

The following are San Francisco quotations for hides and skins. British Columbia quotations being 1s less:

Hides and Skins—Dry kine, sound, 10c per lb; culls, 7c to 7½c; brands, 7c to 7½c; kip and calf, 9c; culls and brands, 6c. Heavy salted steer, sound, 7½c; brands and culls, 6½c; do medium, 6c; brands and culls, 5c; do light, 4 to 4½c; do brands and culls, 3½c to 4c. Salted cows, 4c to 4½c; do brands and culls, 3½c to 4c. Salted kip, 3½c to 4c; do brands and culls, 3c. Salted veal, 8c; do brands and culls, 4c. Salted calf, 6c; do brands and culls, 5c. Long wool pelts, 90c to \$1.40 each; medium do, 70c to 90c; short do, 40c to 70c; shearling, 10c to 25c. Deerskins, summer, 37½c per lb; do medium, 30c to 32½c; do winter and long hair skins, 20c to 25c. Elk hides, 10c to 13c. Goatskins, prime and perfect, 30c to 50c each; damaged, 10c to 25c; kids, 5c to 10c.

Sugar, rice, lumber, etc., remain unchanged from former quotations.

#### BRIEF BUSINESS NOTES.

Plans for an incline wharf at Nelson are under way.

J. H. Bryson is building a blacksmith shop in Westminster.

Machinery for the Nanaimo dye works is being placed in position.

After a good deal of hard work Nanaimo harbor is to be well lighted.

Water pipes have been laid between Nanaimo and Protection Island.

The Vancouver customs returns for January show a revenue of \$19,470.

The Westminster Daily Ledger has succumbed for lack of support.

Ex-Mayor Hilbert has completed two new stores on Wharf street, Nanaimo.

Elk Creek will have a saw mill in full running order by the first of April.

Fall wheat about Delta is looking well. The sawmill there has started up again.

S.S. Grandholm brought 1,500 tons flour from Portland for the Empress of Japan.

Mr. Wilmut, Superintendent of Fisheries, has left Ottawa for British Columbia.

North Vancouver has been included within the limits of the Vancouver district.

W. C. Archer has commenced a large brick block on Mount Pleasant, Vancouver.

A despatch from Blaine announces the extension of the Northern to Vancouver.

M. Bantly, Victoria, is building a two storey brick building to be used as a cigar factory.

Pontoons have been launched to raise the San Pedro which lies wrecked near Victoria.

The ss. Eggerman has been lengthened to 65 feet. New boilers and engines will be put in.

S.S. Umatilla last trip had 300 tons freight, principally wool for Boston. She took out 200 tons.

A. E. McPhillips, barrister and solicitor, late of Winnipeg, has opened an office in Victoria.

Two vessels are unloading at the British Columbia sugar refinery, which has started up again.

The Victoria brewers are considering the advisability of building another brewery there.

Westminster city council has passed a by-law removing 5 per cent. of the tax on improvements.

Some seams of coal, said to be of value, have been discovered on the mountain back of Enderby.

Twelve new boilers for the Moodyville saw mill have been built by the Albion Iron works, Victoria.

Evans, Coleman & Evans, have been appointed agents of British Columbia Terra Cotta Co., Victoria.

The Finlayson estate, Victoria, is said to be

valued at \$250,000 realty and \$280,000 personal property.

C. F. Welsh & Son have opened up as painters, paper-hangers and glaziers, in New Westminster.

McGregor & June have secured the contract of building the new Victoria brewery for \$7,000.

Victoria harbor is being dredged. When completed the harbor will have a uniform depth of 2½ fathoms.

The Round Prairie Logging Co. have cut and banked 250,000 of logs at Brewer's mill, at Armstrong.

Chas. F. Winter, Ottawa, has been appointed secretary of the British Columbia fisheries commission.

Deposits to the amount of \$250,000 were received at the Dominion Savings Bank, Victoria, during 1891.

The revenue of Nanaimo customs house for January was \$6,485. Value of goods imported, \$23,173.00.

J. C. Douglas, liquor merchant, Vancouver, has moved two doors west of his old stand, Cordova street.

The British Columbia tanning company, Nanaimo, has decided to increase the capital stock \$10,000.

South Westminster property owners have resolved to bore for coal. Surface indications are said to be good.

The imports at Westminster for January were \$31,757. Exports, \$5,335, and duties collected, \$7,538.51.

O. H. Gosselin, Victoria, has disposed of his business, that of manufacturing pianos, to Geo. W. Fuggle.

Banfield and Dittmuss, Vancouver, have entered into partnership as accountants, auditors and assignees.

