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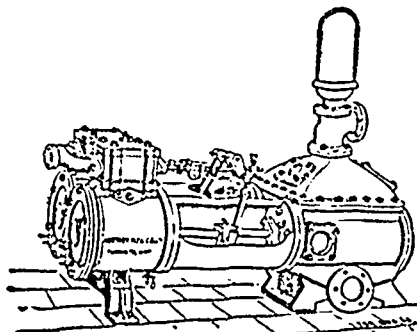
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TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 13.

VICTORIA.

Trade is generally steady, but volume is comparatively small, at the first of this month. The holiday trade will commence toward the end of the month, and a much better business is looked forward to than last year. The weak market ruling for staple goods causes dealers to confine their purchases to as small quantities as possible. A fear of further reduction in prices is ascribed as a cause of this conservatism. When the market shows signs of advancing, active buying will be the rule among traders all through the country.

The bark Ladstock, 816 tons, arrived, Nov. 9th, from Liverpool with supplies of staple and general merchandise for Victoria and Westminster merchants. Advances have been received that the City of Florence, now loading at Liverpool, is coming to Victoria and not to Vancouver, as formerly reported. The steamship Miowera, from Australia and Honolulu, had a small cargo for Victoria, and fair fruit shipments for the Sound, for this season.

Money seems a little tighter. The usual annual drain for civic taxes at the end of October is, in a measure, the cause, but this will gradually get into circulation again through the regular channels.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "An average trade is being done at the present time though there is no special activity in any line. Money is still very tight, and many merchants are only selling for cash, and are thus enabled to cut prices very close. In the lumber industry there is a slight improvement to note, one vessel having arrived to load, while two new charters have been reported. In wholesale, a steady trade is being done, though merchants report that it is not quite as heavy as in previous years. Quotations show but little change."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The only feature of the market is the fresh supplies of Hawaiian bananas received by the steamship Miowera on Monday, which comprised 152 bunches and 64 crates for this port. There were only three crates of pineapples, and no Australian oranges or lemons. The bunches of bananas are quoted at \$1.50 and crates at \$2.50 each. Last steamer, bunches were \$2.50 and crates \$3.25. The low prices this time are said to be owing to the keen competition of local houses for the banana trade. Only one of the houses received bananas, by last steamer, and, this time, both have a sup-

ply. It is whispered, that bananas are unprofitable stock this month. Potatoes are also a factor at present. A local wholesale firm is putting 100 tons of Kamloops and Chilliwack potatoes into warehouse, to await a better market. Dungeness potatoes are being freely imported, and are said to be of first quality. They are quoted at \$16 in ton lots at warehouse, and \$16.50 delivered in cellar.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's)	6 25 @ 6 75
Australian	3 00 @ 0 00
Apples—California	1 15 @ 1 50
Oregon	1 25 @ 1 50
Cocoanuts	per 100 8 00 @ 9 00
Peaches	1 00 @ 1 10
Pears	1 25 @ 1 50
Grapes	1 25 @ 1 35
" Deleware	1 00 @ 0 00
Bananas—bunches.....	1 50 @ 0 00
crates	2 50 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins	per lb 11 @ 13
Cabbage	per lb 2 @
Potatoes.....	per ton 16 50 @ 20 00
Tomatoes	75 @
Sweet potatoes	per lb 2 @

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Hams and bacon are quoted lower by jobbers as intimated two weeks ago. The arrival of the Ladstock has a tendency to ease prices for English staples. Liverpool coarse salt is quoted \$1 lower per ton, and Liverpool fine salt \$2 per ton. White mottled soap 25c per cwt. Malt vinegar has been quite high recently because of short supplies but has fallen again to the old price, although octaves are quoted 50c lower than former list prices. California block matches are reduced 10c, making current price \$1.20 per tin. New seasons dried fruits are shortly expected. Stocks are at present low, in fact there is hardly any turn now. A San Francisco report says of canned fruits that never before in the history of the industry have supplies from first hands been so well cleaned up, practically nothing remains outside of odds and ends. Quotations are essentially unchanged. The dried fruit market is weak for all varieties and there is a larger stock in first hands than usual at this season of the year, but the stocks carried by dealers both wholesale and retail are lighter. The higher grades of raisins are scarce and strong while the others are in liberal offering at weak unsettled prices. The steamship Miowera brought besides fruit 80 bags of coffee from Honolulu and a few packages syrup from Queensland.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	4 1/2
Yellow, according to quality	1 to 12
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	5 1/2
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls.....	6 1/2

