

**SHIPPING.**—The tonnage in port during the past week was:—

Port.	No.	Tonnage.
Vancouver .....	6	10,123
Victoria .....	2	1,847
Nanaimo .....	19	11,580
Total ....	17	23,550

**FREIGHTS.**—Lumberfreight is fairly steady, with the exception of Melbourne, Adelaide and Port Pulo which are slightly weaker. The latest quotations from British Columbia are as follows:—Velparaiso for orders, 40s nominal; Sydney, 27s 6d to 30s; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pulo, 35s to 37s 6d; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 57s 6d; Shanghai, 45s; Yokohama, 40s 6d nominal. Coal freights are quoted: Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco \$1.75 to \$2; to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

#### Brief Business Notes.

Cassidy, grocer, has opened on Powell street, Vancouver.

Carno & Butings, loggers, Kaslo City, advertise plant for sale.

W. G. Potter, tailor, Northfield has sold out to A. Macaulay.

The steamer Coquitlam was released on the 18th, after a trial at Sitka Alaska.

Davies & Smith, commission merchants, Vancouver, have sold out to Mr. Vaughan.

R. Cunningham & Son have their freezer at Port Essington full of salmon in good condition.

O. G. Dennis mining recorder and Government Agent at Fort Steele, is about to be transferred to Kaslo.

Harry Lee, Vancouver, has been appointed agent of the Val Blatz lager beer, Milwaukee, for the province.

Lequime Bros. & Co., general merchants, Okanagan Mission, contemplate opening a branch at Penticton.

C. Woodward, grocer, Vancouver has sold out to Stevenson & Davies, and is going into dry goods and boys' & shoes.

A contract has been let, and is nearly completed, for the building of a fine hotel, measuring 47 x 26 feet, at the Three Forks, Slokan.

The British barque Glengarry, 802 tons, has arrived at the Fraser River to load salmon for England, under charter to Bell-Irving & Peterson.

The steamer Ainsworth has made the first of her daily trips to Nelson. The Galea has ceased running and gone into winter quarters at Pilot Bay.

Victoria capitalists are preparing to start a second soap factory in Nanaimo. They appear to consider that there is a large field there for such products.

The sale of the property of the Tulameen Hydraulic Co. to an English syndicate is denied. It is not improbable however, that the sale will be consummated shortly.

Sixty casks, containing 3,600 sealskins, were shipped from Victoria on Sunday via the C.P.R. for London. The shipment was made by Barnes & Gutman and is valued at \$60,000.

A local paper says that a company will be formed at Port Hammond for the manufacture of creamery butter. It is understood that J. J. Harris will be manager and superintendent.

A general meeting of the National Electric Tramway and Electric Lighting Co., Victoria, has been called for the 18th inst. One of the objects is to increase the capital stock to one million dollars.

The proposition to take over the electric lightworks of the city of Nanaimo, has been abandoned. It is understood, however, that a joint stock company, with a competent manager, will operate there in future.

"Single Tax" is the name of a new monthly publication issued from Victoria. Its title sufficiently explains the object of its existence.

It is well printed and its editorial comments are from the point of view of the editor.

The Empress of India arrived Friday after a run from Yokohama of 10 days 11 hours. Her passenger list was smaller than usual. She brought 2,000 tons cargo among which were 1,149 bales silk, 17 packages opium and 37 sacks of malle.

The Ross-McLaren Milling Company's mammoth saw mill is once more to be put into operation, several vessels, it is understood on the best authority, having been chartered to load lumber for New South Wales and other ports of Australia.

The election at Landsdowne on September 17th for the officers of the Spallumcheen Municipality, resulted in the election of Donald Graham for reeve and Robert Wood John A. Cameron, Thomas N. Hayes and Donald Mathieson, for councillors.

A C.P.R. survey party is now at the second fork of Crawford Creek, which flows into Crawford bay. They have, it is understood, found very easy grades from the East Kootenay country along the sources of the St. Mary's river from Fort Steele.

The harvest in the Similkameen Valley is now over. The hay crop is good and stacked in good condition. There is not much grain threshed yet, but all kinds will yield abundantly. There is a larger area than usual this year under vegetables, and they are a crop of excellent quality. The fruit crop is splendid.

The sale of the Wild Horse mining property in the vicinity of Golden has been carried through successfully. A. W. McVett, who has been negotiating for a London syndicate, has paid in as a deposit \$3,000. The diggings have been worked for many years with great success it is being estimated that over \$1,000,000 has been taken out.

Fred. Cockburn, Manager of Dun Wiman & Co.'s mercantile agency at Vancouver has recently returned from a trip through the Okanagan and Kootenay country. He reports that business in the Okanagan is much better at the present time than in the Kootenay country. There is more stir at Kaslo and Slokan, as the people are flocking to the new places.

