

THE SEALING FLEET—VESSELS IN PORT.

VICTORIA.

ARRIVED.	NAME.	TONNAGE.	AGENT OR OWNERS.
July 11	Maggie Mac	71	R. P. Ritchie & Co. (Limited).
July 27	Almoko.	75	Capt. Grant
July 27	E. B. Marvin.	114	E. B. Marvin & Co.
July 27	Walter L. Rich.	79	C. N. Cameron.
July 28	Annie E. Palut	82	Robert Irving.
July 29	Mary Ellen.	63	Capt. Victor Jacobson.
August 1	Thistle, (steamer).	147	M. Manson.
August 1	Sea Lion.	50	Geo. Collins.
August 3	Minnie.	46	Capt. Victor Jacobson.
August 5	Winnifred.	98	E. B. Marvin & Co.
August 11	Winnifred.	13	C. Spring.
August 11	Aurora.	46	Thos. Harold.
August 13	C. H. Tupper.	99	Capt. C. J. Kelly.
August 14	Henrietta.	31	C. Spring.
August 21	May Boli.	58	Capt. Douglas.
August 22	W. P. Sayward.	69	Morris Moss.
August 24	Laura.	19	J. B. Jones.
August 28	Labrador.	30	Stevenson.
August 29	Mary Taylor.	43	Carno & Munsie.
August 29	Mountain Chief.	16	Nawassen.
August 29	Hosio Olsen.	39	Andrew Gray.
August 30	Carlotta G. Cox.	76	E. B. Marvin & Co.
August 30	Annie C. Moore.	113	C. Hackett.
August 30	Geneva.	92	Hall, Goepel & Co.
August 31	Borealis.	37	Thos. Hendry.
September 2	Walter A. Earle.	68	Thos. Earle.
September 2	Sapphire.	124	E. B. Marvin & Co.
September 2	Carmolite.	99	J. W. Peppett.
September 7	Ariel.	91	J. C. Provost.
September 9	Umbria.	98	J. W. Peppett.
September 14	City of San Diego.	46	Carno & Munsie.
September 15	Viva.	93	Carno & Munsie.
September 17	Pioneer.	66	Carno & Munsie.
September 17	Vanderer.	25	Harry Paxton.
September 17	Venture.	48	Morris Moss.
September 18	Favorito.	80	Chas. Spring.
September 22	Oscar and Hattie.	81	J. L. Penny.
September 23	Ocean Bello.	83	Hall, Goepel & Co.
September 24	Katherine.	81	J. L. Penny.
September 26	Maud S.	97	Brown Bros.
September 27	Beatrice.	66	Capt. Wm. Grant.
September 27	Terisa.	63	P. A. Habbington.
September 27	Otto.	87	Walter Bornes.
September 28	Kato.	58	C. Spring.
October 3	Penelope.	69	Morris Moss.
November 16	Mascot.	40	Hall Goepel & Co.

VANCOUVER.

Eliza Edwards	37	Pacific Trading and Navigation Co.
Vancover Belle	73	Vancover Shipbuilding, S. & T. Co.
C. D. Rand	42	J. I. Sealing and Trading Co.
Beatrice	49	C. G. Doering.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade was held Tuesday night in the Board of Trade rooms. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. Berteaux, the vice-president of the Board, and there were about fifteen members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Communications were read from C. D. Rand re the C. P. R. exhibition car in England Mr. Rand stating that exhibitions of British Columbia were very poor, and suggesting that the Board take it up, from E. J. Peck, of the Investors Directory Company re advertising; from H. F. Keefer, resigning his membership; from F. Elworthy, secretary of the British Columbia Board of Trade and the Victoria City Council re B. C. exhibits at the World's Fair in Chicago, enclosing correspondence on the subject from the Immigration, Investment and Improvement Co.; from Col. Howard Vincent, M. P., a pamphlet on British and American trade in Canada; from Capt. J. C. Rounding, of Sydney, N.S.W., a lengthy letter containing much useful information concerning possible trade relations between the Australian Colonies and Canada, and also various books containing statistical and other information about Australia.

