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### MARKET AND GENERAL REPORT.

Since the date of our last issue commercial affairs in this city have presented the same inanimate appearance as noted at that time, and speculative demand has for the time ceased to exist. The causes of this state of our markets are in the first place, from the difficulties of transit in the neighbouring Colony inherent to the season, which this year has been more than usually severe, the snow in some places averaging a depth of five or six feet, and in others causing a total cessation of traffic owing to the accumulation of snow drifts. In the second place, the depression following on the non-realization of the high estimate formed of the last season's mining operations.

These obstacles to our progress, however, we have every reason to believe, are of a temporary character, and the spring, we trust, will restore to us all the phases of a busy season. The recent discoveries at Kootenai and the adjoining Territory will doubtless attract a large mining population from California and elsewhere. Cariboo bids fair to equal any former season in

the production of its mineral wealth, and the ket well supplied for town trade; demands for Sooke mines are rapidly rising into favor. With all these fields for the prosecution of commercial industry, we may safely look forward to a prosperous season for business.

Our last quotations for Grain and Flour remain the same with little alteration, about \$10 56 being asked for Chile of low quality, and \$14 for Golden Gate; but these prices are lately sustained. A lot of 50 bbls Golden Gate only realized \$10 37 1/2 at auction, although this was doubtless a forced sale. Oilmen's Stores are not much in demand; stocks abundant. In Dry Goods there is no enquiry; the stocks at present are heavy. Carpeting, a good sale for Brussels, and the finer qualities of other descriptions. Wines and Spirits range at about the quotations: the markets are well

supplied. Metals, Iron and Steel, Bar and Sheet, in good supply; no demand. Hardware and Holloware are quiet, with large stocks, steadily, but forced sales result in a loss. Earthenware moves off slowly at fair prices. Coffee raw, stocks light with a small demand, the ground coffee being principally called for; Costa Rica may be quoted at 22 cts

shipment small. "Olong Powhong" may be quoted from 35/6 40 cts. Tobacco and Cigars in good supply. Malt Liquors, stocks heavy. The price of Colonial A & has been advanced from \$35 00 to \$37 50. Sugar stocks light; in Crushed of both English and California very little in the market; of Sandwich Island No. 1—none; No. 2; saleable at 8 1/2 cts. The "Domitila" is hourly expected from the Sandwich Islands with a good supply.

In consequence of the loss of the "Mindora" soon after leaving London, and the dismasting of the "Ta Leo" stocks of English goods will probably be much reduced before the vessels to follow can replenish the market; under these circumstances we may look for higher prices. The only vessels actually on the way according to last advices are the General Wyndham and Princess Royal from London; the "Ann Adamson" was loaded from London, and the Cyclone at Liverpool.

COAL EXPORTS.—The exports of coal from Nanaimo for the year 1864 amounted to 29,069 tons, being an increase of 7518 tons, over the amount exported in 1863. The greatest amount exported in any one month was 3963 tons, 10 cwt, in February, and the lowest amount was in the month of November, when 1340 tons, 10 cwt were sent away.

### ALBERNI SHIPPING NEWS.

Corrected for the Prices Current by Anderson & Co. LOADING.

Egeria, for Shanghai.

### LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—General Wyndham, sailed 22nd August.  
do Princess Royal, sailed 11th September.  
do Ann Adamson, loading.  
From Liverpool—Cyclone, loading.

### RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London—60 days, \$5 00, £1 sterling.  
do 30 days, \$5 10, do  
do Sight, \$5 15, do  
San Francisco—1 per cent. premium.  
Canada—4 per cent. premium.  
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—3 1/2 per cent. premium.

### EXPORT OF TREASURE.

The following is the shipment of treasure since date of last statement: Wells, Fargo & Co., \$12,906; Bank of British Columbia, \$13,625; Bank of British North America, \$21,121. Total amount, \$47,662.

### EXPORTS OF COAL

From Nanaimo during the month of Dec. 1864.

DATE.	VESSEL.	MASTER.	T	C
2..	Stmr Fideliter	London	9	15
	Stmr Caledonia	Frain	6	10
5..	Stmr Emily Harris	Hewitt	31	
	Slp Hanly	Doholt	26	5
7..	Schr Goldstream	Caffray	16	
8..	Schr North Star	McCulloch	72	15
	Schr Alpha	George	72	5
10..	Stmr Fideliter	London	26	
	Sloop Alarm	Hollins	16	
13..	Stmr Fideliter	London	22	10
	Schr A Crosby	Ketchum	95	
14..	Schr North Star	McCulloch	73	5
15..	Schr Onward	McKay	102	
16..	Stmr Emily Harris	Hewitt	68	16
	Schr Alpha	George	69	10
17..	Stmr Fideliter	London	38	5
	Stmr Caledonia	Frain	62	10
19..	Schr Goldstream	Caffray	78	
	Slp Hanly	Doholt	26	15
	Slp Alarm	Hollins	17	
	Schr North Star	McCulloch	70	
	Stmr Fideliter	London	40	5
	Schr Meg Merrilla	Pamphlet	69	10
22..	Schr Gazelle	Gallaver	42	10
23..	Schr Onward	McKay	101	
	Schr Industry	Lampleigh	57	5
	Stmr Caledonia	Frain	61	15
	Stmr Fideliter	London	10	10
24..	Schr Alpha	George	68	15
26..	Stmr Geo. S Wright	Lewis	105	
27..	Schr Goldstream	Caffray	76	
28..	Stmr Fideliter	London	23	5
29..	Stmr Caledonia	Frain	54	15
30..	Slp Hanly	Doholt	25	10
	Schr North Star	McCulloch	72	5
31..	Stmr Emily Harris	Hewitt	62	
Total			2026	10

### TABLE OF TONNAGE.

Entered and Cleared at the Port of Victoria, Vancouver Island, during the year 1864.

ENTERED.	CLEARED.
Colonial, 84,757	86,944
British, 8,975	7,741
American, 50,937	88,910
Russian, 1,205	1,205
Danish, 631	631
Norwegian, 248	248
Total, 189,714	187,712
Tonnage entered during the year 1863	179,377
Portland Increase in 1864	73

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