

British Columbia.

Powis & Sullivan, hotelkeepers, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership, John Powis continuing.

Tenders are invited for restoring W. Heat-horn's, shoe manufacturer, business premises lately burned.

G. W. A. Lang & Son, watchmakers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership. G. W. A. Lang will continue the business.

Spratt's Ark has been stripped from a float-ing cannery and converted into a freight barge at an outlay of over eight thousand dollars.

The Hudson's Bay Co. have purchased land at Vancouver, for the purpose of erecting build-ings for a distributing depot for the province.

A report is brought that the Chinese are doing well on the creeks in Alberni, and that quite a quantity of gold has been taken out by them.

W. E. Slater, of the mercantile agency of Dun Wiman & Co., has been appointed resident agent for the company, in Victoria, for this province.

The Nanaimo Gas Works Company has been incorporated, with A. A. Green, G. L. Milne and C. D. Rand as trustees. The capital stock is \$45,000.

The Island Railway has been officially opened. The fare is \$3 between Nanaimo and Victoria. To and from the different way ports the rate is 5c per mile.

The collection at Victoria for the month end-ing 30th Sept., 1886, were . Duties, \$82,044.04; miscellaneous, \$344.51; Chinese Immigration Act, \$733.00; total, \$83,121.55.

For the month of September, the collections at New Westminster were Customs, \$14,975.92; other revenues, \$104.02, total, \$15,079.04. For the same month last year, \$8,198.58; in-crease, \$6,881.36.

M. P. Thomson, of the firm of Thompson Bros., of Portage la Prairie and Calgary, is looking for a place to open a branch at Van-couver, in stationery and fancy goods.

E. D. Edwards and A. C. Thicke, have leased the lot next to the Queen's Hotel, Van-couver, and will erect thereon a store, where they intend carrying on a dry goods and grocery business. Their stock of goods is now on the way from the east.

In regard to the reported seizure of the cargo of the tea ship Zoruy, on an investigation being made it was found that tea made up in fancy packages had been mistaken for other goods by the officer on watch, and the work of discharg-ing was accordingly proceeded with.

A fire at New Westminster did damage as follows; The Occident Hotel loss about \$18,000, insurance unknown; J. Bunte's loss is \$3,000, insurance \$2,600; C. McDonough, loss about \$10,000, insurance, \$8,800; T. C. Atkinson, law office, Rand Bros., real estate, losses nominal; Temperance Restaurant, loss, \$800, in-surance, \$250; J. C. Armstrong's building on Front Street, loss, \$1,000; insurance, \$600; H. V. Edmonds, real estate, loss, \$2,500, insurance \$1,500; Palace Hotel, loss on building and furniture, \$4,000, insurance, \$600; on furniture of five Chinese buildings, loss unknown.

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