

British Columbia.

Henderson & Co., of Montreal, will open a drug store at Vancouver.

About \$50,000 will be expended in street improvement at Vancouver this season.

Cranberries gathered by the Indians in the vicinity, sell in Vancouver at 75c a gallon.

Shipments of coal from British Columbia mines to San Francisco are going on actively.

O. S. Bergelan & Co., have opened in the tobacconist and gents furnishings lines at Vancouver.

The Hudson Bay Company shipped via the C.P.R. from Victoria last week to London, 24 packages of furs valued at \$40,000.

Colonel Black states that it is the intention of the British Government to make Esquimalt an impregnable harbor, and also to make it an important depot for munitions of war.

At a meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Milling and Mining Company, it was resolved to proceed with the development of their claim on the Bonanza ledge in Cariboo.

The Finance Committee of Vancouver has decided to pass a by-law to raise the amount of \$20,000, to be expended for fire purposes, erection of city hall and for street improvements.

Geo. H. Campbell, general agent of the Allan and Dominion royal mail steamships, has opened up agencies at Port Moody, Vancouver and Victoria; and also at Seattle, Washington Territory, and Portland, Oregon, and he is now preparing to open up one in San Francisco. The object in opening up these agencies is to facilitate through travelling via the C.P.R. all-rail route from the Pacific Coast to points in the old country.

The *Victoria Standard* says. While discharging the cargo of "tea" from the ship *Zoroya* at Port Moody, two chests happened to break way and fell down the hold which broke them open. Upon examining the contents strewn about the bottom of the hold, it was discovered that they contained (although consigned as tea) valuable, duitable goods. The whole cargo valued at \$250,000 has been seized, which was consigned to a Montreal firm.

It is stated that the North American Telegraph Co. will extend the lines to Winnipeg to connect with the Canadian Pacific system, and give the North American another eastern outlet via Montreal.

A fine exhibit of fruit passed through the city the other day en route from Kamloops to the Colonial and Indian exhibition. It comprised apples, pears, squash, turnips and watermelons. Some of the apples weighed 1 1/2 ounces each, while one squash tipped the beam at 60 lbs. Samples of Chiliwick pears measured 9 1/2 and 10 inches in circumference.

The Winnipeg market superintendent reports as follows for September Hay, double loads, 491; single loads, 116; wood, 443 loads; potatoes, 2,130 bushels; oats, 1,120 bushels; cattle, 114,116 lbs., (120 head); milch cows, 22; hogs, 14,210 lbs.; poultry, 3,600; ducks, 580 pairs; vegetables, 504; eggs, 2,000 doz.; mushroom, 608 pails. Fees, \$150.60. Number of tickets issued, 1,950.

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