

### British Columbia.

A. Crogan, fruit, etc., Victoria, is out of business.

M. Hayes is opening in fruit and groceries at Westminster.

John Draut, groceries, Victoria, is selling out by auction.

Crean & Fleming, hotel, Vancouver; now Crean & Thomas.

W. C. Anderson, hotel, Victoria, advertises retiring from business.

Martin Bros., formerly of Chilliwack, have opened a general store at Vernon.

Pomeroy & Blois, hotel, Vancouver, have dissolved; J. Blois continues alone.

The Imperial Steamship Co., Ltd., Vancouver, has applied for incorporation.

The sheriff has been in possession of the premises of Robt. McLutosh, Victoria.

J. J. Daley, fancy goods, etc., Victoria; estate bought by assignee and receiver appointed.

J. L. Browne, general merchant, Kamloops, has made an assignment to W. H. Whitaker.

J. E. Saucier is establishing an electric light system for Kamloops. The plant has arrived.

Field & Dempster, Nanaimo, have received the agency for the Sun Life Insurance Company of Montreal.

Plans are being prepared for Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie's new block, which is to be erected at Westminster.

The British bark *Menock* has cleared from Victoria for London, England, with a cargo of 30,882 cases of salmon.

A half interest in the Adderton bakery and grocery at Nanaimo has been purchased by Andrew Smith of Victoria.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Vancouver, on January 7th and 8th.

The electric light works at Westminster will soon be in operation. The streets will be lighted by 30 lamps of 2000 candle power each.

A by-law to provide for the expenditure of \$5000 for a bonus for the construction of a drill shed was read a first time at a recent meeting of the Victoria Council.

The repairs on the collier *Costa Rica*, which went ashore, for which the Albion Iron Works at Victoria have secured the contract, will amount to about \$10,000.

Capt. John Grahom and J. A. Fraser have purchased the staunch steamer *Emma*, and will place her on the Nanaimo-Victoria route carrying freight and passengers.

The Edison Electric company has completed the contract with the New Westminster Tramway company for the whole of the electric appliances to be used on the road there.

Captain Anderson from Gloucester, Mass., has purchased the furniture and business of the Dufferine House at Vancouver, and will in the future conduct it as a temperance hotel.

New post offices have been opened at the following places: Ainsworth, E. S. Wilson, postmaster; Westholm, E. Barkley, postmaster; and Rivers Inlet, Robert Draney, postmaster.

William Sloan, who has been in the employ of J. S. Clute & Co., Vancouver, for a number of years, has concluded arrangements by which he will engage in the dry goods business on his own account at Nanaimo.

The B.C. Tanning company, of Nanaimo, has its new boot and shoe factory now in operation, which industry will be carried on in future in connection with the tannery. The work is all done with white labor, no Chinese being employed.

The safe of Wintemute Bros., Westminster, was operated upon by burglars recently and badly wrecked. Nothing of value was obtained. The safe in Henderson's store at Chilliwack was also operated upon. A hole was drilled on the top of the safe, but the burglars evidently became alarmed and gave up the job.

"It is understood," says the *Victoria Times*, "that E. C. Matthews, local manager of the Dun Wiman Commercial Agency, will be transferred to the management of the Winnipeg agency. Mr. Matthews, by his uniform courtesy and general good-naturedness, has made a large circle of friends, who will regret his departure."

*Victoria Times*:—"Quite a number of contracts for new sealing boats have been given to Mr. Foot. At present he has on hand a contract for six new boats for Hall & Goepel, and eight for E. H. Marvin & Co., besides seven boats repairing, which belong to the schooner E. P. Marvin, six of the *Triumph* and two of the *Opphiro's*."

Ex-Mayor James Fall, of Victoria, is dead. Mr. Fall was one of Victoria's best known business men. He was born in Cumberland, England, in 1820, and later was in the grocery trade at Liverpool. He commenced business in Victoria in 1862, which he has continued ever since, and which has grown to one of the largest retail grocery stores in Victoria.

