

### British Columbia.

Ed. Le Blanc, barber, Revelstoke, is dead.  
Stuart & Cash, saloon, etc., New Westminster. J. Stuart is dead.

George Rawling, has opened an office at Vancouver as accountant and auditor.

It is understood that the business of the late A. L. Mullen, dry goods, Vancouver, will be wound up.

A. M. Nelson, from New Westminster, is starting in the wholesale produce business at Vancouver.

Owing to illness, Miss Nelson, fancy goods, etc., Vancouver, is giving up business, and selling out at cost.

Minaty & Ammon, of the Fountain saloon, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership, Minaty continuing the business.

W. C. Archer & Co., real estate agents, have been appointed local agents for the Royal Insurance Company, of Liverpool.

H. C. Good, formerly with S. J. Pitts, of Victoria, has opened a provision store at Nanaimo, where he succeeds Rawlinson Bros.

Notice is given that application will be made for an act to incorporate a company to construct a street railway in New Westminster.

Donald Chisholm, M.P. for the New Westminster district and one of the oldest pioneers of the province, is dangerously ill at New Westminster.

J. A. Mara, general merchant, Kamloops and Sicamous, has disposed of his business to Wood & Tunstall, who have for some time past been in his employ. This is one of the largest stocks in Kamloops.

Tenders will be received up to Monday, January 27th, for debentures of the city of New Westminster, amounting to \$200,000. Debentures are for \$1,000 each, payable in fifty years, and bear 5 per cent. per annum.

The business formerly carried on under the name and style of Dickinson & Co. by the late R. Dickson, has been sold to Caroline Matilda Dickinson and William Wright Dickinson, who will continue the business under the name and style of Dickinson & Co.

The following is the statement of the Victoria Savings Bank for 1889:—

Deposit during year.....\$300,018 00  
Withdrawals during year..... 446,886 73

Balance due depositors... \$1,257,086 74

Real estate at Victoria is worth something. The *Victoria Times* reports the following sale of suburban property: "James Burns, insurance agent, purchased on Saturday last twelve and a half acres of land, on the Gorge Road, paying therefor \$21,000. The property was bought twenty years ago for \$1,000."

*Victoria Colonist.* The crews of a large number of the sealing schooners sailing from Victoria will this season be composed of Japanese. Several have already signed articles, and a large number came over from the Sound last evening with the intention of shipping on some of the Victoria fleets.

Incorporation of the "Oriental Traders' Company" is asked for. The applicants are: G. G. MacKay, J. M. Brownning, H. H. MacKay and J. A. Yerex; the capital \$10,000, and the place of business Vancouver. The object of the company is to do trading in general merchandise in

British Columbia and any other parts of the world.

Following is the total shipment of coal from the various Vancouver Island collieries for the year ending December 31, 1889:—

	Tons.
New Vancouver Coal Company.....	155,257
Wellington Collieries.....	207,190
East Wellington.....	42,547
Union Colliery.....	22,894

Total.....427,888

The gold dust shipments of British Columbia for the year 1889 show an increase of \$15,751 47 over last year, the figures given by Wells, Fargo and Co. in 1888 being \$472,442.15, and in 1889 \$488,193.62. Enquiry, shows, however, that the increase is more apparent than real. In former years the gold sent out of the province for assay was not considered among exports. This year it was. The fact then is the gold mines are the only sources of natural wealth which yearly show a decrease. The gold export has actually been a little less every year.

The *Vancouver News* says: Mizony & Co., wine merchants of this city, have purchased from Walton & Pollexfen, the stock and business of the Vancouver Wine Co., recently acquired by the latter. The business will be continued under the style and name of the Vancouver Wine Co. With this new addition to their business, Mizony & Co. will be among the most extensive wholesale liquor dealers in the Province. Pollexfen has entered into partnership with Bushell & Dyke, and will conduct the North Arm Brewery, taking possession today.

