

British Columbia.

Howell & Legg, have opened in tailoring at Victoria.

Herring, druggist, burned out at New Westminster, has established in new premises.

The foundation of a new round house is being laid at Wellington for the E. & N. railway.

The building for another hotel is being constructed at New Westminster by W. D. Purdy for P. Smith.

The owners of the Monarch mine at Field, have begun the shipment of ore to the Smelter at Revelstoke.

The Vancouver board of trade has passed a resolution of regret and condolence at the death of the late Dr. Whetham.

J. Sykes, who recently arrived at Vancouver from Australia, has decided to open business in crockery at that place.

Pennock & Kingham, manufacturing jewellers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. Style now Minor & Kingham.

Robert Ward, has returned to Victoria from Europe. He has been away from the city and province for almost six months.

Haley & Sutton, formerly of Morlen, Manitoba, are opening in the dry goods line at Vancouver. Their stock is in hand.

Port & Co., fish dealers, New Westminster, shipped to New York one day recently, 3060 pounds of fresh salmon packed in ice.

The contract for grading and preparing the right of way of the Westminister-Vancouver Tramway has been awarded to D. McGillivray.

At a meeting of shareholders of the Nanaimo Water Works Co., it was decided to declare a dividend of 6 per cent, on the capital stock of the company.

G. W. Grant has just finished the plans of a fine warehouse to be erected on Front street, Westminster, for M. M. English and W. J. Armstrong.

B. Young and J. C. Armstrong, of Westminster, have concluded arrangement for the erection on their property on Columbia Street of a first-class modern, three-storey brick block.

It is stated that arrangements have been completed for the extension of the New Westminster Southern Railway, now owned by the Great Northern, to Vancouver.

The Westminster Ledger estimates that two millions will be spent in new buildings of all kinds in that place during the present year. This is a big count, and if the figures are reached Westminster will carry the broom.

At a meeting of the British Columbia Tanning Company, it was decided to issue from \$10,000 to \$15,000 more shares, so as to enable the directors to extend the business in the shoe manufacturing department.

M. McGowan, of Winnipeg, says the Nelson Miner, has closed the E. S. Wilson & Co. store at Ainsworth, and it will remain closed until the affairs of the firm can be adjusted. Before leaving Revelstoke he closed the firm's store at that place. The Revelstoke store will not be reopened, but the one at Ainsworth may be.

The price of potatoes, says the New Westminster Ledger, has fallen considerably in the last few days and any amount can now be purchased at \$20 wholesale, and retail at \$23. This

decline in price is principally due to the fact that large growers have held on in hopes of getting the extraordinary prices of last year; but in this they have been disappointed.

The first of the sealing schooners that are being built on False Creek, Vancouver, says the News, was successfully launched from Leamy & Kyle's mill on Monday morning. This is the first vessel that has been built in Vancouver for sealing purposes. There are now four sealing schooners, four steamers and five scows being built on the shores of False Creek.

The deal between the Frazer River canneries and the English syndicate, says the Westminster Ledger, has not yet been fully completed. So far as can be learned an option of purchase has been obtained from the canneries interested for a consideration of \$1,200 cash, to hold till May 1st, and if the principal sum is not forthcoming the option money will be forfeited and the canneries will remain in the hands of their present owners. The great probability is, however that the deal will go through.

A proposition will be laid before the provincial government which in effect will be that the Nelson Smelting & Mining Co be granted a site for reduction works, with the privilege of taking water from the Cottonwood Smith creek. No bonus in money will be asked, but instead a share of the unsold lots in Nelson. The company's capital stock is fixed at \$500,000, and the provisional directors are Wilson Hill, E. R. Atherton, A. J. Marks, T. C. Collins, W. A. Crane, G. A. Bigelow, and C. H. Ink.

An electric tramway, the first for this purpose in Canada, will be put in the New Vancouver coal mines at Nanaimo. The plant of which the first instalment will cost \$20,000, consists of an 80 horse power generator, and two 30 horse power electric locomotives, each of which will haul at a speed of nine miles an hour 150 loaded coal cars. Besides the electric tramway, other generators will be used to furnish a current for light in the mines, 600 of which will be used. The same current will also be employed in working electric coal drills and cutters.

Yesterday, says the Victoria Times, 1800 barrels of sugar were brought to Victoria, consigned to local dealers. This large shipment of sugar is the result of the new United States tariff regarding sugar which goes into effect April 1st, and which makes all sugar imported into the United States after that date free of duty, and also free from duty all shipments on the way to the States before the first of April. The present shipment is sugar which was in bond in Frisco, and which has been shipped in bond until after the first of April, when it will be re-shipped to Puget Sound ports, and thus a saving of nearly two cents a pound is made less the expense of handling the cargo of sugar. The amount made by the deal will be in the neighborhood of \$7000 on this lot alone, and other cargoes are to be shipped for the same purpose.

Saskatchewan.

The Hudson's Bay Co. has opened a store at Duck Lake, with Horace Adams in charge.

Sproat & McLeod, general dealers, Prince Albert, will add 30 feet to the rear of their store.

Assiniboia.

Herbison, butter maker, who operated the Fort Qu'Appelle creamery last season, has been re-engaged for the coming summer. Operations will commence about the 1st May.

The stock of W. Cruickshanks & Co., says the Regina Journal, has been bought at the assignee's sale by the Colonization Company. It is now being disposed of at reduced prices for cash. Mr. Ptolemy is in charge with a staff of assistants, and is doing a rushing business.

The Regina board of trade is moving for the cancellation of lands taken up in that district and not occupied. A committee was appointed to confer with the Governor concerning the establishing of an immigration agency in Ontario, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with other boards of trade in the territories with a view to securing their co-operation.

A public meeting to consider the advisability of testing for coal of better quality than yet mined was held recently at Medicine Hat. After considerable discussion the secretary was instructed to write the Northwest Land Co., and the C. P. R. (they having considerable property here which would be enhanced in value by the discovery of good coal) asking what aid they would give. Mr. Cousins seconded by Mr. Leonard moved "That Walton, Sanderson and Finlay be a committee to solicit subscriptions. A subscription list was opened and on the spot and \$560 raised.

E. Jannet and P. Beaudry, connected with Count de Roffignac, who has founded the French colony at Whitewood, have returned from Europe. Count de Roffignac's ambition is to transplant to this agricultural region a manufacturing village from the heart of France. The principal industries which he seeks to establish are the making of sugar, chicory and woolen goods. He has spent the last ten years preparing Rolandie farm for this purpose, and now Mr. Jannet says the scheme is becoming a practical success. He engaged some forty employees during his recent trip to France. Cheese making will also be entered into. They have engaged an expert from Switzerland, who will oversee the manufacture of genuine Benvere cheese.

North West Ontario.

Jas. W. Plumridge, baker and confectioner, Fort William, has closed out.

Reeve Young, of Rat Portage will attend the mining convention at Toronto.

J. Atchison of Montreal, has the contract for the plumbing in connection with the new Canadian Pacific hotel at Fort William.

The statement of the estate of G. M. Francis, Port Arthur, shows liabilities \$2,627.71 on which a dividend of 13 cents has been declared.

Manager Hoare, of the Imperial Bank branch at Winnipeg, visited Rat Portage recently and arranged for the opening of a branch of the Imperial at that place.

At a meeting held at Fort William it was decided to form a board of trade. W. H. Cumming was appointed secretary, pro tem. Over forty signatures were obtained.

On April 9th a special general meeting of the Toronto board of trade will be held for the purpose of discussing the question of closer relations with England.