

## PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

P. Rogers intends opening up in hardware, stoves and tinware, at Mission City.

The Steveston Enterprise is the latest addition to the ranks of country journalism.

It is stated that the C.P.R. will take a hand in the Alaska excursion business the coming summer.

The schooner Oscar and Hattie, sealer, Capt. Gault, will in future sail under the British flag.

Work has been commenced on the new furniture factory, Humboldt, street, Victoria, for Weiler Bros.

S. T. Macintosh & Co., real estate, insurance and financial agents, New Westminster, have opened a branch office at Chilliwack.

Soundings show that Kootenay Lake is only 442 feet deep at its deepest point, and that the bottom is soft mud and apparently flat as prairie.

The machinery for the Vancouver and New Westminster Street Railway Company has arrived at New Westminster. The Edison system will be used.

Mr. G. W. Loggie, manager of the Southern Oregon Company, Empire City, Ore., has bought out his partners in the New Westminster Foundry.

Thomas Evans, Kingston, Ont., takes over the interest of the late E. W. Evans, his brother, in the firm of Evans & Hastings, job printers, Vancouver.

J. A. & Geo. D. Collins have gone into partnership at Vancouver, for the purpose of supplying stage hardware, etc., to managers of opera houses throughout the province.

At a special meeting of the Vancouver City Council, \$500 was donated to the widows and orphans of the miners who lost their lives by the disaster at the Springhill mines.

Residents of East Kootenay demand that the Government should receive gold dust at \$18 per ounce, the same as the merchants, and that the placer mining laws be separated from the quartz mining laws.

Messrs. Hall, Ross & Co., of the Victoria Flour Mills, have placed 40 tons of wheat with Mr. McNeely, their agent at Ladner's, for distribution among the Delta farmers. This seed is given gratis, and is worth \$30 per ton.

The British schooner Umbria, Charles Campbell, master, arrived March 10th at Victoria, from North Sydney, Cape Breton, 130 days out. She is owned by J. Peppett, of the latter place, and will engage in the sealing business.

The partnership between Joseph H. Baker and Jerome E. Church, trading under the name of J. H. Baker & Co., boot and shoe dealers, Victoria, has been dissolved. J. H. Baker continues the business and assumes the liabilities of the late firm.

Haley & Sutton, who were until recently storekeepers at Morden, Manitoba, have taken over the London House, dry goods, Vancouver, from C. H. Strutt & Co., Mr. Strutt having found it necessary to devote all his time to his tannery business.

R. C. Mitchell has opened a merchant tailoring establishment at Kamloops.

The customs receipts at the port of Nanaimo for the month of February amounted to \$5,053.31.

E. W. Edwards, of Waterloo, Ont., has arrived at Vancouver, and contemplates starting a mattress factory there.

Chas. P. Low, late with the B. C. Candy Co., Vancouver, is now travelling for Cowan & Wilson, wholesale grocers, Victoria.

Lennox Howell, chief clerk for Cowan & wholesale grocers, Victoria, has resigned that position, and will shortly return to England.

G. F. & J. Galt, Vancouver, are closing out their wholesale grocery stock. They will continue in the importing and wholesale tea trade.

J. Burnt has started a nursery at Nanaimo and expects in future to save the Nanaimoites the trouble of importing their flowers from Victoria.

At a meeting held at Burton Prairie recently, decided opposition was expressed to the scheme of dyking the overflow lands of British Columbia.

The total number of licenses for salmon fishing on the Fraser River for 1891 is limited to 500, and of this number 350 are allotted among the canneries.

A report was in circulation some days ago that a party of English capitalists had made an offer for Hon. F. G. Vernon's valuable property in the Okanagan district.

Mr. James Dunsmuir, of Dunsmuir Bros., denies the rumor that the E. & N. Railway and Wellington Collieries were about to be sold to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

A spur from the Southern Railway is being put into the Bon Accord Cannery premises. This will enable the company to load their goods ready for direct shipment, and save the cost of several handlings.

The partnership heretofore existing between C. H. Clow and S. Maclure, as architects, Westminster, has been dissolved, and both gentlemen have opened separate offices in the Bank of B. C. building, Westminster.

Henry Holgate Wilson was admitted as a partner into the firm of H. McDowell & Co., druggists; Vancouver, on the 1st March. The new firm have purchased the drug business of Arthur W. Draper, on Granville street, and intend carrying it on as a branch store.

The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway: H. Hoy, president; W. N. Bole, vice president; T. J. Trapp, secretary, Alex. Ewen, John Hendry, C. M. Beecher, D. McNair, E. S. Scoullar, Benjamin Douglas, directors.

This is probably the last trip the S.S. Batavia will make to this port. She will leave on Monday or Tuesday for Nanaimo, where she will take on a cargo of coal for Portland. When she has discharged her cargo there, she will load with flour for China, after which she will return to Vancouver for passengers, and freight for China.—News-Advertiser.

D. Goldberg, of Montreal, has recently arrived at Vancouver, and has opened a gent's furnishings store at 6 Cordova street.

E. L. Drewery, proprietor of the Redwood Brewery, Winnipeg, has appointed Benj. Gordon, Victoria, and G. F. & J. Galt, Vancouver, agents.

Fortin & Son are erecting a planing mill, sash and door factory at Mission City. Machinery has been ordered from E. H. Port & Co., New Westminster.

Alex. York, late of Vancouver, has purchased the business of South Bros, butchers at Mission City, and intends shipping, during the coming season, fresh salmon to the eastern markets.

It is stated on the authority of a prominent brewer of this city, that an English syndicate, with practically unlimited capital, have a scheme on foot to consolidate all the breweries in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and operate them as one.

The abstract of the Public Accounts of the Province, for the half-year ended 30th December, shows a balance of liabilities over assets of \$790,382.69. The total revenue of the province for the half-year amounted to \$359,425.21, the summary of expenditure for the half-year having been \$493,231.65.

The new saw mill which Mr. S. C. Smith has erected close to the block reserved for a round house and workshops at Vernon, has commenced operations, and Mr. Smith is now busily engaged in sawing the necessary lumber for the \$25,000 hotel to be erected in the spring, and planks for the sidewalks.

Gen. Lyman Banks, coal prospector for the Oregon Improvement Company, has returned to Seattle from Queen Charlotte Sound, where he has spent nearly a year, seeing what the prospects are for opening fine bituminous coal mines. He reports that they are now working on a diamond drill night and day.

On March 5th, the sealing schooner J. Hamilton Lewis came into San Francisco with nine men in irons under the hatches. The captain claimed that the men were not sailors, although they had signed as such. The United States marshal took charge of the men and a new crew was shipped for the Lewis.

Some weeks ago, Mr. W. H. Vianen, Westminster, shipped 200 barrels of salt salmon to Hunt, Barnes & Co., Montreal. The fish arrived in good order, and found a ready sale. A few days ago, Mr. Vianen received a letter from the firm stating that the salt salmon was the finest they had ever handled, and they would allow Mr. Vianen 50 cents per barrel over the contract price.

Arrangements with the Spokane & Northern have been perfected for a daily mail and passenger line between Spokane Falls and Revelstoke, on the Canadian Pacific, and also with Kootenay. It is probable that a semi-weekly service will commence as early as April, and that during May it will be increased to a daily service, by the addition of the boats on the Columbia River that are now being built for the purpose.