

during last week. Several tenders have been let for the erection of various buildings. The route for the New Westminster & Vancouver Street Railway has been definitely fixed. The monetary position remains about the same.

WHOLESALE—Although the prices of flour and produce have recently advanced in the eastern markets, the prices in Vancouver still remain about the same. All stocks of creamery still remain limited, and although another cargo of creamery and butter arrived during the week, the creamery was almost immediately bought up. There is now very little of first-class quality to be obtained anywhere, and the supply in the east is exceedingly limited. Another car is expected to arrive here shortly, and is sure to be bought up as quickly as the others. Creamery is quoted 28 and 29 cents, and is in great demand at that price. Good dairy butter is firm at 21 and 25 cents per lb. Second quality dairy butter is quoted from 15 to 20 cents. Cooking butter can be obtained at from 10 to 16 cents.

A shipment of meat is expected to arrive shortly. The prices have not changed during the week.

The sugar from the B. C. Sugar Refinery is quoted as follows: Granulated 7½ cents per lb., yellow, 6½ cents. It is now excellent in quality, and sells more readily than eastern sugar.

Owing to the advance of flour in the east, merchants are laying in big stocks in anticipation of a rise. The following are the quotations for the principal brands in the market: Manitoba Patents, \$6; Manitoba Bakers' \$5.55; Oregon flour, \$5@5.25. The prices of feed show an upward tendency, although only a slight advance has as yet been made. Chop feed has advanced, and now there is no cheap chop to be obtained. Spanish onions are out of the market, and natives are scarce. The advanced price in potatoes is still maintained.

All merchants report that their stocks of eggs have been greatly diminished, and the prices are getting stiffer. Fresh ranch eggs are very scarce.

The market is now well supplied with oranges and there is a good demand for this fruit. The price of apples has advanced.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

WHOLESALE—The wholesale market for local produce has a decided tendency to rise. The Columbian reports that the demand is greater than the supply, potatoes finding a ready sale at \$25 per ton. Eggs and butter can be disposed of at figures a trifle in advance of the previous week. All kinds of fodder will undoubtedly be in great demand.

The Ledger reports business on the rail as becoming more brisk. There arrived per C. P. R. on Sunday afternoon two carloads of machinery from Cobourg, Ont., for the Royal City Planing Mills; two carloads of ice from the Mission for city merchants; one carload machinery for the Westminster-Vancouver-Tramway Company; one carload of bricks from Port Haney; one carload agricultural implements from Norwich, Ont., and one carload of general freight from Montreal.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

Following are the foreign coal shipments for the month ending February 28th, 1891:

NEW V. C. CO., SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
3—Bk.	Guardian, Frisco.....	1,015
6—S. S.	City of Puebla, Frisco.....	1,245
6—	San Jose, Acapulco.....	1,531
6—	Tacoma, Pt. Townsend.....	293
7—	A. Blanchard, Astoria.....	32
7—	Bertha, Kodiak, Ala.....	638
9—	Falcon, Whatcom.....	150
9—	Collis, Pt. Townsend.....	35
10—Sh.	Glory of Seas, W., Cal.....	3,377
11—S. S.	Walla Walla, Frisco.....	1,036
11—	Collis, Pt. Townsend.....	343
13—Bk.	Bonanza, Frisco.....	1,908
13—S. S.	Mustick, Pt. Townsend.....	61
14—	A. Blanchard, Astoria.....	511
14—	Montserrat, Frisco.....	1,468
17—	Falcon, Whatcom.....	150
17—	Honslow, Honolulu.....	2,735
18—	Jeanie, Frisco.....	1,320
19—Bk.	Seminole, Frisco.....	2,180
21—Shp.	J. B. Brown, Frisco.....	2,376
21—S. S.	City of Puebla.....	1,298
21—	Lucy Lowe, Fairhaven.....	127
21—S. S.	Tacoma, Pt. Townsend.....	44
21—	Mustick, Pt. Townsend.....	273
23—	Britannia, Whatcom.....	202
23—	Walla Walla, Frisco.....	1,919
23—	Lucy Lowe, Fairhaven.....	150
28—Shp.	Kennebec, Frisco.....	3,230
28—	J. Thompson, Frisco.....	2,372

