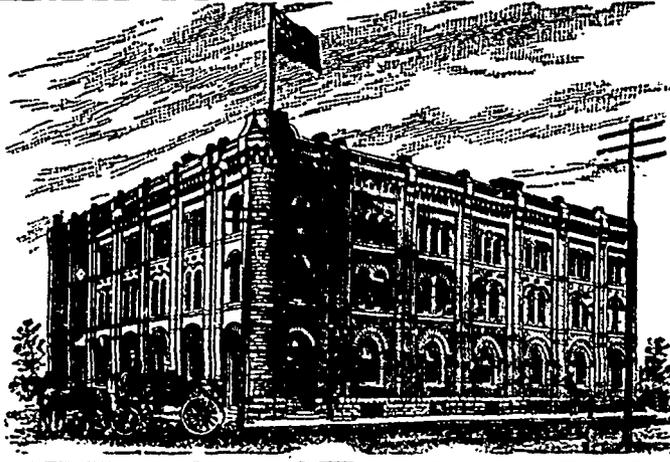


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**British Columbia.**

A fire in Victoria destroyed King's bakery. Loss \$100, fully insured.

T. L. Brown & Co. have opened a gents, furnishing store at Nanaimo.

Local competition in coals at Vancouver has brought the prices down from \$10 to \$6.50.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz was sold at Victoria under mortgage for \$20,000, R. Johnson of Nanaimo being the purchaser.

Real estate keeps on the move with a steady upward tendency in prices, says the Westminster *Columbian*. Foreign capital is being invested in city property.

Dempsey & Parrott, restaurant keepers, Nanaimo, have dissolved partnership; Parrott retiring to take a position with the Lake Shore and Eastern Railway, Seattle.

It is reported that the Bank of British Columbia will at once proceed with the erection of a building for banking premises on its own property, corner of Hastings and Richards Streets, Vancouver. The edifice will be a stately one, says the *World*.

The election at Nanaimo on the by-law to borrow \$30,000 for streets, roads and general improvements, has resulted in the defeat of the by-law by a large majority. Nanaimo evidently is not going to go into debt for public improvements, though in a new town this is often necessary.

Vancouver's system of water works has been completed. The water is brought from the Caplano river on the opposite side of Burrard Inlet, and is carried in pipes across the mouth of the inlet, at the first narrows. Considerable difficulty was experienced in placing the pipes under the waters of the harbor.

The Vancouver *World* says: No less than twelve flat cars were loaded in the Canadian Pacific Railway yards here with buna verta timber, which strongly resembles oak, from Central America via San Francisco, for New York, where it will be manufactured into cigar boxes and furniture. The sticks were about twenty-four inches square and of considerable

length. The train loaded with these will leave for the East this afternoon.

The Vancouver board of trade protests against the custom of allowing large tracts of Provincial Government lands to fall into the hands of speculators. The board has passed the following: "Resolved, that the Government be requested to make such amendments to the Provincial Land Act as will reserve the Crown lands suitable for farming intact for actual settlers. This is an important matter, and one which the board should follow up.

The British Columbia Canning Company of London, England, has been incorporated with a capital of \$500,000. The company comprises a number of English capitalists and several British Columbians. The following canneries were purchased by the company: Windsor Cannery, Skeena River; British Columbia Cannery, Fraser River; Rivers Inlet Cannery and the Windsor Cannery, Skeena River. The firm of Findlay, Durham & Brodie will be agents for the firm in British Columbia and London.

H. C. Elliott, of Coal Harbor, is just building a new stern wheel steamer for Captain Holman and Joseph C. Armstrong, of New Westminster. The boat when completed will be 68 feet long, have 14 feet beam and 4 feet draught and will be capable of carrying 100 tons of freight. The cost of her construction will be between \$5,000 and \$8,000. She will run to connect the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel with the C.P.R. at Harrison River bridge, and during the summer will carry excursion parties around Harrison Lake.

It is said that the widest span in the bridge for the C. P. R. Southern connection, across the Fraser River, at Mission Station, will be 60 feet. This, it is considered, is too narrow, as it will be almost impossible for steamers to pass under the bridge in safety when a strong wind is blowing. The steamer Irving now plying on the river, is 40 feet wide, which would leave her only 10 feet to work on passing under the bridge. Unless the main span is widened navigation will be rendered dangerous. The Westminster board of trade may take up the question.

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**A Manitoba Testimonial.**

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Dec. 8th, 1887.

JAMES PYE, Esq., Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.:

DEAR SIR,—In handing you our check for \$1,301.24, in full for balance of your contract for building and enlarging our mill, we without solicitation wish to state, that you have done your work in a manner highly satisfactory to this company. The capacity which you guaranteed at 275 barrels we find considerably under the mark, as we are at present making over 300 barrels, and the quality of the flour is all that we could wish for. Some of our largest purchasers frankly tell us, it is equal to any flour made in either Minnesota or this province. The yield also we find very satisfactory. We must also bear testimony to your pleasing and gentlemanly manner, and your willingness at all times to meet our wishes. This has made our business relations pleasant and we can honestly say, that we recommend you to any person, requiring anything in the mill building or mill furnishing line. Wishing you the success that straight dealing merits, we are

Yours very truly,  
 THE PORTAGE MILLING CO.  
 Jas. MacLenaghan, Managing Director.

The provincial estimates have been brought down in the Assembly. Summarized under the different headings, the expenditures are estimated as follows:

Public debt.....	\$133,831 55
Civil Government (salaries).....	82,220 00
Administration of justice (salaries).....	78,876 00
Legislation.....	16,250 00
Public institutions (maintenance).....	16,050 00
Hospitals and charities.....	25,750 00
Administration of justice (other than salaries).....	49,000 00
Education.....	130,250 00
Transport.....	5,000 00
Rent.....	48 50
Revenue services.....	9,000 00
Public works.....	277,075 00
Miscellaneous.....	41,080 00

Total.....\$864,431 05  
 Total estimated revenue.....\$699,491 05

**Winnipeg Board of Trade.**

The council of the Winnipeg board of trade met Monday afternoon. Mr. Scarth, M.P., having submitted a copy of the Weldon bill, for extending the provisions of the Extradition act, for the consideration of the board, a resolution was passed endorsing the provisions of the bill, and Mr. Scarth was telegraphed to that effect. This course is one that has been adopted by the principal boards of trade in Canada.

A deputation was appointed to interview the post office officials regarding the mail on the through train to the Pacific coast, which leaves here on Wednesday.

A resolution was passed asking the city council to take some steps to secure a share of the immigration now coming into the Province, by at least placing a man at the station to present the advantages offered by this locality as a field for settlement.

Some communications from Mr. Van Horne regarding the board's application to Ottawa for having the grain standards for Manitoba chosen in this Province by Northwest representatives, were considered, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Van Horne for his assistance.

Action was taken by the council to petition the Dominion Government to appoint official weigh-masters at points in the province where sufficient volume of grain business is done to give fees to an official to perform the duties required.