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MARKET AND GENERAL REPORT.

Since our last issue no improvement has taken place in the trade and commerce of the port.

As is usual at this festive season there is more activity amongst retail dealers, but with the wholesale merchants stocks continue large with little or no demand, and those who can hold are determined to do so rather than submit to a sacrifice.

Although we have been and still are passing through a period of unusual commercial depression, yet we believe there is good hope for the future and "a good time coming." The newly discovered gold fields at Big Bend, on the Columbia river, may be said to be an established fact. Should these mines prove to be even within fifty per cent. of what is credibly reported of them in richness, and our government institute promptly an efficient system of steam and postal communication, this will go far to dispel the present commercial gloom and depression, and give a new and more healthy stimulus to our trade and commerce.

With all the present outcry of "bad times," nothing has happened to us but what is common to all new colonies; and experience, that severe but most wholesome instructor, is now applying to the country at large those lessons which will ultimately, and we believe is now, laying the foundation of our future prosperity at no distant date.

FLOUR—\$8.25 @ \$9. The arrival of Flour by the "Narramissic," will add to present stocks, which are plentiful, over 1000 barrels.

LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—*Severn*, sailed 27th August.
do. *Princess Royal*, sailed Sept. 2d.
From Liverpool—*Eastern Chief*, loading.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

Dec 7.—Boat Harriet, Dirk, San Juan
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Dec 8.—Sip Kingleader, Harpor, Nanaimo
Sip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cowichan
Dec 9.—Schr Diana, Wright, Nanaimo
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Ship Kent, Nanaimo, Glasgow
Dec. 11.—Sloop Northern Light, Mountfort, Pt Angeles
Schr Flying Mast, Thompson, New Westminster
Schr Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Schr J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Dec. 12.—Schr Goldstream, Hewitt, Queen Charlotte Island
Schr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
Dec. 13.—Str Active, Thorp, Astoria.
Sip Alexis, Odin, New Westminster.
Bt Harriett, Dirk, San Juan.
Dec. 14.—Schr A J Wester, Mills, Port Angeles
Sip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cowichan
Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo
Schr Thames, Blown, Barclay Sound
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Dec 18.—Schr Discovery, Rudlin, Nanaimo
Str Otter, Swanson, Port Angeles
Schr Meg Merrilles, Pamphlet, Nanaimo
Schr Brant, Francis, New Westminster
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Dec. 2.—Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
Str Diana Wright, Burrard's Inlet
Dec. 20.—Schr Thornton, Warren, New Westminster
Sip Amelia, Oendall, San Juan
Schr Eliza, Middleton, Saanich
Sip C E Clancy, Robinson, Port Angeles
Dec. 21.—Schr Indian Maid, McIntosh, Nanaimo
Schr J.K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Dec 23.—Schr Thames, Brown, Nanaimo
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Sip Fashion, Bagley, Port Angeles
Schr Diana, Wright, Nanaimo
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo

CLEARED.

Dec. 18.—Str Enterprise, Mount, Westminster
Schr A J Wester, Mills, Port Angeles
Schr Thames, Brown, Burrard's Inlet
Dec. 19.—Sip Hamley, Patten, Comox
Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
Dec. 20.—Sip W B Naylor, Drake Port Angeles
Schr Annie, Elvin, San Juan
Str Diana, Wright, Nanaimo
Dec. 21.—Schr Indian Maid, McIntosh, Nanaimo
Schr Meg Merrilles, Pamphlet, Nanaimo
Schr J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Dec 22.—Schr Discovery, Rudlin, Saanich
Sip Thornton, Middleton, Saanich
Schr Amelia, Kendall II, Fort Rupert
Dec 27.—Sip Fashion, Bagley, Port Angeles
Dec 7.—Bt Harriet, Dirk, San Juan
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Schr Codfish, Whitford, New Westminster
Schr Anne, Elvin, San Juan
Sip Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo
Schr Discovery, Rudlin, Nanaimo
Dec 8.—Sip Kingleader, Harpor, Nanaimo
Schr Eliza, Middleton, Chemamus
Schr Amelia, Kendall, Sooke
Schr Meg Merrilles, Pamphlet, Nanaimo
Dec 9.—Schr Shark, Turner, Sooke
Ship Countess of rifle, Watson, Port Angeles
Dec. 11.—Schr Otter, Swanson, Port Angeles
Sip Northern Light, Mountfort, Port Angeles
Canoe White, San Juan
Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Schr Bt & Diamond, McIlloch, Nanaimo
Schr J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Dec. 12.—Schr Eliza Anderson, Finch Port Angeles
Schr Matilda, Gilbert, Burrard's Inlet
Schr Weepstake, Kellier, Comox
Dec. 13.—Sip Alexis Odin, New Westminster.
Bt Harriett, Dirk, San Juan.
Dec. 14.—Schr Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster
Schr Diana, Wright, Port Angeles

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London.—60 days, \$5 00.—£1 sterling.
do. 30 days, 5 05. do.
do. 3 days, 5 10. do.
do. on demand, 5 15. do.
San Francisco.—1 per cent. premium.
Canada and New Brunswick.—4 per cent. premium.
Nova Scotia.—2 1/2 per cent. premium.
New York.—4 per cent. premium.

