According to the report of the Vancouver Board of Trade the shipments of lumber from that city in 1898 were 49,685,810 ft. b.m., against 70,934,621 in 1897. The shipments by rail to points outside B.C. were 18,752,730 ft. b.m. in 1898, and 23,726,674 in 1897.

General Superintendent Oborne, of the Western Division of the C.P.R., says the Co. is fully prepared to handle the great grain crop of Manitoba & the Territories. The Co. has 25,000 cars, including 1,500 added for this year's crop. The Perth shops which turned out 6 to 10 new cars a day all the past year, have their capacity now increased to 15 cars a day.

The railways between Buffalo & New York The railways between Buffalo & New York have advanced the freight rate on grain coming to Buffalo by lake. Wheat to New York is 3.5c. a bush.; corn & rye 3c.; barley 2½ c.; & oats, 2c. The advance in wheat is 7½ mills; in corn 7½ mills, & in rye 2½ mills. On the announcement of these advances the canal boats raised their rates to the basis of 2½c. on wheat.

The White Pass & Yukon Ry. has cancelled its through traffic arrangement with the coast, lake & river steamboat companies, & hereafter the railway will be run as a purely local line, each company accepting through shipments having to pay the Ry. Co. a local rate on the same. This will cause a very material raise in through rates. The Canadian Development Co., for example, which has been quoting three rates of \$160, \$155, &

\$130, now announces that the lowest will be \$180.

The White Pass & Yukon Ry. management announces that the regulations of the U.S. government, which prevented perishable goods from Canada being bonded through Alaska, on the way to the Yukon, have been rescinded, & that word has been sent to the collector at Skagway from the Treasury Department, ordering him to pass Canadian perishable goods, the same as other Canadian goods, which means that they will go through without interruption.

On Aug. 14 the roads running east from St. Louis reduced the rate on flour for export to 15c. per 100 lbs. from St. Louis to New York. The western lines terminating in Chicago met the competition by making a rate of 15c. from Missouri River points The previous rate from the Missouri River was 19½c. On Aug. the lines running east from Chicago advanced the export flour rate to 17c. It cannot be maintained while a rate of 15c. is in effect from Missouri River points to New York via Chicago.

Nelson, B.C., papers report traffic as very good. On Kootenay Lake the C.P.R. steamers are fully employed in making the transfers between the Crow's Nest line at Kootenay Landing & the Columbia & Kootenay branch at Nelson, as well as in the moving of supplies to the railway construction camps at the head of Kootenay Lake. On the rail-way there is a greater volume of traffic coming in & going out of Nelson than during any former period in its history.

The C.P.R. Freight Department has issued a circular stating that for the purpose of giving its patrons the best despatch for their shipments for the Kootenay & Pacific coast, it has been arranged that, effective Aug. 28, a train, to be known as the "Pacific Coast Bullet," will leave Fort William, making the run to Laggan in 93 hours 55 minutes, & to Kootenay Landing in 101 hours & 10 minutes. The train leaves Fort William at 2 o'clock (Central Time), & arrives at Laggan 22.15 (Mountain Time), Kootenay Landing, 5-30 (Mountain Time). A service is also being arranged for the Pacific Division, particulars of which will be given later.

Arrangements have been made by which an expert fruit shipper & packer from California will spend some time in British Columbia during the fruit-shipping season. It is intended to hold a series of meetings of growers in the fruit districts, & give object lessons in approved methods of grading & packing different varieties of fruit. A car-load of plums, packed, loaded & iced, under the direction of an expert, will be shipped to the Northwest an expert, will be shipped to the Northwest market, & it is hoped that the fruit shipping industry will be placed upon a sound basis.

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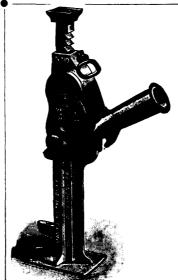
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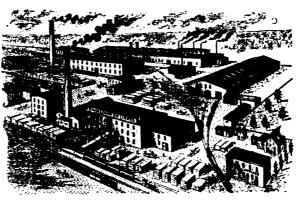
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