On motion of Messrs. F. W. Hart and W. Skene, the secretary was instructed to notify the Victoria City Council re the Immigration, Investment and Improvement company of British Columbia that this Board would defer action until in-

formed as to what the Provincial Government proposes doing in matter of the World's Fair in 1893 at Chicago.

The vice-president appointed Mr. W. Downie to fill the vacancy on the finance committee caused by the absence of Mr. E. White.

On motion of Mr. R. H. Alexander and H. McDowell, it was decided that a copy of Mr. Rand's letter be forwarded Mr. L. A. Hamilton with the request that he have any available British Columbia exhibits placed in Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit car and Canadian Pacific Railway offices in London at the earliest possible convenience.

Captain Mellon introduced the matter of the legality of ship's articles. He stated that the Board of Trade should take this matter up, and referred especially to the case of the barque Hawthornbank, which had recently come up in the court.

Considerable discussion ensued on this question, and, in the end, Capt. Mellon made a motion that the Board of Trade should declare all articles signed by a duly appointed Shipping Master or Consul, in any British port, legal in this port.

Several members stated that the articles were legal if signed by these authorities, and thus there was no need for such a motion. No seconder being found to this motion, the chairman decided that this topic was out of order. Capt. Mellon, however, protested that the Board were not doing their duty in not taking this matter up, and stated his intention of

sending the motion and an explanation to the London *Times* and other papers.

On motion of Messrs. Tisdall and Salisbury, the thanks of the Board were presented to Capt. Rounding for his correspondence and pamphlets.

Mr. Skene then drew the attention of the Board to the bad postal communication between Vancouver and Tacoma and other Sound cities. He stated that letters from Tacoma took about five days to reach here. He then introduced the following motion:—That this Board desires to call the attention of the Post Office Inspector to the great delay in transmission of mails from Bellingham Bay, Tacoma, etc., to the mainland of British Columbia, and requests that steps may be taken to have improved postal communication with these points.

Mr. Hart seconded this motion, and spoke feelingly on the subject, stating that he had lost a considerable amount of business through the bad service between Vancouver and Huntingdon. The motion was then put and carried.

Mr. R. H. Alexander asked the opinion of the Board as to the advisability of petitioning the Legislature to encourage the shipbuilding industry in this Province by giving a bonus of so much per ton for ocean-going vessels built in this Province. The matter was referred to the Council of the Board to consider.

Mr. F. W. Hart then asked the Board if they could suggest any means to better communication between this city and the Fraser River, so that the trade of the Upper Fraser could be brought to Vancouver. Mr. Salisbury stated that the Union Steamship Company hoped to provide vessels for this trade. It was decided that this matter should also be referred to the Council of the Board.

The Board then adjourned.—*News-Advertiser*.

A representative of the Furness steamship line was in Ottawa recently, it is thought in connection with the proposed fast line between England and Canada.

There is much suffering in Durango, Mexico, owing to the total failure of the corn and bean crops. The rich appear indifferent to the fate of the starving people.

At the Imperial Conservative Conference in Birmingham recently a resolution was passed, on the motion of Col. Howard Vincent, M.P., endorsing the principles of the United Empire Trade League.

The Chinese Government has issued a decree declaring the circulation and publication of anti foreign placards a capital offence, and ordering the immediate execution of prisoners already convicted.

The *Trade Journal* of Memphis says:—"There are few things that a commercial traveler overlooks, if any, and he never overlooks the hotel that furnishes good meals. Scores of commercial men will ride 100 miles Saturday night, after a hard week's work, in order to spend Sunday in a town where they know there is a first-class hotel. It is a proverb in commercial circles that the merchant who is most courteous to the drummers always gets the best bargains."