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BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

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The feature of the week in industrial circles is the arrival of the sockeye salmon in the Frazer. At this writing the 3,500 boats on the Frazer are averaging between 200 and 300 to the boat. It is said that the enormous run beats all records. The high flures that the fishermen are getting for the fish, 12 cents for quarter of the pack and 10 cents for the remainder would be a serious lookout for the canners if it were not for the fact that they are able to buy direct from the American traps at less than 10 cents and seew them across the line free of duty. It is a foregone conclusion American traps at less than 10 cents and scow them across the line free of duty. It is a foregone conclusion that the pack will be a big one on the Fraser, probably between three quarters of a million and a million cases, and something like \$3,000,000 in expenses will be distributed as a result among the merchants of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster. The knowledge of this has made wholesalers very hopeful, and their forecasts of the future are much roster than on the previous week. flusiness has also improved very much over the previous week. Wholesalers state that the volume of business is satisfactory but unhealthy competition has made it very difficult to secure legitimate profits. In the produce business there are firms who pay no attention to advances in price in the great centres but continue to sell

cure legitimate profits. In the produce business there are firms who pay no attention to advances in price in the great centres but continue to sell their goods at figures that they could not be laid down for. All other lines also complain of more or less unreasonable competition.

The government assay office has been kept busy since it started, but all those miners who have brought gold here have been British subjects. Wothout exception the United States people have taken their gold to Seattle, and the miners referred to say, will continue to do so in spite of the one per cent royalty. They further state that they could not understand why the government had not established their assay office at Dawson. Miners dislike lugging out gold and would pay large exchange sooner than do so. Canada would be sure to get the gold in that case, with what ever advantages it brought with it.

There are some unimportant changes in the market this week, but there are likely to be many changes next week, particularly in fruit, as owing to the senious strike in California it may be impossible to get fruit to this market. In this connection fruit is not coming in as good condition from California as formerly. This week about 200 boxes of pears were condemned and destroyed, owing to their being affected with codlin moth

The customs returns for the discal year show a large increase over 1000 and the increase in the daland revenue (\$ \$300,000 more than the previous year. The bank clearings for July also smashed all records for Vancouver.

#### PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commerical.) Vancouver, August 10

Vancouver, August to GRAIN—Wheat, \$30 per ton; oats, \$35 per ton; corn, \$30 per ton.
FLOUR— Delivered B. C. points— Manitoba patent, per barel, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Enderton, B. C., patents, \$4.70.
FEED— National Mills chops, \$25 per

ton; bran, \$23; shor 9, \$25; oil cake menl, \$35 ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on haported stuff.

HAY—Shuswap, double pressed, \$22 per ton; Fraser River valley, \$18 per ton; ordinary bales, \$12.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90th sack, \$3.00, two 45th sacks, \$3.10, four 225th sacks, \$3.0c, ten 7th sacks, \$5.50, oatmend in 10th sacks, per 100th, \$6.50; in 50th sacks, \$3.25 per 100th.

100lb.
HIDES AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers 7½c per fb, medica, 0½c, light cows, 5½c; sheep pelts, Novanber kliled, 30c cach, deer skins, great, se fb, deer skins, dry. 20c fb; wool, 6210c fb LiVis 870c k—Steers, \$4.504\$5 per 100 fb; sheep, \$5 per 100 fb; lambs, \$4.224\$1.50, hogs, 7c.

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LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.504(\$5 per 100) by sheep, \$5 per 100|by lambs, \$4.254(\$4.50), hogs, 7c.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$3.004(\$4.50); fowls \$5.504(\$9.00)

DRESSED MEATS—Heef, \$1/6, mutton, 104|10/9c; park, 104|0/9c; veat, 102/10/9c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 102/10/9c, break fast bacon, 103/20/1c, backs, 10c, fong clear labge, rolls, 15c, smoked sides, 133/20/14c.

LARD—Tins, 13/4/13/9c per 10, pads, 12/9c, tubs, 12/9c, 13/4/13/9c per 10, pads, 12/9c, tubs, 12/9c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 25c, Manitobacteamery, 20/12/9c; dairy, local, 19c, Manitobacteamer, 20/16/1c.

