

now camp will be opened this spring along the northern coast.

The *Port Arthur Sentinel* says: The lumbermen of the district would have been better pleased and better suited had the snow remained for some time. Unless another snow-fall occurs they will be considerably inconvenienced.

The Royal City Mills, Westminster, are cutting a large order of 25,000 feet of whitewood for the C.P.R. carshops at Vancouver. It will be used for car finishing purposes, as an experiment; and if satisfactory a large quantity of it will be manufactured.

G. F. Slater, of Vancouver, B.C., who makes a specialty of manufacturing shingles, is shipping considerable quantities of British Columbia clear cedar shingles to dealers in Manitoba and the Territories. He has lately added a new shingle mill to his plant, and now has a capacity of 110,000 shingles per day. These cedar shingles are coming into general favor in Manitoba.

David Ross, proprietor of the sawmill at Whitemouth, Man., writes the *Lumberman* as follows: The present winter in this part of Manitoba has been one of great activity with lumbermen, and operators look forward to a fair legitimate trade the coming season. Stocks on hand, as a rule, are light. Payments, so far, have been well met, and upon the whole the present season opens up with the best outlook since the time of the great collapse. The snow has been late in coming, but we have now the best hauling weather I have seen for twelve years. Teams are able to take from 1,000 to 2,500 feet on fairly good roads. The Whitemouth mills have been re-built from the ground up, and are now second to none in this part of the province.

British Columbia.

David Green, clothier, Victoria, has assigned.

R. Frank & Co., have opened a new bakery at Vancouver.

Corbett & Kennedy have commenced business at Westminster as tinsmiths.

Campbell & Brash, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

Redgrave & Ella, confectionery, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

The Nanaimo *Courier* has passed into the hands of a joint stock company.

J. C. Steen & Co., general store and hotel Donald, have dissolved partnership.

Peter Milne, who operated an oatmeal mill at Victoria in partnership with a brother, is dead.

Carlin & Lake, general merchants, Rogers Pass, advertise selling out at cost and giving up business.

Thos. Pierre has purchased the Victoria tailoring and dyeing establishment, formerly carried on by his father.

Capt. C. D. Grant, of Westminster, will establish an ice house at some point on the coast, and prepare for packing and shipping fresh halibut and other fish to the eastern markets extensively this season.

T. W. Pierre & Son, tailors, etc., Victoria, have dissolved partnership; J. W. Pierre will continue the business.

F. G. Strickland & Co., dealers in machinery, Westminster, have admitted John C. Whyte into partnership in the firm.

A. Toller, real estate and general agent, Victoria, has admitted into partnership H. C. Robinson. H. C. Robinson has handled real estate in the Old Country.

The Westminster city council will consider the advisability of asking for authority to issue \$200,000 worth of debentures for the purpose of establishing a system of waterworks.

Leet, Gore & Co. have opened an office at Victoria, in the capacity of real estate, financial and general agents, surveyors, conveyancers, notaries and collectors. Mr. Leet, the senior member of the firm, is editor and proprietor of the *Monthly and Mining Review*, a new journal lately started at Victoria.

The interest of Mrs. W. J. Jeffree in the British Columbia soap works, owned by Pendray & Co., has been purchased by W. J. Pendray, who now becomes sole proprietor of this well known establishment. It is the intention of the proprietor, to add to the plant, and increase the output of the establishment.

Two of the largest mercantile establishments in Westminster, in dry goods and clothing, have been amalgamated, by the purchase of the stock and business of D. Drysdale & Co., by Ogle, Campbell & Co. Ralph Freeman, an old employee of the firm, has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Ogle, Campbell & Co., and the style will henceforth be Ogle, Campbell & Freeman.

At the recent meeting of the Bank of British Columbia, in London, England, the chairman said:—I congratulate you upon the very successful result of our work for the past half year. You will remember that about this time last year I stated that the profits represented the largest amount we had, up to that time, ever received. The profits which we present to you to-day, are in excess of that amount, over £10,000. And there is this peculiar gratification in reviewing the matter, that all our branches and sub-branches have contributed to the result. They have all been earning something towards the amount. I think that that, together with the fact that we have again conducted our business for the half-year without loss and without bad debts, testifies to very careful attention and vigilant regard for our interests on the part of our officers, from the general manager down to the lowest member of the staff." The financial statement is very satisfactory. The gross profits show a large increase, being £48,419 last half-year; £36,999 in June, 1888; and £39,856 in December, 1887. £11,452 will be appropriated to pay a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent., absorbing £15,000, a bonus of 3 per cent., which is £15,000, to add £5,000 to the reserve fund, and to carry forward to profit and loss, £6,452.

Canned Goods.

There appears to be a general slaughter of canned goods in the West, retailers selling corn, peas and tomatoes at the rate of four tins for

25 cents. What the wholesale price must have been to enable retailers to sell thus cheaply can be conjectured. In this market there have been sales of 600 cases of corn at 90c, 500 cases do at 80c, and 600 cases at 80c. There have also been several large sales of next season's pack, among which we hear of 2,500 cases of Hoegg's corn, 1889 pick, being placed at \$1.20. Sales of next season's lobsters have also been made at \$6 per cases. The reason alleged for the early buying ahead of the coming season's goods, is that the present glut will be followed by great a scarcity, as many of the small mushroom concerns which sprang up last year have been completely wiped out. In fact, the large canners attribute the whole trouble at present to these small country packers, who were the first to break prices and compel others to follow suit. The latest trouble complained of in the market here, is that western packers have gone past the wholesale houses and loaded up retailers, so that there is by no means as healthy a feeling as it was hoped a short time since had set in.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

The Massey Agricultural Implement Company will erect a large warehouse at the new town of Salcoats, western terminus of the Manitoba Northwestern Railway.

It is reported from Ottawa that a hitch has occurred in connection with the proposed transfer of the Regina & Long Lake railway to the C. P. R., which may prevent the construction of the road this year.

The first annual banquet of the Vancouver board of trade was a great success, and was largely attended by representative men from all parts of the province. Of the banquet the *Vancouver News* says: The banquet last night abundantly sustained the reputation for hospitality of the Empire City. Indeed it is not unreasonable to suppose that there were some among the guests, who, when they heard the President's statement that the organization was only fifteen months old and looked around them, felt inclined to ask, "upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed that he has grown so great?" Yet, while this would be a most natural thought for those who are unacquainted with what this youthful offspring of the youngest city in the Dominion has to support it, to the members of the board of trade itself as to all our citizens the brilliant gathering of last night, while yet an ample recognition of past efforts, was but an earnest of the success which our merchants and people hope to achieve in the future. The youngest of the trinity of the present organizations of the kind in the province, it may, perhaps, have seemed to its sisters as savoring rather of presumption that it should take the lead in following the example of its cotemporaries in Toronto and Montreal and in gathering round its hospitable board the brains, wealth and enterprise of British Columbia before an example had been set to it by its elders in the Capital and Royal cities. But the truth that those "who gently daring oft-times carry 'way the prize'" was exemplified last night, and their guests joined in heartiest congratulations to those who had organized the banquet and expressed the hope that it was indeed *only* the "first annual banquet of the Vancouver board of trade."