

Australian Mutton in B. C.

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sulted with Messrs. de Wolf & Co. as to the prices at which the mutton was to be sold. Under the circumstances, we feel sure that the consignment has had full justice done it, taking into consideration the stock of the market and the supplies on hand. The mutton was fully advertised and it was open to every butcher to buy what he wanted. As regards the prices being too low, we beg to inform the public that we have still quite a number of carcasses left and will be glad if they will come along and purchase at the old price and that "A Lover of Good Mutton," had better buy in his winter supply, while the low prices rule. Though we do not consider it should concern the Canadian-Australian Trading Company at what price we got the mutton, yet if they will call on us, we can show them that we have realized more for the shipment than it was offered to them at, and much more than 5 cents the price they had the kindness to offer for it, although they claim to be trying to encourage trade between the Colonies.

Read together the above gives a very fair idea of the situation in British Columbia in regard to Australian mutton.

Brief Business Notes.

C. Eissner, Vienna Cafe, Victoria, is reported away.

Grey W. Walker, tailor, intends opening at Wellington.

Wm. Langton, variety, Nanaimo, has opened a branch at Union.

J. W. Soxsmith & Co. are erecting a butter and cheese factory at Stoveston.

R. T. Lowery, publisher *Nanaimo Ledger*, is selling out to C. E. Smitheringale, Nelson.

Shulton & Walters have leased the hotel business of D. Nicholson, Okanagan Mission.

J. B. Wilson, general dealer, Kaslo, is offering to compromise at 25 cents on the dollar.

John Meytyer and Marcel Liberty, Sherman House, Vancouver, have dissolved. John Meytyer and Joseph Noel continue.

The Northern Belle Mining Company (foreign) has been registered with Kaslo as the place of business, and \$250,000 in \$10 shares as the capital.

The amended notice defining the mining divisions of the province is officially published, this being a substitute for the notice of the 24th November.

Notice is given of the application to the Legislature for authority to build and operate a tramway line from the Silver King mine to Nelson, and also to erect smelting works.

The Nelson Hydraulic Mining Company, limited liability, has been established to take over the mining lease and rights of J. Fred Hume, Joseph F. Ritchie and George W. Richardson. The stock will be \$100,000 in \$5 shares.

Provincial appointments just gazetted are of Chas. A. Lambly, to be gold commissioner for Yale district, vice M. Lumby, deceased; Jas. D. Byrne, to be official administrator for Vancouver district; Wm. V. Bowron, to be assayer at Barkerville; and S. Y. Wootton, of Victoria, to be registrar of joint stock companies for the province.

The Clayoquot Fishing and trading Company, limited liability, publish their memorandum of association, Alfred Magnusen, Cecil Fletcher and Robert A. Cunningham, all of Victoria, as the trustees. The stated object is to engage in the business of fishing, sealing and trading generally; the capital stock to be \$15,000, in \$100 shares.

The Shuswap Milling Company, limited liability, publish a memorandum of association, with James McIntosh, John Andrew Mara and James Vair, all of Kamloops, as trustees. The intention expressed is that the new corporation shall take over the business of the shuswap Milling Company, the Kamloops Waterworks

Company and the Greely Creek Shingle Mill Company. The capital stock is stated at \$100,000 in \$250 shares.

Cavin Bros., boots and shoes, Victoria, have assigned.

J. Nicholson, hotel, New Westminster, sold out to S. Huff.

McInnis & Robson have opened a saloon at New Westminster.

Grant & Thomas, tailors, Victoria, new co-partnership formed.

James Hastie contemplates opening in flour and feed at Victoria.

Ward & King, hotel, Kaslo, dissolved, J. F. Ward continues.

J. M. Blackie, saloon, New Westminster, sold out to D. McPhaden.

J. R. Dalton & Co. have opened in produce and commission at Vancouver.

A. H. Yates & Co., produce and commission, Vancouver, dissolved partnership.

Ensley & Peck, Pacific Soap Works, Vancouver, succeeded by W. A. Ensley.

J. B. Wilson, general store, Kaslo, offering to compromise at 75 cents on the dollar.

The barque *Templar*, 910 tons has finished loading her cargo of lumber at the Hastings mill for Callao. She has on board 567,001 feet of rough lumber, valued at \$4,911.36.

The steamer *Burt*, Victoria, was sold to Mooney Bros., of Vancouver. The price paid was \$2,600. The steamer will go to Vancouver and will be placed on the route to the northern islands.

Kaslo will shortly have an effective water works system, provided either by joint stock enterprise or municipal effort, aided by loan. A company is in course of organization, which is expected to relieve the municipality of responsibility in this matter.

