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J. A. Brock & Co., photographers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. H. T. Devine continues.

Douglas & Hargraves, real estate and commission merchants, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. The business is continued under the style of D. F. Douglas & Co.

Westminster Columbian:—About thirty-five new houses are in course of erection in this city, and plans are being prepared for nearly as many more. The class of buildings now being erected is far superior to the average dwellings which have been erected heretofore, and though rents are higher, nearly every house is leased before finished.

By the arrival of the steamer Dunsmuir the other evening we learn, says the Nanaimo Free Press, that the work at the Comox mines of Dunsmuir & Sons is progressing rapidly. Already three miles of the railway line have been cleared and the logs burned. The steamer Pilot took up a scow laden with machinery and rails for the new mines. The machinery will be hauled over the old road to the mines. The opening of the seam of coal is progressing vigorously. Mr. Bryden, the manager of the Wellington collieries, and Mr. James Dunsmuir are at the mines superintending the work.

British Columbia continues to impose restrictions upon inter-provincial trade. Regarding the latest move in this direction, the Columbian says:—We agree with a number of our contemporaries who have expressed approval of the amendment just made to the municipalities act requiring travelling tradesmen to pay a substantial license wherever they may solicit business. Commercial travellers from the east often do a lot of business in the country that belongs legitimately to the local trader: but the trader is forced to pay taxes, while the other escapes free. During the past twelve months several tailors from the east have visited all the important towns and cities throughout this Province, and have gone home with their pockets full of orders for clothing. They paid no taxes. For many reasons an eastern tailor can make clothing more cheaply than it can be made in this country. Materials there are all cheaper than with us, while wages and all other expenses are less. It is not fair that these people should be permitted to compete with our own workman and escape the taxes we have to pay.

One of the principal establishments of Nanaimo, the coal mining town of B.C., is the co-operative store. It is governed by rules similar to the English co-operative societies. Shares were taken at \$25 each, and paid in full, or \$5 instalments. When about \$1,500 had been raised in this way, a retail store was opened. The business of the society is conducted by a president, secretary and treasurer, and twelve of a committee of management. These are also guided by the instruction of the members at the meetings, which are held every three months, when the quarterly report and balance sheet are read, and the dividend declared. The society now has 300 members, composed of laborers, carpenters, blacksmiths, machinists, teamsters, miners and farmers of the surrounding districts extending as far up as Comox. Dry goods and groceries were sold to the

amount of \$15,619.60, last quarter, realizing a profit sufficient to declare a profit of fifteen cents on the dollar on members' purchases. If not drawn, the dividend is added to his shares. Now that a sufficient amount of capital to sustain the society has been secured, the membership fee has been reduced to \$1. The society have \$22,000 worth of goods in their store, two lots, a good store, the whole costing nearly \$5,000; also three horses, single and double sleighs and wagons. They employ a salesman, a young assistant, a bookkeeper, who also assists in the store, and a teamster, and hire other teamsters and help when business is brisk.

Grain and Milling News.

At a meeting held at Birtle, it was decided to form a milling company, with a capital of \$15,000. A charter will be procured.

By the retirement of J. R. Reilly from the firm of MacCaul, McNichol and Reilly, millers, Regina, Assa., the firm has been dissolved. The business will be continued by MacCaul, MacNichol and Hansell, the latter succeeding to Reilly's interest.

Law & Pearson of Neepawa Man., have instructed Timewell & Son of Winnipeg, to prepare plans and specifications and immediately proceed to call for tenders for the erection of a 50,000 bushel elevator at Neepawa, the elevator to be fitted with all the best machinery for receiving, cleaning and shipping wheat.

Northwestern Miller: Some time ago we quoted the remarks of a miller who said he proposed to run his mill steadily this year, no matter how the market changed, believing that this was the true policy in order to do a successful business. Another miller promptly assailed the idea and gravely asked what would become of the milling industry of the country if every miller should adopt a similar policy. There is but one answer to such a query. Adoption of this policy by all or a majority of the mills of the country which are now in operative condition, would cause so heavy an over-production of flour as would result in driving to the wall very rapidly those millers who are weakest financially. That is the true policy cannot be denied, but its general adoption would be followed by a wide-reaching revolution in the milling industry.

The Canada Gazette contains notice of application for the incorporation of the Western Lumber Company, which asks power not only to manufacture lumber, but also to go into the manufacture of flour, paper, etc., and to run and operate steamboats etc. The operations of the company are to be carried on in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba and in the Northwest Territories, and the head office or chief place of business is to be in Toronto. The amount of the capital stock of the company is to be \$300,000. The names of the applicants are as follows: George Graham of Port Arthur John McCrae, lumber dealer, John Campbell Graham, of Windsor, lumber dealer; James Barry, of Niagara Falls, contractor, and Phillip McCrae, Township of Lancaster, lumber dealers.

Jas. McLaren, an Ottawa valley lumberman, has made another investment in British Columbia, this time purchasing 2440 acres of fine timber land from J. C. Prevost, of Victoria.