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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
Tuesday Morning, March 20.

VICTORIA.

The business situation shows no improvement. The weather has been very disagreeable for some time and has had a depressing effect on the retail trade. Collections are also slow. A feature of trade for some time has been a lessening in the demand for luxuries and a steady call for staples, but on conservative lines. Every dollar in the consumers' hands is made to go as far as possible. It is the long credit system with the attending losses that has been the main cause of failures in this province.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Though business is still somewhat dull, a slight improvement is noticeable in most lines. Collections are, however, still very unsatisfactory, and loud complaints are heard on this score. Two of the largest local manufacturing industries have started operations again during the week, thus affording employment to quite a number of men. Two lumber vessels are now in port, while two more are expected in about a fortnight, so that a slight improvement in the lumber trade may be recorded. Preparations for the coming canning season will shortly be started, though the prospects are not very bright, as a large amount of last year's stock is still unsold. Two of the Northern canneries have also been shut down, and will probably not be worked this season. On the other hand, however, it is satisfactory to note that a new cannery will be built on the Fraser, the capital having been successfully raised in the East. Business in shipping circles has been brisk during the past week, the ss. Empress of India and ss. Warrimoo, both having arrived, besides a lumber ship. The Warrimoo sailed on the return trip last week, taking a large cargo, and it is satisfactory to note that the freight was of a much superior class, as besides lumber, there was a quantity of machinery and general merchandise. In wholesale trade has shown a slight improvement during the past week. Prices for the most part are unchanged."

FLOUR AND FEED.

The event of the week was the advance of 20c in Manitoba Hungarian flour. Jobbers' prices are up in sympathy. Quotations for Enderby flour are unchanged.

The Portland Commercial Review says "The flour market at present time is very dull, in fact there is less flour consumed here than for the past two years. Prices are so low in Europe that there is nothing doing on foreign shipments. The China trade has not yet commenced. The steamer Signal now in port will take out from four to five thousand barrels on its return trip. Shipments to British Columbia and San Francisco are very light. Quote Portland, Salem and Cascadia \$2.55 per barrel and other brands from 5 to 10 cents per barrel less."

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian	.....\$4 20
" Strong Bakers	..... 4 00

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier	.....\$3 90
XXX	..... 3 75
Strong Bakers or XX	..... 3 30
Superfine	..... 3 05
Bran, per ton	.....16 50
Shorts	.....17 50

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	.....\$4 00
Victoria XXX	..... 4 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	.....\$ 4 25 @ 0 00
Lion	..... 4 25 @ 0 00
XXX	..... 4 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	..... 4 25 @ 0 00
XXX	..... 4 10 @ 0 00
XX	..... 3 05 @ 0 00
Superfine	..... 3 40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	..... 4 60 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	..... 4 45 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	..... 4 50 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	..... 4 45 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	..... 4 60 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	..... 4 45 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	..... 4 60 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	..... 4 45 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	..... 3 85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	..... 3 85 @ 0 00
Snowflake	..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	.....26 00 @ 30 00
Oats	.....30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal	.....35 00 @ 40 00
Chop feed	.....25 00 @ 30 00
Shorts	.....22 00 @ 28 00
Bran	.....20 00 @ 25 00
National Mills oatmeal	..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" rolled oats	..... 3 00 @ 0 00
" split peas	..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley	..... 4 50 @ 0 00
" Chop feed	..... 23 00 @ 25 00
California oatmeal	..... 3 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole	.....per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal	..... 2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed	.....per ton 40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn	.....40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton	.....18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale	..... 1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	.....\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
Best China rice	..... 80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1	..... 68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour	..... 70 00
Broken rice	..... 30 00
Rice Meal	..... 17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Quotations are in the main unchanged. Some potatoes are offered at \$20, but the best quality command \$25 per ton. A. Rice & Ault will receive a carload of Rosebud brand of Redland district fruit early in the week. This is the second carload of California oranges and lemons that this house have arranged for already this season.

The Riverside Fruit Exchange writes: "Some of the groves situated in the lower portion of the valley have been seriously injured by frost, while many are nearly free from any damage and are scarcely affected. From this date only first grade Riverside oranges will be packed under our Exchange brand, all others will be eliminated. We are willing to guarantee the oranges to give satisfaction. On and after the first of March, Riverside 250 size seedling oranges will be classed as regular. Owing to the fact that Florida oranges are nearly all large sizes our smaller sizes are in more demand than

the large. Any person or firm purchasing a car of oranges or lemons accepts such f. o. b. Riverside and pays spot cash. The Exchange cannot accept any orders for specific sizes, but will endeavor at all times to give as many as possible of most desirable sizes in each car."

The annual sales of Mediterranean fruit at Montreal, which take place shortly after the opening of navigation, will this year be larger than ever. Six fruit steamers will arrive there, and one steamer with wines and brandies. Reports from the fruit districts state that there is a large crop of oranges and lemons. Consignments of Fijian fruit were received at Vancouver by the Warrimoo. The market was entirely bare of tropical fruit, and the shipment arriving in good condition found a ready sale. The oranges arrived green, and are consequently unsalable at present. The bananas brought \$2.50 per bunch, pines \$3 per doz., limes \$4 per case and peanuts 10 cents per lb.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—California navels	..... 2 50 @ 2 75
" seedlings	..... 1 85 @ 2 00
Japanese	..... 50 @ 65
Lemons—California	..... 3 00 @ 3 50
Bananas—New Orleans	..... 3 00 @ 0 00
Apples	..... bxs 1 25 @ 1 50
Cocoanuts	.....per 100 8 00 @ 9 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes	.....per ton 20 00 @ 25 00
Onions—Silverskins	.....per lb 3½ @ 4½

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Jobbers' quotations for California butter are a little weaker than last week. Fair consignments were received per steamship Warrimoo of Australian canned meats—principally sheeps' tongues—also tropical canned fruits (pineapples and guavas). The sheeps' tongues in 1 lb. tins are said by the trade to be well suited for this market, for they can be sold for less than the American canned lunch tongues cost. The jobbers' quotation for American lunch tongues is \$3.00 per doz., while their price for Australian sheeps' tongues (1's) will be about \$2.85 per doz. A fair consignment of Queensland arrowroot, in 1 lb. packages, was also received. This will be put on the market at much the same price as prepared corn starch. The recognized excellence of arrowroot at one-third the price it was formerly sold at will, in all probability, in a short time altogether replace corn starch on this market. A small quantity of Australian golden syrup was received by some of the retail trade, and some large orders have been placed by wholesalers. The cost is about the same as the eastern article, and the quality is first-class. A consignment of 20,000 lbs. of Australian creamery butter is expected on the steamship Arawa. It will be landed for about 28c per lb. The quality is said to be equal to fine eastern creamery.

