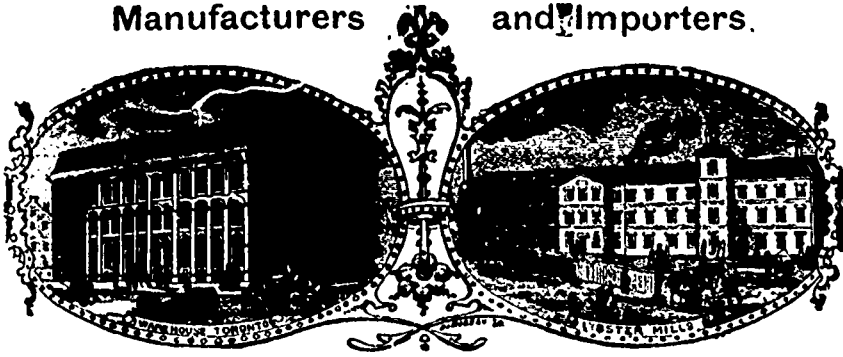


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PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

Sleighing was good at New Westminster on Christmas.

The Elk Creek grist mill turned out its first grist last week. The flour is pronounced first-class.

Mr. Ernest Beaufort, Vancouver, left last Tuesday for England in connection with several business enterprises.

The sealing schooner Beatrice is alongside the C. P. R. wharf at Vancouver taking on supplies. It is expected she will be ready to start for Behring Sea on Monday.

It is stated, on the authority of a high official of the Canadian Pacific Railway that the new railway from Revelstoke to down river districts will be commenced immediately after the holidays.

The people of Sooke are excited over the prospects of greatly increased trade, to be brought about by the building of a substantial wharf which the Provincial Government has at last decided to give them.

Owing to the unprecedented lowness of the Columbia River, the steamer Lytton has had to stop running between Robson and Little Dalles. It is only a month ago she left Revelstoke to run between these down river ports.

The contract for carrying the daily mail between Steveston and Vancouver, including the mail for Lulu, Sea Island, and North Arm post offices, has been awarded to Mr. Walter Steves, the service to begin January 1st, 1892.

In the case of John Latta & Sons, of Port Kells, plaintiffs, vs. Abraham L. Huck, defendant, judgment has been rendered in favor of the plaintiffs for \$183 and costs. The dispute was over an account for goods supplied.

The *Columbian* says that the Canadian Pacific Railway has been experiencing much trouble lately from mud slides between Port Hammond and Port Haney, and a large gang of men are constantly employed keeping the line clear at this point. Scarcely a day passes but a slide of greater or smaller dimensions occurs, and the trains are frequently delayed an hour or two. The unusually heavy rains this fall are the cause of the trouble.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Barrett & Clime, plumbers, have bought out A. E. Wilson, Yates Street, Victoria. Mr. Barrett has of late been foreman for McLennan & McFeely.

A. Bullock has sold out his interest in the Crescent Dry Goods Store, Nanaimo, to G. S. Stannard.

The British ship Ben Nevis, 1,061 tons, Capt. Pike, is now on the berth at Glasgow loading for British Columbia ports. C. Gardiner Johnson, Vancouver, is her agent.

Mr. W. B. Young, who was manager of the Vancouver office of the C. P. Railroad Telegraph Company, returned last Wednesday from a trip around the world. He left Vancouver in May, 1890, by steamer for Japan.

BEHRING SEA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Evening Telegram publishes the following under a Washington date:—"It is believed that the court of arbitrators in the Behring Sea case will be announced soon. Our Government will select France, and it is believed that England will select Italy. These powers will select a third. As the sealing season will not open till June there is no great hurry. A prominent member of the foreign affairs committee of the Senate who has been consulted in every stage of the Behring Sea case, said, this morning that it is not to be expected that the decision made by the commission would be mutually satisfactory to both the United States and England. It is only a question of time, said the senator, until we shall be compelled to go to war with England to settle the question of our Northern boundary. We are not ready for war now with a great power, but we will be obliged to have one sooner or later, and we have no time to lose in establishing a good navy and a system of coast defences. Of course we could whip England on land. Congress, I believe, will appreciate our position towards England and will see the necessity of making liberal appropriations for the immediate improvement of our navy.

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