A seven mile telephone service is to be established by the Hudson's Bay Co. between Fort Simpson and Georgetown.

McIntosh, Sloan & McGirr, general merchants of Johnson's landing, have assigned to Oppenheimer Bros., Vancouver.

R. H. Alexander and John Devine have been appointed to act with Wilson Cargill as license commissioners for Vancouver.

J. S. Smith, Chilliwack, is enlarging his factory for the manufacture of incubators, apiary supplies and grain and bone grinders.

J. C. O'Keefe, rancher, Okanagan, is going to fence 3,000 acres of pasture land between Vernon and the head of Okanagan lake.

Hamilton Byers, manager of the Galena Trading Co., has let the contract for a two-storey 39x80 foot building at Pilot Bay.

A. P. Horne, for some time in the C. P. R. office, Vancouver, has been appointed secretary of the Okanagan Land and Development.

The firm of J. T. Read & Co., hardware, New Westminster, has assigned. Insufficient capital and the recent fire were the causes.

A project of raising the old steamer Beaver, the first to sail the Pacific ocean, and taking her to the World's fair, has been set on foot.

C. B. Perry, Vancouver, has been appointed city agent and inspector for the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York.

Over a million feet of logs have been cut by the logging camp recently established on the Sillovet River, by the Brunette Saw Mill Company.

Bell-Irving & Paterson, Vancouver, were awarded the contract for the pipes for the extension of the water-works, estimated at \$100,000.

Rosenbaum & Co., Hamburg and London, wholesale dealers in drugs, chemicals, etc., have decided to open a branch of their business in Vancouver.

The preliminary survey of the Burrard Inlet and Pitt river canal has been undertaken.

Qsyters in Burrard Inlet may be a possibility of its completion.

An oil factory stated not long ago at Nanaimo, has been objected to as a nuisance. Inspector of Fisheries McNabb, who was called in, refused to interfere.

The executive committee of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' association has held a meeting to make arrangements for the annual exhibition in August.

A telegram from Montreal announces that the big sticks of timber referred to in THE COMMERCIAL, arrived there in less than ten days from Vancouver.

The Barclay Sound Land & Improvement Company has been incorporated. The capital stock being \$100,000, \$70,000 of which has already been paid up.

The promoters of the Pilot Bay town site, Kootenay, intended calling it Galena, but a post office of that name already exists and a change will be made.

A meeting was held Saturday evening in the Town Hall, Chilliwack, to consider the reclamation of low lands in Chilliwack, in connection with the dyking of Sumas plains.

The Consumers' Water Works Company, Nelson, is applying to the Legislature for the right of taking water from the creeks around. A counter petition has been sent in.

A factory is about to be established in Victoria for the manufacture of Vault lights and patent stone by James S. Perce, who has also a patent for an underground viaduct.

The preliminary survey of the Nicola Valley railway from Spence's Bridge to Nicola lake, 40 miles, has been completed. It passes through good farming land and mineral property.

The sealing schooner Beatrice put back to Vancouver last week for repairs. She went south but met with heavy weather, being capsized and losing all her boats. She caught 22 seals.

The Eliza Edwards' halibut catch was all sold, at good prices, in Boston. The agent reports a ready market. A joint stock company is organizing, half of the stock to be taken up in Boston.

The British barque, City of Carisle, cleared from Victoria for Liverpool with \$105,255 worth of salmon and a miscellaneous cargo worth \$119,205. One hundred tons Manitoba wheat is included.

The Westminster Building Society has held its annual meeting. The report shows 466 shares of \$500 each taken up and \$13,300 loaned out during the year. A dividend of \$3 per share was declared.

Some anxiety was felt for the steamer Iona which was out on a fishing expedition north. The weather was very stormy and only one good day's fishing was obtained. A small miscellaneous catch was made.

The Canadian Co-operative Supply Company have opened a branch business in Vancouver, with offices in the Dougall Block, David F. Nolan in charge. Agents have been appointed for Victoria, Westminster and Nanaimo.

At a meeting of the Columbia and Kootenay Steam Navigation Co., Revelstoke, it was decided to run four steamers during the coming season, three between Revelstoke and Little Dalles—the Columbia, Lytton and Kootenay—and one on Kootenay Lake.

Notice is given of application for incorporation by the World Printing and Publishing Company, Limited, of Vancouver, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The trustees are to be J. C. McLagan, John Mitchell O'Brien and Robert Alexander Anderson.

The owners of the Neesho mineral claim in Ainsworth division have stocked it at Seattle, the company being known as the "Neesho Mining Company (Foreign)," with a capital of \$50,000. The company's main place of business will be at Ainsworth.