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins	.....per lb \$ 7 @ \$ 0
Malaga raisins	.....per box 3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels)	.....per lb 5 @ 5½
" half bbls.	.....per lb 5 @ 6
" (cases)	.....per lb 5½ @ 7½
Sultana raisins	.....per lb 8 @ 10
Taragona almonds	.....per lb 14 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts	.....per lb 14 @ 18
Filberts	.....per lb 11½ @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	29 @ 30
Manitoba dairy.....	00 @ 00
California creamery.....	26 @ 30
California rolls.....	27 @ 28
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 @ 14
California.....	16 @ 18
Eggs, pickled, case, per doz.....	00 @ 20

Smoked meats and lard are quoted :

Hams.....	13½ @ 14½
Breakfast bacon.....	14½ @ 15
Short rolls.....	10½ @ 11½
Dry Salt, long clear.....	10½ @ 11½
Backs.....	13½ @ 13½
Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails.....	14 @ 14½
" " 10lbs, tins.....	14½ @ 14½
" " 5lbs ".....	14½ @ 15
" " 3lbs ".....	14½ @ 15
Lard Compound, 10 lbs.....	11½ @ 00
" " 20 lbs.....	11 @ 00
" " 5 lbs.....	11½ @ 00
" " 3 lbs.....	11½ @ 00

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher :

Dry Granulated (China).....	4½
Extra C, China.....	4½
Australian Granulated.....	4½
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	4½
Extra C.....	4½
Fancy Yellow.....	4½
Yellow.....	3½
Golden C.....	3½
Cubes.....	6½
Powdered.....	6½
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" ½ " " (16).....	5 35
" 1 " Vancouver.....	5 50
" ½ " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " " heavy	0 15½
" " " breakfast bacon	0 16½
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 17½
" " " breakfast bacon	0 18½
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 14
" " " 50-lb tins	0 14½
" " " 20-lb " "	0 14½
" " " 10-lb " "	0 14½
" " " 5-lb " "	0 14½
" " " 3-lb " "	0 14½
Lard compound (tierces).....	0 11½

DRY GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "There has been an appreciable improvement in dry goods during the past fortnight. Out of town buyers who were here attending the millinery openings last week gave house sales a start, and liberal buying has been going on this week also. A good number of buyers have been about and their purchases, with orders sent in by travelers, are sufficient to keep shipping rooms busy. The principal goods in demand at present are spring suitings and overcoatings, prints, serges, henriettes, cashmeres, delaines, silks, laces, dress trimmings, parasols, gloves and hosiery. Further instances of early shipments of spring goods having been sold out are heard of this week, and it is beginning to look as if the sorting trade will be of more importance this season than it was in the spring of 1893. Placing orders were comparatively light, but if the sorting trade widens out there will probably be as large a quantity of goods taken by the country as during last season, and wholesale houses will suffer nothing by frequent purchases by retailers. Payments on March 4 are reported to have been generally fair. The aggregate of paper maturing was much smaller than on Feb. 4, and for that reason less anxiety was felt regarding the outcome.

St'l, counting houses were, as usual on such occasions, deeply interested. Though full returns are not yet in, it may be said that payments have been fairly well met. Some houses report receipts of cash rather indifferent, and others state that the amount which came to hand was in excess of expectations. The usual number of applications were made for renewals, and failures resulting from refusals are few. Allen & Co., Essex, and Bigg & Co., Brockville, are the only important failures in dry goods reported since the beginning of the month."

LUMBER.

The Chilean bark India, 953 tons, Capt. Funke, arrived at Moodyville, March 14, from Valparaiso in 49 days. To load a return cargo on owners account. The Chilean ships Hindostan and Atacama were expected to leave Valparaiso for Moodyville in about ten days after the sailing of the India. The reported charter of the Thermopylae for lumber to Shanghai, at 37s 6d; is denied by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., who state that she is still unchartered.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet. \$ 8 00 Deck plank, rough, average length, 35feet per M..... 19 00 Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M..... 15 00 Pickets, rough per M..... 8 00 Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M..... 1 90

The following are the current city, prices; quotations are at the mill and subject to the usual discounts: Rough, \$7.50 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$9 to \$10; flooring and rustic, No. 1, \$16; do., No. 2, \$12; shingles, \$1.50; lath, \$1.50.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

D. B. Stevens, baker, is opening at Kamloops.

Hall & Co., grocers, Victoria, closed by Sheriff.

Peter McDonald, tobacconist, Victoria, deceased.

R. J. McIntosh, boots and shoes, is opening at Chilliwack.

Ed. Shannon, fruit dealer, opened recently at New Denver.

S. G. Campbell, grocer, Victoria, has sold out to C. Anesty.

Jonathan Reece, gents' furnishings, will open shortly at Chilliwack.

Ben Wrede, late of Vancouver, has opened a hotel at Lardeau.

John Forrester has started a candy factory at New Westminster.

The Provincial Government is about to build a wharf at New Denver.

John P. Blake, baker, Vancouver, has assigned to M. H. Hirschberg.

C. F. Jackson, London saloon, Victoria, has sold out to John R. Radke.

Vancouver Ironworks Co., Ltd, Victoria, mortgagee's have foreclosed.

J. W. Kinlock, tinner and plumber, has opened in London block, Victoria.

J. K. Campbell, merchant tailor, Vancouver, is removing to Chilliwack.

E. W. Smith, private banker, has opened at Vancouver in the Brismead block.

F. Beegan, formerly grocer at Revelstoke, has left for parts unknown.

The Stanley House, Victoria, is advertised for sale en block by mortgagees.

Stewart & Co., dry goods, are opening in Five Sisters' block, Fort street, Victoria.

James Atkinson Abrams, clothing dealer, Union, has assigned to Robert Grant.

T. J. Trapp & Co., hardware merchants, New Westminster, have assigned to D. J. Curtis.

G. F. Monckton, mining engineer and assayer, has opened an office at Vancouver.

William J. Parkam, general merchant, Kaslo city, has assigned to Silas Joseph Henderson.

John Hilbert, Nanaimo, is closing out furniture business, but will continue undertaking.

W. A. Coddington & Co., books, stationery and newsdealers, Victoria, succeed J. R. Kerr estate.

John A. Montgomery and E. Westcott are opening a fruit and confectionery store in Victoria.

J. C. Ferguson & W. M. McKinnon, of Vancouver, have formed a partnership as hydraulic engineers.

The business of Price's cannery at Gardner's Inlet, is being wound up by Martin & Robertson.

Charles L. Cullin and Wm. E. Franklin have opened in Victoria as fruit, fish, vegetable, game and poultry dealers.

H. Clarke, and S. Duff Stewart, late with Thompson Bros., have bought out S. T. Tilly & Son, stationers, Vancouver.

L. C. York, general merchant, Whonnock, has admitted Edward Parris into partnership, under style of L. C. York & Co.

The liquidator of the Reed & Currie Iron Works company states that by an order of the Court, the business will be continued as usual.

W. H. Jolley, formerly manager for Tye & Co., Vancouver, leaves shortly for Knight's Inlet, where he will engage in ranching, fishing and trading.

The Granville Club Company, Ltd, Vancouver, capital stock \$100,000, has been incorporated. Edward Mahon, David Oppenheimer and H. O. Bell-Irving are trustees.

PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

A concentrator will, at the end of the present month, be complete and in running order at Number One mine, Ainsworth.

The Enderby flour mill is about to close down, having ground nearly all last year's available wheat, and having no room to store more flour. Meanwhile the people of Vernon are still considering the question of establishing a local flour mill.

