

British Columbia Items.

W. T. Slavin, stationery, Kamloops, has assigned.

J. H. Nelson has started a sawmill at Otter Tail.

Gosnell & Sadler, brewers, Nelson, have dissolved.

A. H. Stevens has opened a harness shop at Kamloops.

J. A. MacIsaac has opened a general store at Quesnelle.

N. LeKeyser, watchmaker, has opened business at Ashcroft.

Alex E. Morrison, is opening a general store at Trout Lake.

W. J. Anderson, tailor and clothing, is opening at Upper Grand Forks.

S. E. Forrest & Co., are opening a general store at Albert Canyon.

Ham & Crawford, general store, New Denver, reported out of business.

A. W. Rickhoff, fish, fruit, etc., has started business at New Westminster.

Geo. D. Scott & Co., clothing and furnishings, Nanaimo, contemplate incorporating.

Miller & Francis, cigars and billiards, Greenwood, are succeeded by W. J. Francis.

R. Benson, fish, fruit, Westminster, has admitted H. Ayling as partner. Style now Benson & Ayling.

Mrs. C. E. Masters, dry goods and clothing, Wellington and Nanaimo, sold out clothing stock at Nanaimo, and continues in dry goods.

H. Somner has accepted the position of manager of the Buckley Bay hotel, Channiton, for G. W. Willis & Co. The business outlook at Channiton is very bright at present.

E. J. Howell, of London, England, is on his way to British Columbia to locate a smelter for an English company. It was first intended to build at Vancouver, but Mr. Howell says this has been reconsidered, and some other location may be selected. This move may be to force a large bonus from Vancouver.

The following items are reported from Victoria: Gilmore & McCandless, clothing, men's furnishings, boots and shoes, etc., are succeeded in boots and shoes by the Victoria Shoe Co., Ltd. Mrs. S. C. Wood, tinware, stoves, etc., has sold out to J. T. Orr. A. B. Erskine, boots and shoes, being succeeded by the Victoria Shoe Co., Ltd. W. H. Smith, groceries, has sold out to Annie Clark.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: R. Palmer, flour and feed, sheriff in possession. S. B. Smith, groceries, succeeded by J. J. Owens. Fairburn & Dunlop, fancy goods, succeeded by Mrs. Fairburn. J. Hill, photographer, started business. Griffin & Co., watchmakers, have opened business. The British Columbia box factory has started business. J. S. Kerr, grocer, has started business. F. H. Cole & Co., clothing, have started business. Stitt & Morgan, tailors, have dissolved. J. Michan, grocer, has started a business. J. Sullivan, Second hotel, is succeeded by C. W. Helmer. Miners' & Farmers' Co-Operative Supply Co., Ltd., has been incorporated. Canadian Bank of Commerce will open a branch here.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 17.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull. No. 2 red western winter 7s 6d; No. 1 red northern spring 7s 10d. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed new 3s 3 1/4d.

Smelter for British Columbia.

Mr. Edward J. Howell, of London, Eng., a gentleman who is well informed on and in close touch with the money market of Great Britain, in its relation to mining investments in Canada, was a guest at the Hotel Manitoba yesterday. Mr. Howell is the late local director and assistant manager of the Klondike, Yukon and Stewart Pioneers, of London, Eng., a company which has already paid a ten per cent. dividend, but his present visit to Canada is in connection with the erection of a smelter in British Columbia. "We have organized the Vancouver Smelting company, with a capital of \$1,500,000, and I am now on my way out to look over the ground," said Mr. Howell to a representative of the Free Press. "At first we intended erecting our smelter in Vancouver, as we believed that city was situated most advantageously for the carrying on of our operations. But recently the directors have changed their minds, and I intend to examine closely for a suitable location, and to hear any deputations on the subject. A necessary adjunct to a smelter must be plenty of ore within easy distance, and I think there are other places better adapted than Vancouver. The Lonsdale Vancouver offers is a mere bagatelle. The Canadian Pacific has met us very well in the matter of rates; in fact we have been working with that company under the most pleasing conditions."

"Have the smelters already in British Columbia been successful?"

"Well, that is another point I shall have to investigate," said Mr. Howell. "There have been four smelters started in that province—at Vancouver, Golden, Revelstoke and Pilot Bay—none of which are now working. Why these circumstances exist is what I shall look into. It costs over \$500,000 to erect and start a smelter with refining house and the building of one is therefore a serious and responsible matter. At least that was the cost we estimated for ours."

"What is the future of British Columbia as you think as viewed by London capitalists?"

"Everything depends on the next mining season. The entire future of the country, I believe, rests on the results from the mining operations this summer. There is a flood of British money waiting to rush into Canada, if good returns are received from the money already invested. The Venezuelan trouble killed the United States to the English and Scotch capitalist as a field for investment. It will be many years before the confident feeling is restored. But British Columbia people should be careful; there have been a great many wild-cat schemes put upon the market recently from that province, which is very injurious to ultimate success."

Among the directors of Mr. Howell's company are three presidents of smelting companies—Mr. John Blair, a manufacturing chemist; Mr. Arch. Fairlie, director of the North China Gold Development company, and Mr. G. Muir Ritchie, director of the Milford and Askam Hermitage Iron company.

Mr. Howell left for Vancouver last evening.

First Tramp—"Say, Willie; ter tink we missed dat free concert last night!"

Second Tramp—"W'y?"

First Tramp—"This 'ore paper says the musk was intoxicatin'."

Assiniboia.

Henderson & Parker, Qu'Appelle, have changed their firm name to "The Qu'Appelle Drug and Stationery Co."

Ferguson & Martin, millinery, Moosomin, are retiring from business.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

Mrs. J. Braden, livory, Selkirk, Man., advertises business for sale.

Club Cigar Co., tobaccos, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to C. B. Graham.

R. Spence, hotel, Winnipeg, is succeeded by James Johnston.

The Lake of the Woods Brewing Co., Ltd., is being formed at Rat Portage to take over the business of A. Kingdon.

Sykes & McCauley have opened a restaurant at Edmonton, Alberta.

Misses Anderson & Martin, of Moosomin, have bought out the millinery business of Miss Barton, of Virden.

J. Gillies, grocer, Selkirk, Man., has sold out to J. Shepard.

Niagara peninsula, Ontario, fruit crop will be plentiful this season. "Plums, peaches and grapes all promise a big yield," says a well known grower, "and as for apples, there will be such quantities that if we get ten cents a bag for them we will be lucky."

The Canada Northwest Land company's May land sales were 15,315 acres for \$82,502, as compared with 3,327 acres in May last year, for \$19,227. From the first of January to May 31st this year sales were 29,260 acres for \$156,065, as against 12,751 acres for \$69,855 for the corresponding period of last year.

Tea has advanced 1c to 2c in the United States, owing to a duty of 10c per lb. having gone into effect. This is a part of the war tax measure.

The San Francisco Trade Journal says of canned salmon: "We hear of round lots of Columbia River chinook having been sold at \$1.00 for tails, netting to the seller something like 97 1/2c at shipping point. How the packer expects to come out even is beyond our ken, for our advices are to the effect that 4c is paid for the raw fish. At this figure \$1.15 should be realized for tails so as to net a fair profit. The output so far is said to be considerably below that at the corresponding time in 1897."

The Montreal Gazette of Monday last says. The feature of the market has been the active demand from foreign buyers for Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat, and as the prices bid for the same were somewhat of an inducement to Manitoba millers, considerable business has been done, one concern alone having made sales aggregating 235,000 bushels. This amount coupled with other large sales during the past week would probably make the total sales close up to 400,000 bushels.

Frank Lightcap

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