Daniel R. Yonug, builder; Albert F. Griffiths, bookkeeper, and Wm. R. Robertson, accountant, all of Vancouver, give notice of association as the Boston Bar Gold Mining Company, limited liability, with a stated capital of \$50,000 in \$10 shares. Their principal object is to carry on mining operations at Boston Bar, on the Fraser river.

Captain J. G. Cox, president of the British Columbia Sealers' Association, returned yesterday from an extended visit to England and eastern Canada. Capt. Cox reports that owing to the present condition of the market, he was unable to sell his skins. The prices offered are 15 per cent less than last year, and the outlook for next season is in his opinion very gloomy. Capt. Cox interviewed both Canadian and British ministers and authorities and found that very little seemed to be known about future regulations concerning the sealing industry. Capt. Cox went on to Victoria yesterday.

Victoria people hope for early developments in connection with the British Pacific Railway scheme. Frank Bateman's contract to organize a construction company with \$500,000 stock taken and \$100,000 cash subscribed, terminates on the 30th inst, but it is said that in the event of his failure to meet the terms proposed, other projectors may come forward. All, however, at present is vague conjecture.

The volume of shipping in port last week was as follows:—

Port	No.	Tonnage
Vancouver	9	12,933
New Westminster	1	1,307
Nanaimo	5	6,275
Total	15	20,515
Total previous week	14	18,402

The Travellers' Dinner.

The eleventh annual dinner of the Commercial Travellers Association was held at the Manitoba Hotel, Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening last, and in many respects it was the most successful dinner ever held by the association. The attendance was large, about 200 persons being

present, comfortably filling the large and elegant dining parlors of the Manitoba. Representatives of various interests were present, including Dominion, provincial and civic authorities, the army, representatives of the railways, board of trade, grain exchange, the clergy, the press, etc. Letters were read from Governors Shultz and Macintosh expressing regrets at their inability to be present. The toast list was quite lengthy enough, and Messrs. Davin, M.P., Jos. Martin, M.P., and J. D. Cameron, M.P., replied to the first toast—"the Dominion and Provincial Governments." A. H. Yancoy, of St. Paul, responded to "Friendly Foreign Nations." Lieut. Col. Holmes and H. M. Howell, Q.C., replied to "the Army and Navy." "The Commercial Interests" were responded to by Mr. Stobart for the board of trade, and Mr. Atkinson for the grain Exchange. "The Clergy" drew short addresses from Rev. Messrs. O'Meara and Turk. "The City Council" was replied to by Mayor Taylor and Alderman Gilroy; "Railway Interests" were replied to by General Superintendent Baker and F. W. Peters; "Sister Associations" by W. H. Leishman, of the Dominion association; "The Ladies" by J. St. L. McGinn, etc. J. M. O'Loughlin replied to "The Commercial Travellers," proposed on behalf of the guests, who stated that the membership had increased from seven at the time of organizing, to 335 members at present, and the treasury which at the outset had \$3.60, now held \$10,000 in securities and cash.

President Rublee creditably occupied the chair, assisted by vice president H. Bruce Gordon. There was abundance of music, vocal and instrumental, recitations, etc., during the evening. Space prevents THE COMMERCIAL from giving a more complete report, but we unhesitatingly pronounce the dinner a great success.

The British Grain Trade.

L. Norman & Co. write on December 4 as follows:—

A limited trade has passed in wheat since our last report of the 27th ult., but at the same time there has been an undercurrent of steadiness. This steady tone is due to the firmness of the American markets and principally to the decrease in the United Kingdom stocks during the past month. French buyers have shown more activity during the week turning their attention to the coast cargoes of New Zealand and Californian wheats, several of which have been taken for French ports. English buyers still confine their attention to Russian sorts, for which little or no premium is asked for spring shipments over the spot values now ruling here. American wheats find but few buyers owing to the prohibitive prices asked by shippers who can sell their wheat locally to better advantage than by exporting to our markets. This applies to Canadian grain which meets no sale here except for Manitobas in small quantities at low rates.

Hard Manitobas—For parcel on passage 26s 10d, c. i. f. London has been taken. For shipment business remains neglected. There are sellers from 27s 3d to 27s 9d for January or January-February shipment, but buyers are not disposed to pay the advance.

Hard Duluth—For parcel of No. 1 on passage 27s c. i. f. London has been accepted.

Barley—English malting continues slow to sell except for superior qualities. Grinding for near positions firm, but distant easy.

Oats—Slow and neglected. Mixed Americans and Canadians not offering.

Hay—With large arrivals an open weather, demand has fallen off. For Canadian December and January shipments there are sellers from £5 5s to £5 7s 6d, but no buyers. To Bristol, sellers, £5 2s 6d to £5 3s 9d, but no sales reported.

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