

**British Columbia.**

Marrion Bros., plumbers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

The entire C.P.R. staff at Port Moody has been moved to Vancouver.

Chas. B. Lang, of R. Lang & Son, general storekeepers, Golden City, is dead.

Vancouver hotels are all filled to overflowing just now, and fresh arrivals are coming in every day.

The early closing movement is being received with much favor among the business men of Vancouver.

Chas Ball, Blacksmith and Carriages, Victoria has sold out his blacksmith business to A. Mc Gregor & Co.

Two representatives of the Bank of Montreal were in Vancouver lately, arranging for the opening of a branch in that city.

The salmon fishing on the Fraser is reported to be very bad at present, and the fishermen are working night after night with little success and no profit.

At the annual meeting of the Westminster Woolen Manufacturing Company, the following were chosen directors for the ensuing year:—James Punch, John Hendry, John Jennings, Henry Elliot and D. Drysdale.

The lumber mills are all busy supplying the lively demand for all sorts of lumber. Several ships have arrived during the past week to load lumber for foreign ports, which of itself will keep the mills busy for some time.

The following is a statement of the balances at credit of depositors in government savings banks in British Columbia on March 31, 1887:—Victoria, \$1,566,661.60; New Westminster, \$289,717.42; Nanaimo, \$252,030.50

A new steel steamer will be purchased in Europe to establish a line between Vancouver and San Diego, Southern California. The steamer will carry coal to California, and will be loaded with fruit on her return trips, to be shipped over the C.P.R. to the east.

**Dairy Matters.**

The Rapid City cheese factory has commenced operations for the season.

The Stonewall cheese factory will commence operations for the season about the first of June.

About three hundred pounds of cheese are now being manufactured at the Manitou factory. This amount will be considerably increased in the course of a few weeks.

Geo. Caron, of St. Charles, Man., has erected a building to be used as a creamery. The appliances will be put in according to the directions of Prof. Barre, of dairy fame.

The development of malt manufacturing in Buffalo makes that city the center of that industry for the United States. About 7,000,000 bushels of malt are made yearly in that city, according to the *Courier*, chiefly from Canadian barley. It is thought probable, indeed that in actual product Buffalo exceeds any other city in the world in this direction. The total product is valued at \$6,500,000, of which \$1,500,000 worth is used at home and the remainder is shipped to other points.

**Southern Prosperity.**

According to the correspondent of the *Chicago Times*, Secretary Lamar says that the apparent prosperity in the south over which such a noise has been made exists mainly in certain cities and in their immediate vicinity, and that the agricultural sections are no better off. He adds that Charleston, New Orleans, Savannah and Mobile have shown very little progress in population, while Atlanta, Chattanooga, Birmingham and other cities have gained wonderfully. Crops have been large, but prices correspondingly low. In connection with this, the Wilmington, N. C., *Star* recently protested against the numerous glowing accounts which have been published of late regarding southern prosperity, and it denounced the "so-called industrial journals" which are loudest in their praise of the great progress being made.—*Bradstreet's*.

**The Alleged Wheat Corner.**

The *London Standard* denounces the men who are alleged to be manipulating the wheat market in this city and predicts that India and Australia will supplant the United States as a wheat exporter within a few years. It says such a result will be directly brought about by the "reckless system of speculation" in vogue here. The *Standard* may be right, but it would appear to be crying out before anybody is hurt. It is not possible to tell what such a clique as is alleged to be operating our wheat market may do in the future. It may furnish abundant reason for loud complaint and severe denunciation, but the result of its interposition to stop the downward course of quotations is not a very painful one up to this date, except to those who have been betting against it on the theory that the decline would never stop. The highest price of several months in this market was paid yesterday. But it was only equal to 88½ cents per bushel for the standard grade, delivered free on board vessels in the Chicago harbor. This price permits the grain to be laid down in Liverpool at only about 10 per cent. above the lowest quotations of the last hundred years, and less than the lowest average price of British grown wheat in any year of this century previous to 1835. Surely it is not yet time for the Britisher to grumble, however it may be with a few of the speculative fraternity on this side of the Atlantic.—*Chicago Tribune*.

SCHNIDER & TAYLOR, Winnipeg, have moved to 54 Princess street, Gerrie Block, where they will do a warehousing in addition to their general commission business.

EVIDENTLY the thing that is needed to relieve labor and progress from friction, is for the "scabs," that is, everybody outside of labor organizations to form what Mr. Atkinson calls a liberty club. A club to encourage real liberty and discourage the tyranny that is the most striking feature of the present labor organizations. Nothing is truer than that the continued friction caused by the meddling of unions has a tendency to drive capital out of business. Manufacturing is being made a very unpopular form of investment in some localities, and if labor as it is represented by the existing labor unions triumphs, it means the very serious hampering of all capital invested in manufacture and much harder times for the wage worker than he ever had before.—*Leather Gazette*.



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