

British Columbia.

A. Pondold, brewer, Savonas, is dead.
Walter Myles has opened a new hotel at Nanaimo.

Alfred Morris, painter, of Winnipeg, has opened a paint shop at Kamloops.

The Club saloon, Vancouver, owned by Sparrow & McDonald, has been sold to Carlisle & Mullen.

Leask & Johnson, commission merchants, brokers and insurance agents, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

About eighty tons of wool constitute the output from Vancouver Island for the past year. Almost all is of good quality, selling readily at 10c per pound.

The British ship Norcross, arrived at Victoria on Oct. 6th, 146 days out from London with a general cargo. She will carry a return cargo of salmon.

A. E. Raab, of the Grand Pacific hotel, Kamloops, has on exhibition nine beet roots which weigh over 100 pounds. They were grown on the ranch of G. W. Jones, south of the town.

The Caledonian hotel, New Westminster, has been opened. The building is new, and every department of the hotel handsomely fitted and furnished. R. W. McIntosh is the proprietor.

John S. Clute, collector of customs at New Westminster, has been appointed acting inspector of customs for district No. 7, British Columbia. He will discharge the duties of both offices in future.

Following are coal shipments from Nanaimo during September: Vancouver Coal Company, 7,744 tons; Dunsmuir & Sons, 19,641 tons; East Wellington Coal Company, 4,774 tons; Union Colliery Company, 2,450 tons, total, 34,909 tons.

Victoria is to have a new fire alarm system. The system is known as the Gamewell system, and the California Electric Light Co. of San Francisco has the contract for putting in the alarm apparatus.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that D. Chisholm, M.P., for the district of New Westminster, represents the largest constituency in the whole of Canada. It is over 1000 miles in length, from 90 to 450 miles in breadth and embraces more than 500 miles of coast line.

Big vegetable and fruit stories are continually being reported in the provincial papers. Here is another from the Nanaimo Free Press:—A very large pumpkin, weighing one hundred and thirty-five pounds, has been brought in from Comox district. How will this compare with your Manitoba pumpkins?

Tenders will be received by C. W. Busk, Cashier Bank of British Columbia, Victoria, up to November 15, on behalf of the Kootenay Valley Company (Limited), of London, England, for the widening of the Kootenay lake outlet near Nelson, by removal of loose rocks and boulders situated above low water mark, by means of travelling derrick—approximately 18,750 cubic yards.

Customs collections at Victoria for September were: Duties, \$77,548.77; miscellaneous,

\$714.07; total, \$78,262.84—an increase of \$17,944.41 over the same month last year. Inland revenue collections at Victoria were: Spirits, \$7,164.91; malt, \$1,420.72; tobacco, \$2,506.40; cigars, \$1,144.50; petroleum inspection, \$349.50; total, \$12,466.06—an increase over the same month last year of \$3,978.11.

The provincial exhibition next year will again be held at New Westminster. Heretofore it has been held year about on the island and mainland. Westminster went to great expense this year in preparing buildings and grounds, and the show was the best ever held, hence the decision to continue at the same place next year. The Island people feel aggrieved at this decision, and talk of getting up an exhibition to be held each year on the island.

Following are the customs and revenue returns for Nanaimo for the month of September:

Import duty	\$3,233.21
Copyright	5.50
Sick Mariners' dues	250.00
Petroleum inspection	25.00
Miscellaneous	3.20
Total	\$3,516.91

The Provincial Exhibition, which was held at New Westminster on October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, was a great success. It is estimated that between six and seven thousand persons were in the grounds at one time. The affair was made on of a general celebration, and October 3rd was made a civic holiday. The grounds and buildings were prepared by New Westminster this year at a cost of about \$20,000. The list of entries was large, and altogether the result has shown that the directors will have no cause to regret for having selected New Westminster for this year's exposition.

Following are customs returns at Vancouver, for the month of September:—

Duties collected	\$11,991.48
Chinese revenues	6,112.50
Minor revenues	557.87
Total	\$18,661.85

For the corresponding month last year the figures were as follows:

Duties collected	\$4,815.94
Chinese revenue	1,513.50
Minor revenues	607.02
Total	\$6,936.46

The Inland Revenue returns for the month amounted to \$1,036.78.

The *Columbian*, of New Westminster, says: Wm. Macdonald, of Fairfield Island, Chilliwack, has experimented most successfully in grafting the wild crab tree. Three years ago he took 500 grafts and grafted them on the wild crab trees scattered over his farm. The second year a large number of trees bore fruit, and this season the success of the experiment proved complete, nearly every tree not destroyed by cattle yielding a prolific crop. Among the apples are the Fameuse or Snow variety, and a large green winter apple that weighed about a pound and a half each. The snow apple is perfect in size, shape, color and flavor. The experiment has proved so successful that Mr.

Macdonald will graft another 500 trees this fall, and many of his neighbors will follow his example.

New Implement Company.

An important deal is being made in connection with the western implement and machinery trade. A new company is being formed to take over the business of the Massey Manufacturing Company, in the West and also the business of Van Allen & Agur, of Winnipeg, and amalgamate the concerns in one company. All the plant, buildings, etc., of the Massey Manufacturing Company in the West and Van Allen & Agur will be put into the new company. The new company which is applying for incorporation, will be known as Massey & Co., and will have a capital stock of \$500,000. A large portion of the stock is held by the Massey Manufacturing Company of Toronto, but the new company will be independent of the former, and will control the territory from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast. The goods of the Massey Manufacturing Company will be handled, but all other lines of farm implements and machinery, from a wheelbarrow to a steam thresher will also be handled, and the carriage makers' supply department, now handled by Van Allen & Agur, will also be continued. The officers of the new company are H. A. Massey, president; T. J. McBride, now manager at Winnipeg for the Massey Manufacturing Company, vice president; H. R. Rogers, treasurer; E. W. H. Van Allen, secretary. It is the intention of the new company to erect a building on the vacant lot on Market Square, between the two buildings occupied by the Massey Company and Van Allen & Agur respectively. The property of the new company, including branch warehouses, etc., in Manitoba and the Territories, of which there are about forty-two, will aggregate \$100,000 in value. About \$40,000 is considered a low valuation of the property now held in the city. The amalgamation of these two important concerns should give them great advantages in catering for the trade of the west in their lines.

Insurance Briefs.

The man who writes a policy of insurance takes upon himself the obligation of a good citizen. He who writes a policy on a risk from which every avoidable cause of fire danger has not been removed, or writes in a sum greater than the value of the property insured, or for a man whose habits of life and whose character of business is offensive to the community surrounding him, is not a good citizen. In the one case he promotes a general business demoralization; in the next he suggests arson; and in the last he disregards a sound morality. None of these are attributes of good citizenship. —*Cincinnati Price Current*.

The Nanaimo, B.C., *Free Press* reports that the heavy rain that has fallen during the past few days has caused a land slide near the Chemainus sawmills, almost burying the engine and leaving three feet of sand underneath the mills, besides washing away about 500 feet of the flume.