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### British Columbia.

Pringle & Hamill, of Spallumcheen, carpenters, have dissolved partnership.

Fred Wells has launched his freight boat at Golden. It was christened the Alert.

The *Social World*, a weekly paper started at Victoria a short time ago, has ceased to exist.

The harvest throughout the province has been a good one, favorable reports coming from nearly all districts.

Leamy & Kyle's steamer, Maime, of Vancouver, went ashore on Texada Island. She is valued at \$20,000. It is expected that she will be easily got off.

A surveying party has left Victoria for North Saanich where they will commence the survey of the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster railway to Victoria.

F. H. Tuck, barrister of the New Brunswick bar, and A. S. Black, solicitor, have entered into partnership as barristers, etc., and opened an office at Vancouver.

A. B. Diplock & Co., commission and manufacturers' agents, of Vancouver, have decided to go into the retail business and will shortly open with a stock of artistic and fancy goods.

The steamship Duke of Westminster arrived at Vancouver on Oct. 1st, with a large cargo of Japanese curios, tea and silk. There were also 250 Chinese on board, mostly bound for San Francisco.

*Vancouver News Advertiser*:—A reference to the local market report will show that flour still continues to go up in price, what was being sold a month or so back at \$5.25 per barrel is now bringing \$6.50.

The government sale of lots at Golden, advertised for the 15th inst., was postponed. The upset price (from \$1 to \$3.50 per front foot—\$635 an acre) was considered too steep by intending purchasers.

Carne & Munsie and J. Davis, of Victoria, shipped each two carloads of sealskins to London, Eng., via the Canadian Pacific Railway. They are packed in casks with an average weight of 675 pounds to the cask. There are about 100 of the latter.

The Hudson Bay Co's barque Titania, cleared from Victoria recently for London, Eng., with a cargo of salmon and furs exceeding in value the sum of \$250,000. The total number of cases of salmon was 33,782.

The Vancouver daily *News-Advertiser*, has commenced the publication of a weekly edition. The *News-Advertiser* is rapidly forging ahead, and is a journal which would do credit to a much larger city than Vancouver.

The first batch of salmon ova, 200,000 in all, has arrived at the hatchery at Westminster, from Harrison river. Fish are reported to be plentiful and it is expected there will be no trouble in obtaining the necessary 6,000,000, which is the number it is intended to hatch this season.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Victoria Building Society, Jas. Fell was elected president and W. D. McKillican, vice-president. The affairs of the new society are in a flourishing condition, and the date of the first drawing for an appropriation of \$2,000 was fixed for the first Thursday in October.

*Kamloops Sentinel*:—Immense clouds of smoke in the northwest during the day and the appearance of a mountain of flame at night show that a great bush fire is still raging about sixty miles from here. This fire has been noticeable for about five weeks and latterly presents the appearance of a volcano in action.

H. Saunders, wholesale fish dealer of Victoria, and associates are fitting out the schooner Theresa for a second trip to the black cod banks off Queen Charlotte Island. It will thus be seen that it is the intention to follow up the discoveries made recently. It is intended to take along white fishermen and to fish from the schooner with trawls instead of relying upon the Indians.

The work of locating the Westminster Southern Railway is nearly completed. Ground will be broken in the course of a few days. Mr. Hill, the chief engineer of the road, states that the work of grading will be pushed rapidly forward in order to have it completed if possible from Brownsville to a point beyond the Nicomel and Serpentine rivers before the commencement of the rainy season.

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