During the month of September 25,972,000 feet of lumber were shipped from Puget Sound and British Columbia, 4,833,000 feet being shipped from Vancouver, and the balance from Puget Sound. There were exported during the month 72,138 tons of coal, 29,355 tons being from Nanaimo, 13,102 tons from Departure Bay, and the balance from Puget Sound.

J. S. Lawrence, of Kamloops, is secretary of the new coal company organized there. One seam of coal, 42 inches in width, has been uncovered on the claim of 1,800 acres the company owns and a few feet deeper it is known to show a face of four feet. The company will have a capital stock of \$200,000, of which one half will be put on the market at once. It is expected to have the mines in working order by the opening of navigation in the spring.

The first carload of ore from the Slokan district has been shipped by Mr. Wardner at Revelstoke for carriage by the C.P.R. to New Whatcom where it will be shipped to the smelter at San Francisco. The ore came from the Freddie Lee. This marks the appearance of the Slokan district among ore producing countries and there is but little doubt that this carload is but the commencement of an output which will make the Slokan district known throughout the world.

A visit was paid to the canneries at present operating, by Capt. Grant, fisheries guardian, to ascertain if the regulations regarding the disposal of offal were strictly carried out. No infraction of the law was discovered. Rowan's cannery, on the North Arm, has a large canoe into which the offal is dumped, and it is towed out into the deep waters of the gulf daily, and emptied. The Wadham's cannery offal is sent to the oil factory on Lulu Island, which is doing a large but offal-smelling business at present.—*Columbian*.

The Island revenue receipts for the Vancouver division during September were as follows:

Spirit .....	\$5,270 56
Malt .....	1,013 25
Tobacco .....	1,899 24
Cigars .....	605 80
Methylated spirits .....	52 20
Petroleum inspected .....	206 60
Total .....	\$8,993 02

The amounts collected by the Vancouver customs office for September were as follows:

Duties .....	\$25,503 05
Other revenue .....	1,217 76
Total .....	\$26,720 81

The *Miner* says: "The smelting establishment buildings are making great progress here, and Mr. Farrel states that a more complete plant will be put in at Pilot Bay than has usually been adopted in the United States. The smelter proper consists of two buildings 133 feet by 66 feet, and 94 feet by 66 feet; immediately to the rear of them is the roaster, which is already 170 feet long by 37 feet wide, and will probably be increased. Boiler house and smiths' shops are also erected and the whole are strongly framed and filled in with brick made on the spot. The assay building and laboratory are also in progress.

Some of the parties interested in the Canada railway scheme have just returned to Victoria from a trip to Bute Inlet, Seymour Narrows, Duncan's Bay, Valdez Island and other points along the route of the proposed railway. A report of the trip, referring to the most feasible method of crossing from the island to the mainland says: "It seems the most feasible proposition to ferry the entire distance from Duncan's Bay around Cape Mudge into the Gulf of Georgia, then Sutel Channel, through Drew Pass and east of Stuart Island to the head of the Inlet." It is, however, suggested that the ferry service could be shortened 29 miles at least by digging a canal across Valdez Island.

#### Brandon Farmers' Market.

Wheat—Has been coming in more plentiful but not to the amount that is expected later on when threshing is completed and fall plowing stopped by frost. As high as 55 cents has been paid for a few loads of extra well cleaned No. 1 hard. A great deal of the wheat that is coming in is full of weed seeds and is docked in price and weight on this account. From 52 to 54c is the ruling price for good samples at present.

Oats—The supply of old is fully up to the demand and keeps the price down to those quoted for weeks past. From 15c by dealers to 18c by stable men has been paid during the week.

Barley—Not any coming in and dealers decline to give quotations.

Cattle—Now that shippers have stopped buying the supply in the local market is in excess of the demand and butchers' have already supplied themselves with a large part of their winter's requirement. Good handling steers and heifers will still bring 24c, but inferior and cows would have to be sold at a reduction.

Sheep—Are in good supply but good, well fattened animals are still quoted at 44c, while lambs range from 44c to 5c according to quality.

Live Hogs.—Are now quoted to us at 44c. Poultry.—All kinds are scarce and good prices can be obtained for well dressed birds. So far only chickens have brought in and these sold readily at 12 1/2c a lb.

Butter.—Merchants complain of the scarcity and prices have advanced. Good rolls and fancy prints now bring as high as 18 and 20 cts a lb, while crooks and tubs are quoted at from 15 to 17c for good quality.

Eggs.—Are now bringing 15c a doz. Potatoes.—Plentiful and 25c a bushel is now the ruling price.

Hay.—From \$5.00 to \$6.50 a ton has been paid during the week. Supply fully equal to the demand.—*Times*.