The Kootenay merchants, who were some time since fined for undervaluing and consequently underpaying duty on imported goods, are, by the leniency of the Dominion authorities, receiving a return of the penalties, which are stated to aggregate about \$7,500.

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THE INVENTION OF EXPLOSIVES.

The employment of high explosives in the naval service would seem to have reached its limit. Cordite has been used for guns of large calibre, but it is found that the combustible destroys the inner tubes of the heavy naval ordnance. It has been found that a pressure of 10 tons is required to push a 12lb. projectile through the bore of the breech loading gun. This alone is held to be sufficient to account for the deterioration of the guns and for the many accidents that have occurred on ships of war. It is said that so ominous is the danger that the Admiralty meditates appointing an official committee to consider the whole question of powders afloat. Science does not appear as yet to have discovered a compound of the maximum of propulsive power, combined with the least amount of local expansion.

A Frenchman has discovered a process by which eggs can be kept indefinitely and retain their freshness of taste for more than a year. According to this man, who is a chemist, it is useless to paint or render air-tight the outside of the shell while air remains within the egg. Each egg contains within its shell a little air chamber, containing sufficient air to decompose the albumen even without the aid of any which might filter through the pores of the shell. This is the reason that all attempts at present known have been failures. The chemist drives out the air by injecting into the egg a solution of salt and water. When the air is exhausted the tiny opening is hermetically sealed with a drop of sealing wax. Then the egg will keep its fresh taste any length of time. If this proves to be a practical method of preserving eggs, it will make quite a change in the business, equalizing as it will the supply of that commodity.

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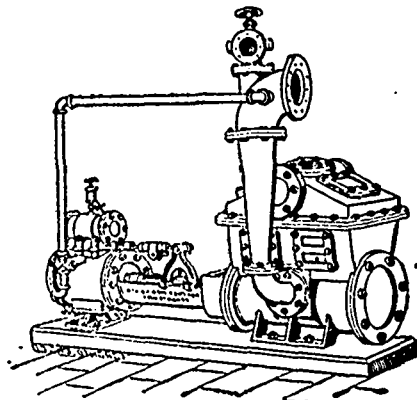
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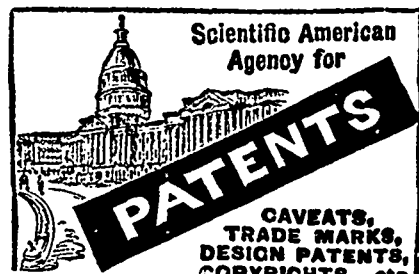
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AUSTRALIAN TRADE REVIEW.

Our last advices via Suez were dated 5th ult., when we gave a resume of trade for the year then just closed. In the interval since that date, business has been rather dull, although our export trade must on the whole be considered extremely satisfactory, and the advices of a firm market for colonial wools, as evidenced in the reports of the first series of London wool sales, will, in all probability, cause a better feeling to prevail. Imports continue on a restricted scale, notwithstanding which, there has not been that activity which might reasonably have been expected. On all sides, we hear of the reconstructed banks being rather severe on constituents, and it is evident that the fear expressed some months back that the banks would forget the forbearance shewn them, was not ill founded. They appear to forget that, while they have secured time "to turn round," their customers also want "time," and, in some instances, they have "shut down" on what are generally believed to have been fair risks. Of course they must know better than outsiders the nature of the accounts they are calling in, but, if too severe, they will only depreciate the securities they hold for other accounts, and this fact seems, in many instances, to be lost sight of.

Induced by the free expenditure of loan money, the banks, in many instances, made undue advances to persons more closely identified in manufacturing articles required to meet the demand for manufactured articles in connection with public works contracts, etc., and loans being exhausted, the "plant" of these persons has become for the time being almost valueless, and the persons having been unable to reduce their overdrafts have been compelled to close their works in the absence of employment.

Several instances of this character are well authenticated, and the number of men thrown out of employment has caused considerable direct hardship, while it has tended to diminish the purchasing power of the masses. The working classes also have not yet bowed to the inevitable, and seem to be only too ready to be led away by agitators, and insist upon rates of wages which it is impossible for capitalists to grant. While this state of affairs exist, but little new employment is likely or possible, and so the depression in trade remains with us.

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season, is hot, has been excessively trying during the latter part of the month just closed, but good rains having fallen over nearly every portion of the colony to the advantage of all, we may expect a somewhat better state of affairs during the month now entered upon, and trust that, with confidence well restored, a better demand for imported goods generally may be established.—*Sydney Trade Review*, Feb. 16.

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DUTY ON RICE.

The Boards of Trade of Winnipeg and St. John, N. B., having agitated for a reduction of the duty on cleared rice, the subject has been brought to the attention of the British Columbia Board of Trade by Mr. T. B. Hall, of the Victoria Rice Mills, who conclusively showed that whereas the people of British Columbia consumed per capita some 5½ pounds, the population of the rest of the Dominion only used 4½ pounds per head. This consumption was mainly among the Chinese portion of the population, who alone would be advantaged by the reduced duty. This rice, moreover, came into direct competition with Canadian grown breadstuffs, and the reduction of the duty upon it, while being of no benefit to the white population, would completely ruin the white population. In face of all the facts, we heartily endorse the resolution which was submitted to the Board.

"That inasmuch as the duties on rice contribute about \$100,000 annually to the revenue, and as about 92½ per cent. of such revenue is contributed by the Chinese, and as any reduction in this specific article of their food without corresponding reductions in general breadstuffs would cripple existing industries, and would further enable the Chinese to work at rates at which the white laborer could not live; Therefore, be it resolved, that this board does not recommend the reduction mentioned of the duties on rice."

The resolution was not adopted, because there was not a quorum of members present; but there can be little doubt that it will be passed at the next meeting and forwarded to Ottawa to the city members, who it is to be hoped will be able to secure either the carrying out of the proposition or the adoption of the alternative suggestion that the Government should take the duty off raw material—paddy, mats, grass cord and rattan, and allow the mills to go on with their work unburdened. It must be either one thing or the other, unless an important local industry is to be paralyzed.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The other evening in the Legislature the Premier introduced a sweeping amendment to the Municipal Act. It was, he explained, to prohibit Sunday trading, or Sunday labor, except in specified works of necessity or charity, and was in accordance with the generally expressed wish, in Victoria at any rate, where a large

number of stores are kept open on Sunday, not because their proprietors want to, but because some of their neighbors do so, and those who closed would be put at a disadvantage. He instanced the petition of the barbers for a municipal by-law to compel Sunday closing, which failed of result because one proprietor would not sign. The exceptions include railways and tramways, hack drivers, livery stables, drug stores and such places which from their nature are required to be kept open at all times.

This amendment was agreed to and among others the newspapers published on Sunday morning are beginning to ask how they will be affected. If they are not to be allowed to publish as at present on Sunday morning and must be bound by the strict letter of the law they will be obliged to stop composition or presses precisely at the hour of midnight on Saturday, and not resume operations until the midnight hour has sounded and Monday morning has begun.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

The Parliament of the Dominion opened its sessions on Thursday, and in the speech from the throne, the Governor-General outlined the Government's programme. He announced that the volume of trade last year had been, as expected, the largest of any year in the history of the Dominion; much of it due to an expansion of commerce with Great Britain, while despite the condition of things around us, we had been free from any extensive financial disaster or wide spread distress.