*Vancouver News:* The immigration returns for December show that 500 persons, whose destination was Vancouver, arrived in this city during the month of December. Of these 107 were Canadians, 64 English, 48 Irish, 89 Scotch, 29 Germans, 24 Scandinavians, 17 French, and Belgians, 37 United States citizens, 41 Chinese and Japanese, and 24 other nationalities. During the time an immigration agency has been established here there were 3 200 persons made their destination at this point, and it is estimated for the year 1889 the number is over 6,000.

The four bonus by-laws submitted to the electors of Victoria, were all carried. The bonuses are for a rice mill, flour mill, sugar refinery and a paper mill respectively, and aggregate \$60,000. The bonuses are in favor of Hall, Ross & Co., who now operate a rice mill at Victoria. A flour mill with 100 barrels' capacity it is understood will be established at once, in connection with the rice mill, and the sugar refinery will be considered later on. Hall, Ross & Co., who formerly leased the mill at Victoria, have now purchased the property. The firm is associated with the Mount Royal Milling Company, of Montreal.

The *Victoria Times* reports the trade situation as follows: Since the holidays trade has quieted down into its regular channels, but is still brisk enough to satisfy the business men. Some slight changes in prices are to be noticed, but as a rule the staples keep about the same. Potatoes are still rising, holders still demanding an advance. In flour the trade is supplied with Premier at \$5.50; 3 star, \$5.15; Portland roller, \$5; Salem, \$5. Oats are quoted at 35 per ton; retailers are selling at

2c per pound. Wheat is steady at \$34 per ton, and no change is noticed in ground feed which remains at \$30. Meat is in good supply and the quality is prime. Butchers are paying by carcass 8 to 9c per pound for beef; 11c for mutton; 11c for veal; 9 to 10c for pork. Although no immediate reduction in the supply of mutton is noticeable, it is expected that in a few weeks the stocks in the hands of the raisers will be limited. Grocery supplies and produce is moving briskly. Eggs are offered at 30c; creamery butter is somewhat scarce and is quoted at 20 1/2 and 20c for choice. Apples are difficult to get and are \$2.25 per box for bears. Oranges, California River Sides, are from \$3.75 to \$4.25 per box. Onions are limited in supply and are worth \$1.75 per 100 pounds.

### Lumber Cuttings.

Leonard Gaetz, of Red Deer, Alberta, has taken a small saw mill outfit into the settlement.

The Alberta Lumber company, limited, will ask Parliament to legalize and confirm the bonds issued by the company for \$150,000, changing its head office from Winnipeg to Minneapolis, reducing the number of directors resident in Canada from three to one, and authorizing the holding of meetings of directors and shareholders in Minneapolis.

Extensive additions are being made to the Royal City lumber mills at New Westminster, B.C., and a large quantity of new machinery coming from the east will be put in position ready to begin with the season. Everything is being made ready for a big summer cut, and the company expect that the coming season will be the busiest they ever experienced.

T. A. GREEN, flour and feed merchant, Winnipeg, has sold out to W. G. Douglas.

At the first meeting of the new council of *Winnipeg* for 1890, Mayor-elect Pearson made an interesting address, in which he discussed a number of the more important questions which are likely to engage the attention of the council during the year. One matter which he referred to should not be lost sight of, namely, the advisability of holding a provincial exhibition here in the fall. He said: "I would urge upon your attention the advisability of at once taking some active steps in the direction of having provincial exhibitions held here annually. I can only add to these remarks that the benefit to our city would be incalculable—it would give an impetus to our trade that would be far-reaching. I would strongly recommend the appointment of an exhibition committee to unite with a citizens committee and possibly a committee from the board of trade, all working uniedly, and feel confident the matter can be brought to a successful issue. The local parliament I know, will give material aid to the enterprise." It is to be hoped that the council concur in the sentiments of the Mayor upon this question, and that another year will not be allowed to pass away without an exhibition worthy of the city and province. The gain to the city commercially will be very great from the holding of a provincial exhibition here annually, and it is a matter in which the city can well afford to be generous. As the chief commercial centre of the west, Winnipeg will not lose anything by aiding such an enterprise in a substantial manner.