the assets are very small. The creditors, with the exception of a Victoria grocery jobbing house, are local firms.

The regular daily train service on the Great Northern Railway between New Westminster and Seattle was inaugurated December 7tn. Trains leave South Westminster at 10.45 a.m. and arrive at 5 p.m. Close connections will be made with the ferry each way. This will give New Westminster an important link with the south which has been anxiously looked for for some time.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has completed arrangements with the Peninsula & Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and the fast steamship lines on the transatlahtic route, to run around the world excursions at a rate of \$610. This rate will apply in either direction, and for slight additional cost variation can be made in the route to travel over India, Egypt and continental Europe