Satisfaction was expressed with the peaceful conclusion by arbitration of the Behring Sea controversy, there being every reason to believe that redress will be obtained for those Canadian subjects of Her Majesty who were deprived of their property and liberty without just cause while the controversy was in progress. Hon. Mr. Laurier, in the subsequent debate—and, as many of us know, he had at least tolerably good grounds to go upon—was not satisfied with the outcome, as he considered that there were many important and difficult issues to be dealt with before the final settlement was reached. We may remark in this connection that the subjoined paragraph on this subject appeared in Her Majesty's speech at the reassembling of the Imperial Parliament on Monday last: "Negotiations are also in progress with the United States for the purpose of executing the award of the Court of Arbitration on the question of the seal fisheries of Behring Sea."

His Excellency, referring to the proposed revision of the customs duties in accordance with the existing condition of things, distinctly announced, as has previously been set forth in these columns, that, while it was not proposed to change the principles on which the existing tariff was based, the amendments were designed to simplify its operation and to lessen the blunders as far as can be done consistently with the principles involved and with the requirements of the treasury. The *Trade Review*, on this subject, makes the following remark: "For our part, we should have liked to see a conference between our government and that of the States, prior

to either country finally fixing its tariff. Negotiations are certain to follow the adoption of the new tariffs, for some reciprocal modifications, which could better have been arranged before either of them were settled."

The hope was expressed that the measure on the subject of bankruptcy and insolvency would make more adequate provision than now exists on that subject for the increasing trade and commerce of the country and for the greatly expanded trade between the several provinces of Canada. Measures were promised, among others, making more effective provisions for lines of steam communication on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; for improving the law with regard to Dominion lands and the management of Indian affairs; also respecting joint stock companies, the fisheries, etc., etc.

GAME LAW INJUSTICE.

Mr. Boscowitz, in a letter to the *Times*, has pointed out certain anomalies which appear in the amended Game Act which in the matter of deer not only discriminate harshly against the poor white hunter in favor of the Indian, at the same time give to the Cassiar district special privileges in regard to their export. It would appear that skins from the Cassiar country may be handled at almost any time, subject to an affidavit that they have been killed in the Cassiar district.

Now, if a man—white or Indian—will kill deer at any time or in any locality when out of season, an affidavit will not stand in his way when he desires to turn into money any portion of them that is marketable. There is no denying the fact that thousands of skins are ruthlessly slaughtered both in and out of season by the Indians for their skins alone. Mr. Boscowitz describes the present law as a farce, and his business experience entitles his words to some weight. Therefore, before the session prorogues, which it is on the eve of doing, it would seem to be well for the members to specially consider the game law in the light of his definite assertion that the present law is a farce and his suggestion that after the closed season for killing deer and selling the skins a period of thirty days should be allowed to the dealers to export the skins, and that after this period a penalty of one dollar on every skin found in the possession of any dealer, including the Indian or white hunter, should be imposed.

Let people beware of giving chattel mortgages. Shun them by every means, and carry economy to the most extreme limit before seeking temporary relief in the chattel mortgage, with its iniquitous accompaniment of usurious interest charges for money loaned.

THE Newfoundland seal fishery was a comparative failure last year, the catch being not half that of the previous year. The cod fishery was successful, 200,000 quintals additional being exported, though foreign competition kept the prices down. The herring and salmon fisheries were unfavorable. In lobsters there was a marked improvement.

THE WELLINGTON OUTRAGE.

Early on Tuesday morning last, it was discovered by an explosion, the debris and the remains of a bomb, that an endeavor had been made to blow up the residence of Mr. Sharp, Assistant Superintendent of the Wellington mines. The deadly apparatus had been placed under the verandah of the house in which the family were all sleeping; but the explosion had been out from instead of towards the house, and, in consequence, all the mischief done was to the dwelling and the garden in front.

Had there not been a miscarriage, there can be no doubt that all the members of the household would either have lost their lives or been severely injured. So far, no clue has been obtained to the perpetrators of the outrage, but by the Government, the colliery company and the men themselves, rewards are offered for the arrest and conviction of the offenders, aggregating \$2,500. There is an impression abroad, with what foundation on fact we know not, that this explosion is but one of the series on the continent of Europe and in the United States, planned and organized with the idea of teaching society those lessons which have been so diligently inculcated in their disciples by the anarchists.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA.

Late cable advices announce that on Saturday a meeting of the agents general of a number of the British colonies was held in London, at which the Anglo-Canadian-Australian schemes of communication were discussed and joint action in support of both the Anglo-Canadian-Australian mail steamship service and the Pacific cable projects resolved on. By means of the two lines of steamships and the Canadian Pacific Railway, there will in a short time be direct and rapid communication, under British management, between the Australasian colonies and Great Britain, and telegraph communication will be certain in a very short time to follow. This has been already established between Great Britain and the Pacific coast, so that all that remains to be done is to lay a cable from Vancouver Island to some point in Australia, having three or four intermediate stations on British territory.

Sir Thomas McClraith and Hon. Robert Reid, delegates from Australia, with Mr. James Huddart, were present, and confidence was expressed that the British Government would give to both enterprises a hearty support. All the parties interested upon having this came together in the promotion of these most important objects, which there is no doubt will be vigorously and therefore successfully carried into operation.

LIMITED LIABILITY.

Recently attention has been directed to the manner in which the provisions of the Limited Liability law—any rate of England—have been departed from in connection with the British Columbia Limited Liability Act. In the Mother Country it is compulsory that a state-

B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province of British Columbia for the month of February, 1894:

IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods	\$142,889 00	\$176,395 00	\$ 28,746 00	\$ 10,899 00	\$358,929 00
Free Goods	33,694 00	43,640 00	5,175 00	832 00	83,341 00
Total Imports	\$176,583 00	\$220,035 00	\$ 33,921 00	\$ 11,731 00	\$442,270 00

REVENUE.

Duty Collected	\$ 48,812 70	\$ 16,090 43	\$ 9,295 08	\$ 3,279 33	\$ 77,477 52
Other Revenue	6,068 30	3,602 88	57 90	309 39	10,038 53
Total Collections	\$ 54,881 00	\$ 19,693 31	\$ 9,353 02	\$ 3,588 72	\$ 87,516 05

EXPORTS.

The Mine	\$ 11,812 00	\$ 150 00	\$29,259 00	\$194,365 00	\$445,586 00
The Fisheries	565 00	7,217 00	7,847 00		15,629 00
The Forest	1,148 00	15,155 00			16,303 00
Animals and their produce	8,566 00	723 00	752 00		10,041 00
Agricultural	41 00				41 00
Manufactures	5,634 00	2,493 00	3,778 00	289 00	12,254 00
Miscellaneous	2,361 00	385 00			2,746 00
Total Exports	\$ 30,187 00	\$ 26,123 00	\$251,636 00	\$194,654 00	\$ 602,600 00

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ment of liabilities and assets be hung up in a conspicuous place in each and every office of such a company twice a year, at the end of June and at the end of December. Here, however, and the allegation is a tolerably correct one, it is complained that a firm and those whom it chooses to associate with it on its share list can transform itself into a limited liability company and still retain its financial affairs as a private concern.

