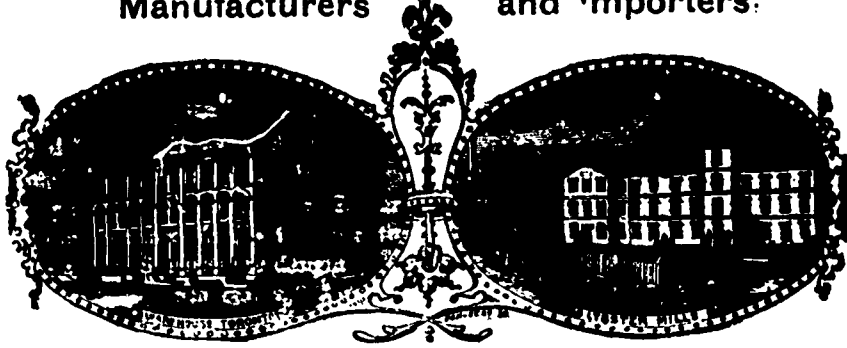


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hard to get. First quality that are in the market command a high price. Honey, 21c in 1 lb. frames. Quotations are:—Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$2.50 to \$3.25; navels, \$4.50 to \$5; Los Angeles, \$2 to \$2.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.75; Sicily lemons, \$7; bananas, \$3 to \$4; silverskin onions, 2c per lb.; cabbage, 2½c per lb.; asparagus, 10c per lb.; Oregon yellow danver, 1½c; apples, \$1.02½ to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$15 to \$20 per ton. Rhubarb, 5c.

SALMON.

The Alaska packers' combination is said to be shipping 350,000 cases of last year's salmon pack to New York city where it will be stored. It is simply a transfer of the balance of last year's stock from San Francisco to New York, where they claim it can be stored at a much cheaper rate than in San Francisco. This move will relieve the market on the coast.

According to the agreement entered into between the canners fixing the pack for 1892, a fine of \$2 a case for all over the agreed number will be imposed. It is said that this fine is also embodied in the Alaska canners' agreement, and gives a firm tone to the market by limiting the output.

LUMBER.

The Thermopylae, now at Victoria, is reported under charter to the Hastings Mill Company on private terms for Japanese ports. Some of the vessels recently reported as chartered are now on the way up the coast to loading ports. The Argyle-shire has gone to Port Townsend for orders. The Moodyville Mills are all ready to start up as soon as tonnage now on the way arrives. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business is fair, and an improvement in collections is reported. The drug market continues to show a firm tone and there are no important changes in value to note. The stocks of Canada balsam, being small, are firmly held. Cascara sagrada bark is in better demand, with an upward tendency. Cube berries are said to be higher

abroad. Juniper berries are slightly higher. The demand for ergot is light, and some holders now accept lower figures. Gum shellac is declining. Insect powder is in good demand and prices are firm. Senna leaves are firm, with a prospect of higher figures. Lime juice is in good demand. Anise oil is quoted higher from China. Bergamot has advanced in price. The demand for eucalyptus oil has fallen off, and prices are steadily falling. Lemon and orange oils have advanced, and are very firmly held. Castor oil prices are stiffening. Norwegian cod liver oil declined last month, but has again advanced. Opium is weak and in light demand. The Smyrna market is reported unchanged, but the lack of demand in London and New York has led to rather lower rates there. Jamaica sarsaparilla is very scarce and high. Mexican is also higher. Valencia saffron is expected to advance. Anise seed is very firm. Canary seed is higher.

In Chemicals, citric acid has advanced, and yet higher rates are expected. Tartaric acid is very flat and lower in price. Camphor is firm and in good demand. Cream tartar has declined and is now very cheap. Phosphorus has been advanced 50 per cent. All hypophosphates are much dearer. Quicksilver is firm again, and mercurials follow suit. Quinine is very flat, foreign brands being lower.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

J. F. E. Englehardt, customs broker, Victoria, is dead.

Joseph Stirskey, jeweller, New Westminster, has assigned.

Kerr & Begg have sold out the Victoria News Agency to Geo. Marsden.

Booth & Pargeter, fruit dealers, Nanaimo, have dissolved. E. Booth continues.

Bennett & Burns, sailmakers, Victoria, have dissolved. A. H. Burns continues.

Gilmore & McCandless, Victoria, are closing out their merchant tailoring department.

P. F. Richardson, late of Victoria, is said to be in the insurance business in Portland, Oregon.

Alex. Mayer & Co., Nanaimo, have dissolved. Marcus Wolfe will settle all outstanding accounts.

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John T. Papst, grocer, Victoria, has sold out to Juliene H. Frank, who will take possession May 10.

Armstrong, Eckstein & Gaynor, harristors, of New Westminster, are opening a branch in Vancouver.

John T. Pierre, tailor, Victoria, has admitted his father, T. W. Pierre, into partnership, under the style of John T. & T. W. Pierre.

Mershon & Timberlake, of the Dominion Agency, Vancouver, have sold out their real estate, financial and insurance business to Banks & Morse.

Corbett & Co., stoves and tinware, New Westminster, have dissolved. Charles Cliff has retired and J. E. Cornish is admitted under old firm style.

Freight is moving up the Cariboo road in large quantities, and merchants at Ashcroft are laying in extensive stocks, expecting an active trade this season.

The British Columbia Fishing and Trading Company have recently increased their capital to enable them to carry on their business with better facilities, and will purchase a steam trawler in England. They are shipping a large amount of fish East.

The necessity for the holding of a sitting of the County Court at Donald is said to be felt. Several cases are on the list for disposal, and the too long intervals between the sittings of the court is the cause of considerable inconvenience to those concerned.