Total.....31,050

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
4—	City of Topeka, Sitka.....	400
4—	Holyoke, Port Angeles.....	40
4—	Lakme, San Francisco.....	935
4—	Costa Rica, San Francisco.....	2,416
7—	Wilmington, ".....	1,150
9—	Alki, ".....	1,300
10—	Pioneer, Port Townsend.....	40
11—	Wellington, San Francisco.....	2,550
10—	Holyoke, Port Angeles.....	70
19—	Lakme, San Francisco.....	920
19—	Mongkut, Vancouver.....	930
19—	Costa Rica, San Francisco.....	2,400
20—	Lucy Lowe, Port Angeles.....	25
22—	Eureka, Sitka.....	225
27—	Wellington, San Francisco.....	2,550
28—	Pioneer, Port Angeles.....	40

Total.....16,051

UNION SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
20—	San Mateo, San Francisco.....	4,400

EAST WELLINGTON SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
7—	Bundaleer, San Francisco.....	1,440
18—	Empire, San Francisco.....	930

Total.....2,370

OTHER MARKETS.

SEATTLE, March 11.—The financial situation is practically unchanged. Of the five national bank statements already published, two show a decrease in deposits since December 10th, when the previous report was made. It is confidently expected, however, that the total deposits of banks will be found in excess of the last statement when the remaining reports are published, which will doubtless be within a day or two. Money is fairly abundant, though not materially easier than a fortnight ago. Considerable sums are coming in from the East for investment in good securities. Collections are reported good. The wholesale trade is opening up well, and merchants feel assured of a large business during the next few months. Outside merchants are buying extensively and local trade is much improved.

New York, March 11.—Money closed easy at 3 per cent. Wheat, \$1.12½; for

March, 93c.; for July, 97½c.; for December, 93½c. Sugar—Cuba centrifugal, 5½c.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Wheat, \$1.01½ for May, and 93½c. for July.

LONDON, March 11.—Bar silver, per oz., 92½ fine, 45½d.; consols, 97 11-16d. Bullion out Bank of England, £83,000. Bank of England discount rate, 3 per cent.

For some time past a scheme to consolidate all the breweries of British Columbia under one management, to be controlled by one body of capital, has been under way, and the proprietors of the principal breweries have been approached with offers to purchase. Yesterday afternoon, it was reported on good authority, that the last of the breweries had fallen into line and agreed to sell to a syndicate of English capitalists. The E. & N. Brewery, owned by Mr. T. Fairall, was the one, and the securing of an option on it completed the deal spoken of. The bonds are now put up, and the full purchase money has to be paid and possession taken of the property by the first of August next. The scheme has been engineered to a successful completion by Mr. John Maher, of Nanaimo, assisted by Mr. John Paulson, of the same place. The amount of capital involved in the scheme will be close upon a million dollars, and after next August first, beer will be a syndicate affair in this part of the world. The syndicate is the same one which secured such a great amount of brewing property in the States last year.—Times, March 13th.

MINING NOTES.

A memorandum of sulphurets left for treatment at the Barkerville reduction works, during December, shows the Black Jack company's concentrated ores to have yielded 90 per cent. Those of the William's Creek Canyon Company 87.5, being ore blasted from ledge croppings, and those of the Island Mountain Company concentrates, 86.04. The fine gold from the Black Jack amounted to \$180.34.

Six assays recently made of ore taken from the face of the Silver King averaged \$1,400 to the ton.

An eighth interest in the Evening mine was recently sold to a Spokane Falls man. Consideration, \$2,000.

A rich quartz mine is said to have been struck near Port Moody, assaying \$9.00 in gold, \$4.00 in silver and \$6.00 in copper. With its proximity to communicate by rail and steamer, this will prove a valuable find.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

F. A. Bochlosky has again opened the International Restaurant, Vancouver.

W. Elson, merchant tailor, Port Moody, advertises selling out and removing.

A. T. D. McElwen, barrister, died March 7th at Nanaimo.

G. S. Mabce, painter and decorator, has opened a shop in New Westminster.

Wm. Croft and McClure Power, who were partners in the Brown Jug Saloon, Victoria, have dissolved, the latter assuming liabilities.