In Great Britain this is not possible, for the rights of a limited liability company's creditors are protected as well as the shareholders in so far as a statement of liabilities and assets, of income and expenditure and of profit and loss, is published in the newspapers at the time of the annual meeting of shareholders. These are matters which might well be considered by the Provincial Legislature as well as by the Board of Trade, for in this particular it cannot be pretended that the practice is what it ought to be. The tendency may be unless properly safeguarded to render realisable liability very limited indeed.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THE forfeited sealer Minnie was on Saturday sold at auction by the sheriff under instructions of the Admiralty Court. Her former owner, Capt. Jacobsen, secured her for \$600—a mere bagatelle compared with her recognized value. This showed either that the sealing industry sympathize with the unfortunate owner, by whom she was declared to have been forfeited, or that there was very little money for investment in anything appertaining to seal catching.

WE have upon several occasions spoken of the new salmon fishery regulations which it was proposed to enforce in connection with the industry in British Columbia. They were submitted to a number of well known local authorities for suggestions on their part. They were also considered by the members of the B. C. Board of Trade, and their opinions having been taken, were republished in a somewhat modified form. It is now

announced that they will go into effect on the first of May, and will be rigidly enforced.

THERE is a great probability, it is said, that existing differences as to traffic arrangements between Victoria and the Mainland will be satisfactorily adjusted between the Canadian Pacific Railway and Navigation Companies respectively. Captain Irving said that personally he did not favor the terms proposed by the great railway corporation, but he was inclined to think that more satisfactory terms could be arranged by a conference between representatives of the companies the more immediately concerned.

ALTHOUGH the Australian steamship Warrimoo had but a comparatively small passenger list when she sailed for the South on Friday, she had one of the best cargoes that have so far been taken from this Province by vessels belonging to this line. Her cargo was miscellaneous and ought to be an attractive one for the various ports at which she calls, not a few of the shipments being of an experimental character in the hope that their attractiveness and suitability for the market to which they are consigned will generally commend them.

LATEST advices from the English fur sales will be satisfactory to the British Columbia sealing interest. A private telegram from London, dated March 15, announces that sealskins had on that day's sales advanced 7 per cent. over January. This makes seal skins worth about \$12, and leaves about \$4 a skin for the owners. The majority of the British Columbia sealers are beginning this season's operations in Japanese waters, and, it is announced, the naval department of the Government of that country having heard that in February and March every year a number of British and American "poaching" vessels visit the Islands and ship crews of natives, has decided to despatch a man-of-war to the Bonins to make a demonstration against the "poachers," as they are termed, and to protect the islanders.

SEEKING KNOWLEDGE.

The New York *Marine Journal* wants to know "What causes these great tidal waves on the ocean that every once in a while sweep unexpectedly down upon a vessel and almost swampher. An instance is reported by the big ship Benjamin F. Packard, at this port from Iquiqui, which was hoisted off Cape Hatteras recently to ride out a northeaster. She made good weather of it until about 9 o'clock that night, a big fellow suddenly tumbled over her port side amidships and swept everything aft, smashing skylights, flooding the cabin, starting after hatches, etc. She lay to for forty-eight hours afterward, but was not boarded by another sea. Another notable instance was that of the steamship Normannia. Every once in a while this sort of thing happens, and sometimes with fatal effect. Occasionally, of course, such a wave may be caused by an earthquake at sea, as was reported by two or three steamers near the same position in mid-ocean, but it is not an earthquake that always causes three or four waves to roll into one. What is it?"

OIL FUEL FOR STEAMSHIPS.

Last week there arrived in Philadelphia a British steamer which had used only crude petroleum as fuel in its passage across the Atlantic. It was a slow vessel, and was detained by floating ice and other causes, consuming 26 days in the trip. Yet the oil worked very satisfactorily as a fuel and the weight of oil consumed was ten tons per day less than the requirement of bituminous coal, according to the reports. That is 20 tons of crude oil were used each 24 hours instead of 30 tons of coal for similar voyages previously. The vessel registered about 4,000 tons, and the success achieved by burning oil on so long a voyage is expected to work something of a change in regard to the question of fuel for ocean steamships generally. It is found to require fewer hands about the motive power of a steamer, this vessel being able to cut down its force by 12 men. The oil is applied by forcing it through the centre of a steam jet directly under the boilers, the latter being protected from the direct flame by a coating of fire brick.

REDWOOD IN ENGLAND.

The London *Timber Market* of Feb. 3rd, in its general review of the market, says: "California redwood remains in a somewhat similar state as when we last remarked, and there is no sign to warrant the idea of anything like a healthy demand in the near future. Undoubtedly the evil of over supplying the market is responsible in no small measure for the present decidedly unsatisfactory condition of this wood, and to continue the import during 1891 on a scale equal to that of last year would, to our mind, be a consummation of folly disagreeable to anticipate even in these days, when shippers vie with one another apparently for the honor attached to extensive dealings more than the satisfaction of an adequate monetary return, although one would naturally suppose the two run parallel. The stock is 161,000

feet against 58,000 feet at a corresponding date last year, and the consumption during January is put down as 9,000 feet, at which rate there is plenty to work at, although the delivery last year in the same month was but 3,000 feet. Buyers evince the greatest disinclination to do other than pick at stocks for special sizes of best quality, and when merchants entertain this sort of thing, it goes without saying that the business is looked on in the light of a turn-over, the anxiety for which in a great measure accounts for the increased delivery."

MISSION CITY NICKEL MINES.

Once more the nickel mines within two miles of Mission City have begun to be operated. So much work must be done every year. Last year, much more work was done than the law required. The owners, remarks the *Mission City News*, paid no attention to the limited demand of the law, but worked on until they had used all the money in their possession, and now they have started operations again just as soon as the weather has been in any way favorable.

There are three men now engaged in the mines, Messrs. Wright, Elliott and Esplin. The latter has been engaged in the place of Mr. Lane, who is one of the shareholders and engaged elsewhere just at the present time. Mr. H. Ross, of Mission City, who went out to the mines recently, was interviewed by a representative of the *News* regarding the prospects and quality of the mines. Mr. Ross brought some samples of ore in the same day. He stated that the depth of the shaft is now fifty feet, and that within the last few days it had gone through some material changes. The ore is now of a much finer grade than heretofore. There is some silver and quartz appearing in larger quantities in the present depth than was seen before. The assay of nickel last summer amounted to forty-five, and add to that the strong indications of increased gold quartz and cobalt, and you have something worth working for.

"The boys are rushing the work with all their might this season," says Mr. Ross. "It needs more capital than they have to develop it rapidly. One hundred men could be employed in the mines when they are opened up a little more."