"The output from the New Vancouver Coal Company's mines yesterday," says the *Nanaimo Free Press*, "was the largest output that has yet been obtained. Although 2000 tons has been a figure reached, but yesterday this amount was exceeded by 15 tons. It is estimated that in about twelve months from now the output will reach about four thousand tons per day."

The recent heavy rains on Vancouver Island have caused the low lying lands in the neighborhood of Cowichan to be flooded. The train coming to Victoria from Nanaimo had to travel for over two miles through two feet of water. Booms of logs holding over 700,000 feet are being driven down the Cowichan river, which has drifted out of its proper channel, and many logs will be lost. The bridge crossing the Cowichan river has been carried away by the flood.

The German schooner *Alele*, which returned on Dec 15 from a cruise in Behring Sea and made a raid upon the Islands of St. Paul, was seized at Victoria by the collector of customs on two charges, the first for failing to enter at the custom house, the fine for which is \$400, with \$100 costs. The second charge is false clearance. When Capt. Hanson left Victoria last September he cleared for Yokohama, but instead touched at St. Paul Island. The penalty for this is \$400.

The Kamloops *Sentinel* notes the shipment of 188 head of fine cattle from the ranges of that district to the coast. "They were an exceptionally fine lot," says the *Sentinel*, "and although taken from the ranges would compare favorably with stall fed animals raised in any other part of the world. One big steer tipped the beam at 2,240 lbs., two others going

over at 2,100, while there were twenty-five of the lot which each weighed over a ton. The Douglas Lake and B. C. Cattle Companies will ship from here about as many more animals. John Wilson also has a couple of cars of fine animals ready for shipment from here."

### Northwestern Ontario.

G. M. Francis, hotelkeeper, Port Arthur, has assigned to S. Thomson.

A branch of the Dominion Building and Loan Association has been established at Port Arthur.

Work is to be continued at once, says the *Journal*, on the proposed C. P. R. hotel at Fort William.

Ray, Street & Co. have opened a branch of their banking business at Fort William under the management of C. W. Jarvis.

The Fort William *Journal* has been purchased by McLaren & Rutledge, and moved from West Fort William to Fort William.

Wood has been reduced in price at Port Arthur from \$5 to \$3.75 per cord, a result of the construction of the new P. A. D. & W. railway.

The shelving in James Robertson's hardware store, Rat Portage, fell on the counter one night recently smashing the show case and many valuable articles. The damage will be considerable.

Port Arthur proposes to raise \$75,000 to build and operate an electric street railway to Fort William. The assessed value of Port Arthur is \$1,745,788, and the present debture debt is \$158,855.

W. Dickens, who has for some time been manager of Alloway & Champion's Rat Portage branch bank, has received the appointment of manager of the new branch of the Commercial Bank which will shortly be opened at Fort William.

The Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway is completed for 40 miles and 8 miles more are ready for the track which will be laid before Christmas. For the remainder of the winter active operations will be pursued on the remaining thirty-five miles to Gunders, which will be finished in July.

The steamer *Dixon* cleared from Port Arthur for Duluth on December 17, with fish. She will be the last foreign bound steamer for 1890. The harbor and bay are clear of ice and water-winged fishing boats may be daily seen lifting their nets in front of the town. The local fish tugs are also busy, but all steamers are layed up.

The following is a statement of the trade of Fort William, for the navigation season of 1890: Two hundred and thirty vessels reported inward and cleared, of registered tonnage 157,966 tons; importations weight unloaded 107,223 tons; value of goods \$276,760. Exports 23,432 tons; value of export \$563,006; crew all told 4,234. This is exclusive of business done at Port Arthur.

H. Shorey & Co., clothiers, Montreal, are to the front this year with the finest calendar yet received at this office. It is a copyright photograph of Miss Maud Millett, entitled "The Dawn of Heavenly light." This is really a fine work of art, worthy of a place in a drawing-room.