CHEESI—Annitobacteamery, 25c, Manitobacteamer, 30c, subting, 1/2c per sound, FISH—Flounders, 5c, smeits, 5c, season, 3c; onlong, silver skins 2c per pound, FISH—Flounders, 5c, smeits, 5c, season, 3c; onlong, silver skins 2c; per pound, FISH—Flounders, 5c, smeits, 5c, season, 5c, samouted, 19c, smoked halbut, 19c; smoked herring, 9c; shrinps, 20c, GRIEEN FRUITS—St.Michael and Valenda oranges, \$1.50/38c, apricals \$2.50 per dozen, mutmer melons, \$5.50 days, apricals \$1.50 pers, \$2.25 apples, \$1.50/38c, apricals \$2.50 pers, \$2.25 loo, watermelons, \$2.50 per dozen, mutmer melons, \$5.50 doz.

NUTS—Almonds, 15/4/10c, fiberts, 122/sc; local, \$2.50 per pound, \$1.50; extra (C. 4%c, Villows, 4%c/14c, per pound, \$1.50; case of 20; 2c; 5 gal, tuns, \$1.75; cach; 1 gal, tins, \$1.50 case of 10; ½ gal, tins, \$1.50 case, \$1.50; case of 20; 2c; 5 gal, tuns, \$1.75; nails, base price, cut, \$3.35, wire, \$3.50; rope, Manita, 1/c, birdis, \$1.50; barns, \$1.25.

HARDWARE—Bar Frou, base, 3.00.

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M. M. McInnis, of McInnis & Co., butchers, has sold his interest in the branch business at Fernle to P. Burns.

The Coppet Farm Gold Mining & Development Company, Limited, the Moyle Miners union, No. 71 of the Western Federation of Miners, and the Victoria Stock & Realty Agency, Limited, have been incorporated.

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The British Columbia Electric Street Rallway company of Victoria have decided to expend between \$175,000 and \$200,000 on their system in that city. The money will be spent in the erection of a new car shed and repair shop, and in retracking and improving the road bed. road bed.

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B. G. Stoddart, of Portland, Ore, who has been engaged by the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association to instruct the fruit growers of this province the att of packing green and dried fruit, and also how to cool, fee and pack carboats for shipment, will commence his work about the middle of this month.

Last month was a small one in the exporting business, and the immigration of Chinese into the province was also considerably below the average.

but 44 have come into the country during July. The customs returns for Victoria show the total exports to be \$33,-047, of which \$23,594 represented domestic goods, and \$9,453 foreign. The imports for the month were as follows. Free, \$66,933, datable, 267,225. The duty collected was \$69,280,46, and other revenues amounted to \$5,269,18, making a total of \$74,549,64.

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The Earsman-Wilson Co., Limited, has been incorporated at Victoria with a capital of \$50,000, to carry on the business of importers and exporters, pack is, preservers and curers of meat, itsh and all kinds of provisions, etc., and to acquire the business of Earsman, Hardie & Co.

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Scaling During July the scaling fleet, consisting of 25 schooners, then cl from Victoria for Behring Sea, in order to be there when the season pens on the 1st of August. The crew of each schooner consists of whites and Indians. The 25 vessels employ 175 white men and 645 Indians. Twelve other achooners from Vectoria, crusting off the Japan coast and Copper Islands, will join the fleet. In Behring Sea.

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The returns for Vancouver clearing house for the month just ended were \$1,610.520. This is the largest for any single month, with one exception, since the clearing house was opened in Vancouver. The returns for the corresponding month of last year were \$4,256,189. The customs returns for the month just ended were. Duty collected, \$15,562,67, other revenue, \$12.851. SS; total, \$102,417.55. Imports dutable, \$183,208, imports free, \$11,566, total, \$224,271. Exports, \$203,755.