There is no question but what the mines are equal to any claims that have been made, and that the future will demonstrate it. Mr. Ross felt very sanguine over the prospects ahead of it, and wished that it could be pushed ahead a little faster, although the men have done well considering the limited funds at hand.

SALMON FISHING WITH OIL.

Oil is not only a pacifier of turbulent seas, but by its very assuaging properties helps to deliver to the hook of the fisherman the delicious salmon which abound at the mouth of the Guadarranque, a small river which empties into the bay of Algeiras, near Gibraltar. There salmon are caught with a kind of lance at a depth from 3 to 3½ feet and even more. The slightest wind ruffles the water so that it is impossible for the fishermen to

see where the lance is striking. A few drops of oil come into play to good advantage. They dissipate and still the waves, and the angler has no more trouble in lancing the salmon, which is plainly visible in the sand to which it is so partial. Experiments of a similar nature have been made in a pool of the Gave de Gloron, but where the current is very swift, keeping the water from being transparent, although it is very shallow.

THE NEW INDIA-RUBBER TREE IN MADAGASCAR.

The trade of the island of Madagascar in 1892 received a decided stimulus by the discovery of a new india-rubber tree. The principal centres where this new product is treated are Farafangana, Vaugaindrano, Manaimbondro, Fort Dauphin, Andrahomby and Cape St. Mary. At first the new product realized from three to six piastres per 100 pounds; aided by competition the purchase price very soon amounted to ten and then to fifteen piastres. More than twenty piastres per 100 pounds is now paid at Fort Dauphin.

The discovery of the new india-rubber tree has come very fortunately to relieve the Madagascar market, which was at such a low ebb that the Tamatave houses were closing their agencies on the north-east coast and the Americans suppressed their Majunga houses. It is of a very great importance; it almost constitutes a commercial revolution. The trade formerly carried on between Farafangana and Fort Dauphin was confined to a few products which are obtained only in small quantities. Merchants were almost completely disheartened and had abandoned the market to small traders. Several of the latter possessed but a few hundred piastres at the end of from fifteen to twenty years of hard work. At the present day, they are all relatively rich, and it has only taken them a year to gain their thousands of piastres. At the time of the india-rubber fever, new houses were immediately established at Farafangana, Vaugaindrano, Manaimbondro, Andrahomby and Fort Dauphin, also at Cape St. Mary, bringing goods and money.

The natives, receiving large sums in return for their products, took upon themselves to purchase imported goods to a very large extent. As long as the working of the new rubber tree lasts, this state of things will continue. The probable duration of this working is estimated at two years only.

Insurance against being buried alive is now provided by a company in Paris, France, in which country burial must take place within twenty-four hours after death. This has led to a number of persons being put into coffins who have revived before removal to the cemetery. For a premium of 15 centimes, the new company undertakes, says the *Insurance Post*, to "guarantee the member against burial or cremation alive." The method to be adopted to prove whether life is or is not extinct is not stated. In a discussion on this question in the French Senate, Cardinal Donnet stated that he was once saved from burial alive by a mere accident!

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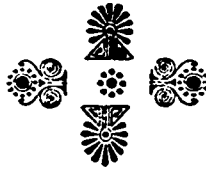
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COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Last year Australia produced 1,922,000 ounces of gold.

Pennsylvania considers herself practically out of debt.

It is said that only one of the Melbourne daily papers is paying expenses.

Mayor Hopkins, of Chicago, has cut down the detective force of that city.

There have been heavy rains throughout the north-western states and floods are feared.

The New Zealand Government offers a bonus for the local manufacture of glass bottles.

Minneapolis has a law requiring street-car companies to vestibule their cable cars in winter.

A Chinaman in New South Wales has been fined \$500 for endeavoring to dodge the poll tax.

The Nanaimo gas works are to be enlarged by the erection of a new and greater gasometer.

The people of Utah owe the United States \$725,555 for the expenses of prosecutions since 1875.

An attempt by the Carnegie Steel Company to roll a six-inch beam of aluminium at Homestead failed.

Sugar was first brought to England in 1497. The present yield of that staple in

the world is over six million tons, of which the United States consumes nearly one-third.

Earnings of the Queensland railways for December, 1892, were \$79,815 lower than December, 1892.

Philadelphia and New York capitalists propose building an electric railway from Philadelphia to Harrisburg via Reading.

Of the 1,500,000,000 people on earth, 700,000,000 still live in huts or caves, and only about 500,000,000 live in decent dwellings.

Flax seed and poppy oil, which were taxed 15 cents a gallon by the Wilson bill, have been placed on the free list by the Senate Committee.

Experiments in France looking to the prevention of frosts by producing a cloud of smoke from the burning of tar or resin have been pronounced a failure.

New Zealand Government statistics show that 1,200 permanent absentees own about \$40,000,000 worth of land. The 20 per cent absence tax in addition to the land tax on these individuals is extremely popular.

The London *Financial News* lately called attention to Col. Baker's resolution in the Provincial Parliament, saying that "England now had a call from her extreme western as well as her extreme eastern colony, a coincidence which she could not ignore."

British Board of Trade statistics show that last year 307,750 persons left Great Britain as emigrants. The population in middle of 1893 was 38,431,566, the exodus therefore was at the rate of 1 in 124.

Chicago business men and builders are said to be getting alarmed at the settling of the post office and custom house, Board of Trade and other buildings, showing that the soft clay underneath the city gives an insecure foundation.

A NEW MILITARY IMPLEMENT.

The infantry and chasseur regiments of the Austro-Hungarian army have just been supplied with a new implement which can be used as a spade, shovel, hatchet and saw. It is about a foot and a half in length, weighs about two pounds, and is so arranged that it can be hung on the belt at the left side near the bayonet. It will enable the infantry to do all that is necessary in laying out a camp, fixing cooking places, providing a water supply and throwing up light earthworks. Exercises in the use of this new weapon, which is intended to render infantry regiments independent of their own pioneer companies, have also been introduced, and will be carried on by the Vienna garrison in one of the large drill grounds in the environs.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FLEET 1893.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CASES.	VALUE.	ARRIVED.
Br bark	Routenbeck	930	Russell	October 9	C Victoria	Liverpool	38,800	\$291,875	
Ger ship	Sirene	1437	Saucermich	October 19	Victoria	London	66,558	282,790	
Br ss	Grandholm	871	Masson	October 19	Victoria	Liverpool	31,707	158,535	January 13
Br bark	Jessie Stowe	645	Blanche	October 14	New Westm'r	London	30,000	137,112	
Br bark	Ladstock	816	Williams	October 19	B New Westm'r	Liverpool	35,773	178,865	
Br bark	Formosa	915	Kain	November 18	Victoria	London	38,124	191,880	
Br bark	City of Carlisle	823	Hughes	November 21	Victoria	Liverpool	37,381	185,905	
Br ship	Candida	1222	Kee	December 22	Victoria	Liverpool	A 50,318	249,523	
Br bark	Harold	1307	King	January 18	New Westm'r	Liverpool	61,091	321,511	
Br bark	Primera	597	Gardner	December 17	Victoria	London	24,668	123,350	

A—Other cargo value \$1,346. B—Spoken Nov. 8 in lat. 23 deg. N., long. 121 deg. W. C—Spoken Jan. 5 lat. 53 deg. S., long. 56 deg. W.

