

**British Columbia Paragraphs.**

J. A. Russell, barrister, Vancouver, is opening a branch office in Nanaimo.

Z. G. Goldberg, proprietor of the Cheapside clothing store, Vancouver, has bought the stock of G. S. Stirtan & Co., of the same place.

German ship Katharine, 1,630 tons, is on the way from Santa Rosalia to take on a cargo of lumber at Moodyville for the southwest coast.

A. S. Poudrier, government surveyor, and party have returned from Buckley river district. They surveyed 75,000 acres of land which Mr. Poudrier explored last year. There is good grazing land in the district and lots of game.

R. Cunningham has built a new hotel at Port Essington, on the Skeena. The new oil works, also established by Mr. Cunningham at Refuge bay, Poacher island, are ready for the machinery, which is now being put in, and operations will commence in the spring. Cunningham & Sons are also contemplating the establishment of a steam sawmill at Port Essington.

Our correspondent in London writes us by the last mail that the letters of allotment for the £117,290 (the sterling equivalent of the \$570,000 authorised) four per cent. city of Vancouver bonds were posted to subscribers on October 31st. The amount applied for was £221,800, so that on a pro rata allotment, subscribers would receive about 52.83 per cent. of the amount applied for. The issue price was 94 per cent. The quotation on the market is nominally 95.97.—*News-Advertiser*.—The above bonds netted 88 to the city.

The Maple Ridge dyking commissioners have awarded the contract for dyking 9,000 acres of land to T. W. Paterson, of Victoria. The contract price is between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Work will be commenced without delay. The dyke will commence at a point on the Lillooet river about three miles from its mouth, and follow the south bank of the stream to its confluence with Pitt river, along the east shore of the latter river to the Fraser, and thence along the Fraser river to Port Hammond, making the dyke a total length of 14 miles.

George Kerny, an old miner, has come down from Lone Creek, Omineca, where he worked for two years. Fourteen white men, sixteen Chinamen, and a number of Indians worked the creek this summer. Besides these, several other miners were through the district prospecting. Nothing big was found by anyone, the miners simply making wages. The season was an unusually short one, there being four feet of snow on the level in May, when the miners went in. It began to fall again in September. There is but one white man wintering on Lone Creek, and one on Manson Creek. All the others come out of the country.



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