The Vancouver correspondent of the Labor Gazette says. Conditions are comparatively quiet in trade circles. Carpentering is fair. There has been a considerable indux of carpenters from White Horse, the river boats having been completed. Men receiving \$100 a month last year on the river boats running from White Horse have had their wages reduced to \$60 a month. Bricklayers report trade quiet and less than half a dozen stone cuters are at work. Laborers find employment at \$2, a day. Fishermen want 12½ cents a fish for the season but the camers have not consented up to the present. A mass meeting of ishermen was held recently when a resolution was passed protesting against provincial control of the fisher-ries. The Electric Tram, company is resolution was passed protesting against provincial control of the fisher-ies. The Electric Tram, company is rushing work on the Fairview line and rusning work on the Fairview line and expects to have it completed in a few days. Two hundred men are at work overhausing and putting the track in good repair. They receive \$2 a day. The work is done by day labor as is also the construction of the track and bridge over False Creek at Granville street.

# Boundary District Notes.

A. J. McMillan, managing director of the company owning the Snowshoe mine, Greenwood camp, will arrive from England next week, on his return to British Columbia, and thereafter a more extensive policy of development will be carried out at the Snowshoe mine.

Snowshee mine.

During the month of July the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood treated 11.913 tons of ore, being an average of 385½ tons a day. Since it started smelting on February 16, 59.836 tons of ore have been tun through its single furnace. Its daily average for five months having been 371 1-5 tons.

The Golden Crown Mines, Ltd., recently incorporated to acquire and operate the Golden Crown mine, near Greenwood, has tevied its first assessment. The amount is, one cent per share. An effort will be made to resume work at the mine before the close of this month.

of this month.

The B. C. mine, in Summit camp, which has heretofore sent its ore to the Trail smelter, has commenced to ship a minimum quantity of 100 tons daily a minimum quantity of 100 tons daily to the Greenwood smelter. It is expected that the Jewel mine, at Long Lake, will shortly send to the latter smelter from 30 to 40 tons of gold quartz ore daily.

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The tonnage of ore shipped by the mines of the Boundary district during July, so far as ascertained, is as under. Old Ironsides and Knob. Him. group, 15,181 tons. Mother Lode, 9,344. B. C., 5,135. R. Bell, 260, No. 7, 160. Total, 33,080. Shipments during 1900 totalled 97,781 tons and during the current year to July 31, 209,769 tons, making an aggregate of 307,550 tons.

## British Columbia Mining.

The following are the ore shipments from Sandon for the month of July Slocan Star, 511 tons, American Boy, 143, Noble Five, 25, Payne, 25, Last chance, 20, Trade Dollar, 20, Total, 572.

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1.515 tons of ore.

It is announced that the Granby smelter will buy ores from outside mines for treating at Grand Forks. This is being done in order to secure an ore reserve against a possible omergency that might interfere with the delivery of one from their properties at Phoenix. Extensive ore bins are being built for the storing of this ore.

A rich discovery is reported on the A rich discovery is reported on the Cariboo claim situated on the summit of Copper mountain in the Myers creek district. A shaft was being sunk and when at a depth of fifteen feet the ledge was encountered showing ore equal to any yet found in this country.

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At the annual meeting of the Rambier-Cariboo Company held at Kaslo, a dividend of one per cent per shar was declared. The dividend is pays le on September 4, and will be the first of a series of bi-monthly dividends which are to be distributed until further notice. Smeiter returns from 50 carloads of this ore gave 123 oz. of silver and 45 per cent. lead. A 75-ton concentrator and a new hoist are being erected and other additions and improvements being made.

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Quartz mining is very active, writes a Nanalino correspondent. In the Mount Sicker district work is steady, with prospects of improving. On Texada Island there have been some good stidkes made and companies formed to develop them, and there is quite a lot of work going on. On the West Coast Ecach Diggings work is being rushed with very good results. At Alberni and sur junding districts several companies are working their properties and the whole district is coming into general notice. At present there is no general demand for men as a sufficient number are going in all the time to fill the demand. The coal mining industry shows no change. The mines are all working full time. shows no change, working full time,



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