B. C. LUMBER FLEET, 1893.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CARGO FT.	VALUE.	ARRIVED.	RATE.
Br bark	Geo. Thompson	1128	Young	Jan. 13	Westminster	Sydney	806,938	7,814	March 21	owners ac
Br bark	Mark Curry	1236	Liswell	Jan. 4	Vancouver	Plymouth	923,058	9,882	May 20	52s 6d
Nor bark	Fritzo	1078	Rolfson	Jan. 10	Vancouver	Callao	879,260	8,031	March 3	36s 3d
Am bark	Colorado	1036	Gibson	Jan. 19	Cowichan	Valparaiso f.o.	832,657	7,077	April 27	37s 6d
Br bark	Highlands	1236	Owen	Jan. 28	Vancouver	Montreal	896,663	15,537	June 23	Private...
Chil bark	India	953	Funke	Jan. 14	Moodyville	Valparaiso	798,789	7,189	March 30	owners ac
Br bktn	Bittern	399	Stronach	Jan. 20	Vancouver	Fremantle, Au	302,950	4,201	May 16	owners ac
Ger ship	Katharine	1630	Spille	Feb. 7	Moodyville	Iquiqui	1,328,879	11,058	May 6	35s
Br ship	County of Yarmouth	2154	Swanson	March 23	Vancouver	Cork	1,628,530	17,500	July 27	50s
Chil ship	Hindustan	1442	Welsh	March 6	Moodyville	Valparaiso	1,190,826	10,242	July 14	owners ac
Am bark	Seminole	1439	Weeden	March 19	Moodyville	Santa Rosalia	1,040,913	7,966	April	Private...
Am ship	Ivy	1181	Lovell	April 22	Vancouver	Wilmington	791,914	10,497	Aug. 28	Private...
Br bark	Assel	795	Gilmour	March 6	Moodyville	Antofagasta	631,165	6,577	June 23	35s
Br ship	Natuna	1106	Graha	April 20	Vancouver	Port Pirie	964,868	7,718	Sept. 22	42s 6d
Am bark	Hurry Morse	1313	Hughes	April 19	Moodyville	Shanghai	928,219	8,900	July 18	45s
Haw bark	John Eua	2600	Schnauer	June 2	Cowichan	Port Pirie	2,580,797	19,500	Aug. 7	40s
Br bark	Blaithoyle	1291	Gray	June 1	Vancouver	Sydney	913,685	7,804	Aug. 16	31s 3d
Br bark	Mary Low	813	Robertson	May 24	Vancouver	Pisagua	663,040	5,298	Aug. 28	35s
Nor bark	Sigurd	1530	Anse	May 21	Vancouver	Port Pirie	1,426,000	10,693	Aug. 31	40s
Chil ship	Atacama	1235	Caballero	May 13	Moodyville	Valparaiso	967,364	7,782	Aug. 19	owners ac
Br bark	Wythop	1248	Edwards	May 26	Vancouver	Sydney	1,019,667	8,365	Aug. 15	31s 3d
Br ship	Gryfo	1029	Roberts	June 25	Vancouver	Antwerp	786,228	11,790	Nov. 29	50s
Ger bark	Heinrich	923	Henne	June 7	Vancouver	Holland	577,537	4,908	Oct. 4	55s
Br bark	Doehra	966	McJerraw	June 26	Vancouver	Adelaide	740,234	5,920	Sept. 16	38s 9d
Br ship	Kinkora	1799	Lawton	July 29	Vancouver	Callao	1,436,128	12,165	Oct. 29	30s
Am schr	Carrier Dove	672	Brandt	Aug. 7	Cowichan	Adelaide	886,969	7,982	Oct. 14	30s
Am bark	Seminole	1439	Weeden	Aug. 1	Moodyville	Santa Rosalia	1,045,008	7,896	Aug.	Private...
Am schr	Puritan	581	Warner	Aug. 4	Moodyville	Tientsin	725,954	8,625	Sept.	55s
Am bark	Sonoma	998	Anderson	Aug. 16	Vancouver	Iquiqui	811,163	9,289	Nov. 21	30s
Br ship	Gunford	2108	Wier	Sept. 6	Vancouver	Port Pirie	1,974,030	12,831	Dec. 8	37s 6d
Am ship	Wm. H. Starbuck	1272	Rynolds	Sept. 1	Vancouver	London	924,554	10,300	Jan 20	52s 6d
Nor bark	Fortuna	1332	Mikkelsen	Aug. 23	Vancouver	Port Pirie	1,286,192	10,288	Jan 20	36s 3d
Br bark	Gainsborough	985	McPhail	Sept. 7	Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o	702,153	5,524	Jan 20	33s 9d
Chil bark	India	953	Funke	Sept. 10	Moodyville	Valparaiso	799,297	7,000	arrived	owners ac
Chil bark	Ella	915	Harken	Sept. 2	Moodyville	Antofagasta	577,204	6,000		owners ac
Am schr	King Cyrus	667	Christiansen	Sept. 12	Cowichan	Port Pirie	918,716	5,916	Nov. 28	37s 6d
Am bktn	Chas. F. Crocker	813	Lund	Sept. 29	Vancouver	Santa Rosalia	783,548	7,076	Oct. 25	Private...
Am bktn	Hilo	642	LeBallister	Sept. 24	Westminster	Sydney	688,652	6,649	Nov. 18	28s
Am schr	Lyman D. Foster	725	Dreyer	Oct. 11	Cowichan	Sydney	871,305	7,014	arrived	27s
Am bark	Hesper	664	Underwood	Oct. 12	Vancouver	Adelaide	779,398	5,886		37s
Am schr	Wm. Bowden	728	Fjerem	Oct. 18	Victoria	Adelaide	861,692	6,031		37s 6d
Br bark	Elizabeth Graham	598	Anderson	Oct. 24	Moodyville	Melbourne	524,681	3,969		Private...
Am brig	Geneva	471	Nelson	Oct. 15	Vancouver	Sydney	541,228	4,157	Dec. 19	27s 6d
Am schr	Aida	507	Anderson	Oct. 16	Moodyville	Shanghai	637,974	6,080	arrived	40s
Am bktn	Robert Sudden	585	Ulberg	Oct. 25	Vancouver	Port Pirie	714,908	4,646	Jan 23	37s 6d
Am schr	Salvator	414	Wells	Oct. 29	Westminster	Port Pirie	527,440	4,218		37s 6d
Am schr	Louis	823	Hatch	Nov. 8	Vancouver	Iquiqui	863,445	8,601	Jan 28	40s
Am ship	John D. Tallant	533	Henderson	Nov. 19	Victoria	Sydney	765,802	10,800	Jan 21	25s
Nor ship	Germanic	1269	Sundo	Dec. 29	Vancouver	Cork, U.K., f.o.	910,483	9,973		60s
Am schr	Reporter	333	Mackie	Nov. 24	Vancouver	Nagasaki	366,294	10,000	Feb. 12	Private...
Am bark	Snow & Burgess	1578	Mortenson	Dec. 30	Vancouver	Santa Rosalia	1,075,000	7,115	Jan. 30	Private...
Am ship	Benj. Sewall	1361	Sewall	Dec. 23	Vancouver	Cork, U. K. f.o	1,021,624	13,135		55s
Am bark	Colorado	1360	Gibson	Jan. 1	Vancouver	Shanghai	707,000	5,656		37s 6d
Am bark	Templar	910	Lee	Dec. 26	Vancouver	Callao	567,001	4,911		35s
Am schr	W. H. Talbot	776	Bluhm	Dec. 28	Vancouver	Cape Colony	804,183	6,031		75s

A—Also 100 spars.

