

Mr. Frank H. Loftis, who is to have charge of this branch of the business, is well known as one of the best saw mill builders, and here with the latest facilities, he will be prepared to fit out mills of any capacity. Situated as these Works are, far from the center of business, but accessible by street railways, few are aware of the size and facilities of this plant, but it is prepared to turn out the best of work in the shortest possible time, and in a manner bound to give satisfaction.

The salesroom and principal office of these Works are at 42 Fremont street, where samples of their own machinery can be seen, besides that of other manufacturers for which they are agents.

The Coal Mines.

THE following is the list of foreign shipments of coal from the mines of Vancouver island for the month ending April 30:—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL COMPANY.

Date.	Name and Destination.	Tons
4—	Str. Peter Jebson, San Diego	4,799
4—	Str. Willapa, Juneau	16
8—	Str. City of Everett, 'Frisco	3,902
8—	Str. Sea Lion, Port Townsend	41
9—	Ship St. John, 'Frisco	2,706
9—	Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend	62
12—	Bark Gen. Fairchild, 'Frisco	2,280
12—	Str. Sea Lion, Port Townsend	51
13—	Str. Willapa, Port Townsend	66
17—	Str. Willapa, Juneau	20
21—	Str. City of Everett, 'Frisco	3,948
22—	Str. Peter Jebson, Los Angeles	4,664
27—	Str. Willapa, Port Townsend	58
29—	Str. Pioneer, Port Townsend	45
29—	Str. Holyoke, Port Townsend	70
29—	Str. Wanderer	64
Total, April		22,792
" March		14,309
Increase, April		8,483

UNION COLLIERIES.

4—	Str. Alice, Alaska	5
4—	Str. Progressist, Los Angeles	3,826
4—	Str. Wellington, 'Frisco	2,400
11—	Str. Transit, Seattle	594
11—	Str. Mineola, Los Angeles	3,100
11—	Str. San Mateo, 'Frisco	4,200
25—	Str. Rapid Transit, Seattle	247
25—	Str. Mexico, Sitka	200
25—	Str. Mineola, 'Frisco	3,100
Total, April		17,664
" March		21,080
Decrease, April		4,416

WELLINGTON COLLIERIES.

4—	Str. Umatilla, Seattle	1,150
7—	Str. Al-Ki, Port Townsend	350
8—	Str. Costa Rica, 'Frisco	2,550
13—	Str. Wellington, 'Frisco	2,600
16—	Str. Discovery, Vancouver	27
22—	Str. Progressist, 'Frisco	4,000
24—	Str. City of Pueblo, Seattle	800
27—	Str. Al-Ki, Port Townsend	200
39—	Str. Willamette, 'Frisco	2,450
Total, April		10,127
" March		14,309
Decrease, April		4,182

Through an oversight of the printer, the illustration on Page 17 was printed as "Street Scene in Rossland" in about one-half of this edition. It should have been "STREET SCENE IN REVELSTOKE."

An Enterprising Journalist.

MR. A. B. GRACE, the publisher of the Fort Steele *Prospector* is one of the most enterprising journalists on the Pacific Coast, as will be seen from the following clipping taken from the *Fourth Estate* of New York:—"Mr. Grace is a versatile genius, and combines with his editorial and reportorial accomplishments that of an artist of no mean order. The paper is issued without type or press. It is turned out on an Edison mimeograph, and the work is of a high order of excellence. The entire paper, with the exception of sketches and diagrams, is type written. The general effect is pleasing and the sheet is more easily read than many papers gotten out in the regular way.

The Christmas number is particularly interesting and would attract attention anywhere. It is filled "plumb" full of mining news of interest, descriptions of mine development work going on, sketches in and around Fort Steele, etc. The advertisements are novel, and if they do not attract the attention of the reader it is certainly not the fault of the publisher.

In his issue there appears a comprehensive and concise write-up of the mining division of Fort Steele, defining its boundaries and making known the capabilities of that section and what is being done to promote the mining industry."

In answer to a request from the RECORD for some particulars in regard to his mode of publishing the *Prospector* and the origin of the paper, Mr. Grace writes us as follows:—"The *Prospector* was started early in November, 1895, and this week's issue was its 25th number. Its object is to give the outside world as much information as possible of the vast mineral resources of the Fort Steele mining division of East Kootenay. Situate as we are 160 miles from railroad communication, and with only a weekly mail communication by water only possible for about five months in the year, there is no means of conveying to the outside people, "except by private letter," what we had in the shape of mines or mineral, how we were situated or how to get here. Winter coming on and having nothing to do, I thought I would use the typewriter and mimeograph as a medium to distribute all the information possible of the district. The *Prospector* has an actual subscription of 345 subscribers; our foreign list outside of Fort Steele numbers 260 copies, many going to England and the United States, reaching from the Pacific to the Atlantic on both sides of the international boundary. Another reason for the use of the mimeograph was the fact that it was possible to insert sketches, maps and charts of the mines and objects of interest in the vicinity of much importance to mining men in general. The mimeograph belongs to the stencil class of duplicating machines, being well known as the best type of such devices. The stencil is made on a sheet of specially manufactured tissue paper, which is coated on one side with a film of sensitive material. The cutting agent of the mimeograph is a plate of fine tool steel upon which are cut intersecting corrugations, numbering 200 to the inch, thus making on the plate a surface of small, sharp points, so fine and minute that a magnifying glass is required to bring them distinctly to the eye. Upon this steel plate the sheet of paper is placed, and the stencil is formed by writing or drawing on the paper over the steel plate with the stylus, which is made of tempered steel. As the stylus passes over the sensitive paper, it presses the paper against and upon the