HARBOUR DUES.

The undermentioned Harbour Dues are now collected at this Port;
For every Invoice of the Value of \$100, or less.....\$ 1 00
For every additional \$100 in value, and for any portion of less value than \$100 over the first \$100, the additional sum of..... 0 60
For every Invoice of Potatoes..... 6 00
For every Invoice of other Roots or Vegetables..... 2 60

Rates of Storage on Merchandise.

STORAGE PER MONTH.
On measurement goods $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or 40 cubic feet..... \$1 00
On heavy goods $\frac{1}{2}$ on of 2,000 lbs..... 1 00
Or in either case the amount actual y paid.
The Consignee to have the option of charging by weight or measurement.
A fraction of a month to be charged as a month.

COMMISSIONS.

Rates of Commission to be charged when no Express Agreement to the contrary exists.
N. B.—The Receipt of Bills of Lading equivalent to receipt of the Goods.
On the purchase of Stocks, Bonds, and all us-usuf securities, including the drawing of Bills for payment of same..... 2 1/2 per cent.
On sale of Stocks, Bonds, and all kinds of securities, including remittances in bills and guar..... 2 1/2 "

On purchase and sale of Specie, Gold Dust and Bullion..... 1 "
On sale of Bills of Exchange, with endorsement..... 3 1/2 "
On sale of Bills of Exchange without endorsement..... 1 "
For endorsing Bills of Exchange when desired..... 2 1/2 "
On sale of produce, &c., from California, Oregon, Washington Territory, and Sandwich Island ports, with guarantee..... 7 1/2 "
On sale of Merchandise from other ports with guarantee..... 10 "
On goods received on consignment and afterwards withdrawn,—on invoice cost..... 3 1/2 "
On purchase and shipment of merchandise with funds on hand,—on cost and charges..... 6 "
On purchase and shipment of Merchandise without funds,—on cost and charges..... 7 1/2 "
For collecting and remitting delayed or litigated accounts..... 10 "
For collecting freight by vessels from foreign Ports, on amount collected..... 6 "
For collecting General Claims..... 6 "
For collecting General Average,—on the first \$25,000 or any smaller amount..... 7 1/2 "
For collecting General Average,—on any excess over \$20,000..... 2 1/2 "
On purchase or sale of vessels..... 2 1/2 "
For entering, clearing, and transacting ship's business, on vessels with cargo or passengers from Foreign Ports..... \$ 50 00
On vessels under 200 tons register 100 00
On vessels of 200 to 300 tons register 150 00
On vessels of 300 to 500 tons register 200 00
On vessels over 500 tons register... 200 00
For disbursement of vessels by Consignees, with funds on hand..... 2 1/2 per cent.
For do. without do..... 6 "
For procuring freight or passengers 5 "
For chartering vessels, on amount of freight, actual or estimated to be considered as due when the charter parties or a memorandum of their conditions, &c., are signed..... 6 "
On giving bonds for vessels under attachment in litigated cases,—on amount of liability..... 2 1/2 "
For landing and re-shipping goods from vessels in distress, on invoice value, or in its absence, on market value..... 6 "
For receiving and forwarding goods, on Invoice amount..... 2 1/2 "
For advancing freight..... 5 "
For effecting Marine Insurance,—on amount insured..... 1/2 "
The foregoing Commissions to be exclusive of Brokerage and every charge actually incurred.

COAL EXPORTS.

Statement of Vessels departed from Nanaimo, V. I., during the month of November, 1865.

Date.	Name of Vessel	Master	Tons	Coat.	Destination
Nov 1	Schr Industry	Carleton	67 00	...	Victoria
	Ship Dublin	Croft	934 00	...	San Francisco
4	Schr Meg Merrilles	Pamphlet	71 5	...	Victoria
9	Schr Matilda	Gilbert	70 00	...	Victoria
11	Schr Indian Maid	McIntosh	75 10	...	Victoria
11	Sip Alarm	Hollins	13 15	...	Victoria
15	Sip Hamley	Patten	23 00	...	Victoria
16	ll M. S. Cllo	Turquo	3 00	...	Melakata-lah.
17	Schr Otter	Swanson	6 15	...	Comox
20	Ship Portlaw	Curtis	1765 00	...	San Francisco
21	Schr Black Diamond	McCulloch	01 6	...	Victoria
22	Schr Alexander	Lemascheffsky	Sitka
	Do	do	13 00	...	do
23	Schr Otter	Swanson	247 00	...	Victoria
23	Sip Alarm	Hollins	16 10	...	Victoria
25	Schr Discovery	Rudlin	62 00	...	Victoria
28	Schr Matilda	Gilbert	67 5	...	Victoria
30	Schr Meg Merrilles	Pamphlet	70 15	...	Victoria
	Total		3690 6		

Nanaimo, v. l. 30th Nov 1865.