B. C. LUMBER FLEET, 1894.

Am ship	Eclipse	1536	Peterson	Jan. 20	Vancouver	Greenock	1,072,820	10,730		60s
Nor ship	Beaconsfield	1450	Hastiansen	Feb. 5	Vancouver	Cork, U.K., f.o	1,055,411	13,491		
Am schr	Pioncer	397	Hughes	Feb. 28	Victoria	Santa Rosalia	A 57,714	161		Private...
Am schr	Aida	507	Anderson		Moodyville	Shanghai				40s
Chil bark	India	953	Funke		Moodyville	Valparaiso				owners ac

A—Also 68,045 lineal feet of prope valued at \$1,000.

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VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CONSIGNEES OR AGENTS.	DAYS OUT.
Br ship	Astoria	1335	Dagwell	Nov 11	G Liverpool	Victoria & Van	Turner, Beeton & Co. and H. Bell-I. & Co	129
Br ship	Benmore	1460	Scott	Dec. 22	L Liverpool	Victoria & Van	R. P. Rithet & Co. and H.C. Iron Works	88
Br ship	Borrowdale	1197	Bolderston	Dec. 22	L Liverpool	Victoria & Van	Robert Ward & Co. and Evans, C. & E.	88
Br ship	Ballachulish	1806	Gowder		A Java	Vancouver	B. C. Sugar Refinery Co.	
Br bark	Northernhay	1221	Miller	Dec 5	C Cardiff	Esquimalt	Naval Storekeeper	105
Br ship	Astracana	1572	Jones	Dec. 21	I London	Vancouver	Evans, Coleman & Evans	89
Br ship	Eaton Hall	1779	Lowrison		K London	Vic and Van	Robt. Ward & Co., Ld and Evans, C. & E.	
Br schr	Norma	53	Walker		Penrhyn Island	Royal Roads		
Br ship	Lismore	1598	Ferguson		London	Victoria & Van		
Br ss	Tacoma	1662	Hill	Feb. 27	H Hong Kong	Victoria	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	21
Chil. ship	Hindostan	1542	Welsh		F Valparaiso	Moodyville	R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td	
Chil. ship	Atacama	1235	Caballero		F Valparaiso	Moodyville	R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td	
Br ss	Empress of Japan	2093	Lee		M Hong Kong	Victoria & Van	C. P. S. S. Co	
Br ss	Mogul	1827	Johnson		D Hong Kong	Victoria	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	
Br ship	Clan Robertson	1625	Lane		H Hogo	Royal Roads		
Br ss	Arawa	3268	Stewart	March 17	E Sydney	Victoria & Van	C. A. S. S. Co	3
Br ship	City of Glasgow	1168	Tannock	March 5	C Cardiff	Esquimalt	Naval Storekeeper	15

G—Spoken Dec. 13 lat. 4° 35' N., long. 28° W. Jan. 24 lat. 33° 12' S., long. 86° 15' W. H—Via Yokohama Nov. 10. O—Spoken Sept. 13 lat. 13° N., long. 26° W. A—To sail in March with sugar. C—Dec. 14 put into Falmouth with loss of some sails; Dec. 30, sailed again. G—Spoken Dec. 13 lat. 4° 35' N., long. 28° W. To load grain at Tacoma I—Dec. 23, passed Deal. Spoken Jan. 18 lat 3° N., long. 28° W. To load grain at Tacoma. K—Jan. and Feb. loading. L—Dec. 26 arrived at Holyhead. Jan. 3rd sailed. Spoken Feb. 9 lat. 4° S., long. 30° W. H—Via Yokohama March 10. F—To load a return cargo of lumber. M—To sail March 21. Via Yokohama March 30. D—To sail March 29. Via Yokohama March 31. E—Via Suva and Honolulu.

FREIGHTS.

Freights are steady, nominally, at previous rates, but positively no business is passing. In San Francisco, however, there have been one or two charters to arrive at 27s 6d to Cork for orders with the usual options.

Lumber freights from B. C. or Puget Sound are quoted as follows:—Valparaiso for orders, 37s; 6d; Sydney, 27s 6d; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie; 37s 6d; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 63s 9d; Shanghai, 36s; Tientsin 55s, nominal, South Africa 60s.

Coal freights from Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$1.75 to \$2; to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

VESSELS IN PORT.

(March, 19, 1894.)

VICTORIA.

Am. bark Wrestler, 447 tons, Capt. Bergman, went ashore during the gale.
Br. bark Thermopylae, 948 tons, Capt. Winchester, from Hong Kong with paddy, Victoria Rice Mills, consignees.
Br. ship Ainedale, 1,725 tons, Captain

Owens, arrived Feb. 26, from Liverpool, with general cargo. R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td., consignees. Chartered to load grain for Cork, U. K., f. o.

Ger. bark Gutenberg, 627 tons, Capt. Zeplien, arrived Feb. 28, from Glasgow, with general cargo.

VANCOUVER.

Am. schr. Aida, 507 tons, Capt. Anderson, arrived March 9, loading lumber for Shanghai at Moodyville.

Br. steamship Empress of India, 3,003 tons, Capt. Marshall, arrived March 14.

Chil. bark India, 953 tons, Capt. Funke, arrived March 14, loading lumber at Moodyville for Valparaiso.

NANAIMO.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO'S SHIPPING.

Am. bark Rufus E. Wood, 1,406 tons, Capt. McLeod.

Am. ship John A. Briggs, 2,033 tons, Capt. Balch.

Am. bark Gen. Fairchild, 1,356 tons, Capt. Ryder.

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Br. steamship Wellington, 1,267 tons, Capt. Salmond.

Am. ship C. F. Sargent, 1,638 tons, Capt. Boyd.

UNION SHIPPING.

Am. ship Oriental, 1,625 tons, Capt. Parks.

RECAPITULATION.

Ports.	No.	Tonnage.
Victoria	4	3,747
Vancouver	3	4,463
Nanaimo	6	9,325
Total	13	17,535
Previous week	9	10,384
Correspond'g week last year 18		26,183
" 1892	15	20,835

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending March 17:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
11.	Tyee, str., Port Townsend	81
12.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend	39
16.	Tyee, str., Port Townsend	67
16.	Crown of England, ss, San Diego	3,487
16.	Fearless, str., San Francisco	150
16.	India, ship, San Francisco	2,030
Total		5,854

The Mission City News declares that if restrictions be not soon placed on sturgeon fishing in the Fraser, its waters will contain as few of these great fish, as in the case of the Columbia River.

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