

SAT MON.

The combination .. ently formed in San Francisco appears likely to be an exception to the usual rub. The opinion is expressed in well informed circles that it is not likely to be broken. All the Alaska canneries, without an exception, have en-tered it. The Alaska packers' combina-tion has given rise to a better feeling in England, but this has not yet had time to affect the market, which remains dull.

VANCOUVER.

The most noticeable feature in the Vanconver wholesale market is the advance in produce. According to the News-Adver. user, creamery is steadily advancing, and cannot now be obtained under 271c per wound, while 28c and 28kc are the figures usually quoted. Dairy butter is almost out of the market. Eggs are scarce, and have advanced a cent during the week. There is not much change in the price of groceries. This season's canned goods are now coming on the market, and most of the Californian canned goods have been obtained. The market is still glutted with potatoes, and prices have in consequence fillen. The flour market is an unsettled condition. Large shipments of fruit are -till coming from California and Portland, the shipment of Oregon apples being especially heavy.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Irade in New Westminster is up to its usual proportions, and collections are reported fair. In the hardware line the demand from the up-country is good. fruit, a good quantity is coming in, princiare not quite so good, their keeping qualities being doubtful. The hay crop was not nearly so large as was expected, but nevertheless it is fairly plentiful. Wheat is scarce at \$26 per ton, and the same may be said of bran, which is quoted at \$24 per ton. Onions are quoted 14c per pound; oats, \$25 to \$30 per ton. As high as \$35 have been paid for No. 1 quality. New Westminster real estate has an upward tendency. Prices are firm, with a feeling of confidence. However, very little is Current rate for loans is 9 to 10 moving. per cent.

George Munroe has opened a general store at Abbotsford.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

D. J. McLean, clothing, Vancouver, has admitted A. C. Lee as partner.

Knott & Co., grocers, have opened at 58 Chatham Street, Spring Ridge, in this city.

Mrs. Woods, groceries, hasopened at the corner of Douglas and Pembroke streets, this city.

Mesdames Cobb & Ball have opened a fancy goods and millinary business in the Jewell block, Douglas street.

Mr. James Watt, lately from San Francisco, is opening in New Westminster in fine upholstering and drapery business.

Passage & Havey, of Blaine, have leased the Westminster Steam Laundry, which was sold recently for \$1,300 under mortgage.

I. J. J. Fisher and E. L. Christie, blacksmiths, Victoria, have dissolved, Mr. Chrisretiring. I. J. J. Fisher continues, assuming all liabilities.

Corbett & Cliff, plumbers, New West. minster, have admitted J. C. Cornish, formerly master gunner in "C" Battery, Victoria, into partnership.

A. Craig has opened in the clothing and men's line furnishings in New Westminster. He comes from New Zealand, where he was in the general trade.

Davidson Bros., jewellers, have been trying to sell out their New Westminster business for some time, but they were unable to find a purchaser, and will probably continue.

C. R. Townley, formerly with Woods & Gamble, has recently opened in New Westpally apples, which are quoted at \$12 to minster as a financial, real estate, and \$15 per ton. Potatoes are scarce. Those | Customs broker. He represents the Liver coming in from the Upper Fraser are of pool and London and Globe Insurance Co., good quality, while the lowland potatoes and the Eastern (Fire) Assurance Co. of Halifax.

> The British bark Banfishire, 899 tons, is now on the berth at Liverpool for Vancouver and New Westminster, to sail about the end of November. Bell-Irving & Paterson consignces.

Hon. H. G. Thompson, Fairhaven, president and managing director of the Westminster & Southern Railway, was in New Westminster last week. He expects the road to be ready for passenger traffic, barring accident, by the 1stof November. The intention is that the Great Northern traffic, via Winnipeg, which is now transferred at Mission, will be taken over from the C. P. R. at New Westminster.

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The B. C. Brick and Pottery company, of Port Kells, are turning out some fine drain tiles, which are in good demand. G. H. Cross & Co. are agents for the company at New Westminster.

Archibald R. Crowle, formerly of Ted-hunter & Crowle, fruits, Victoria, soluout to W. Anderson last week, and his whereabouts are now unknown. It is said that debts to the amount of \$400 remain un-