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We have already referred to the intention of Mr. George Matthews, of Peterboro, to open a pork packing establishment in Vancouver. This he has now done, under the management of Mr. George S. Matthews. For the first the cured meats are to be sent through ready for sale. A warehouse will be engaged and smoke house constructed, after which the dressed meat will be smoked here, and later, if the pigs can be purchased in the vicinity of Vancouver, all the work will be done in that city.

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