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins.....per lb	\$ 7 @ \$ 0
Malaga raisins.....per box	3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels).....per lb	4 1/2 @
" half bbls.....per lb	5 @ 5 1/2
" (cases).....per lb	5 1/2 @ 7 1/2
Sultana raisins.....per lb	8 @ 10
Taragona almonds.....per lb	11 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts.....per lb	11 @ 18
Filberts.....per lb	11 1/2 @ 11

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	25 @ 26
Manitoba dairy	18 @ 19
" creamery .. in tins 27 1/2 @ 29	
" " " in tubs 26 @ 26	
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 @ 11
Canadian Stilton.....	17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian .. per doz	20 @ 21

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	11 1/2 @ 15
Breakfast bacon	11 1/2 @ 15
Short rolls	11 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @ 11 1/2
Bacon	13 1/2 @ 13 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0 12 1/2
" " " 50-lb (tins).....	0 12 1/2
" " " 20-lb "	0 13
" " " 10-lb "	0 13 1/2
" " " 5-lb "	0 13 1/2
" " " 3-lb "	0 13
Lard Compound, 10 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 20 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 5 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 3 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated (China)	100-sack 1 65
Extra C, China	1 37 1/2
China, yellow	1 12 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	1 7 to 13
Extra C.....	12
Fancy Yellow	13
Yellow	12
Golden C.....	3 1/2
Cubes.....	6 1/2
Powdered.....	6 1/2
Syrups, per lb	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (16).....	5 50
" 1/2 " " " (16).....	5 50
" 1 " " Vancouver	5 50
" 1 1/2 " "	7 00

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " " heavy ..	0 15 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 15 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 15
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 15 1/2

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton.....	11 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton	16 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.	3 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs	8 50
" " " quarter boxes	8 75
Malt vinegar, English, 25 gal. bbls.	11 25
" " " octaves.....	6 00
" " " cases of 3 doz., per cwt	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria.....	1 25
" " " California	1 20
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs.....	80 @ 90
Vernicelli, 10-lb bxs.....	80
Coal oil, per case	2 80
Nails, per keg—10, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 40d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.	

FLOUR AND FEED.

Wheat has advanced 2c and millers are threatening an advance on flour in sympathy, so far no change has taken place. A good demand from China for Oregon and Washington flour is reported. It is said that the Em-

presses are contracted for all that they can carry until next June. The Northern Pacific are, it is believed, not under any lengthy contract but they are taxed to their utmost capacity and when each steamer sails there is a full cargo of freight still left in warehouse.

The *Portland Commercial Review* says of flour: "For local consumption prices are without special change. Quotations being \$2.20 to 2.30 per bbl. for standard brands. The export movement shows a slight falling off in shipments to China and are perhaps lighter to San Francisco. The European inquiry for forward cargoes is quiet, the heavy stocks of American brands at all principal ports having demoralized business and made buyers nervous. There is a fair call from British Columbia. Twenty-six thousand five hundred and forty-two bbls. left for the United Kingdom on the British bark *Glencairn* this week valued at \$50,000"

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$3 90
" Strong Bakers.....	3 70

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

Premier.....	\$1 00
XXX.....	3 85
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3 10
Superfine.....	3 15

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

Delta.....	\$3 50
Victoria XXX.....	3 50
Superfine.....	3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 3 50 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	3 50 @ 0 00
Victoria XXX.....	3 50 @ 0 00
Superfine.....	3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	1 10 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	3 65 @ 0 00
Superfine, ".....	3 10 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 15 @ 1 20
" Strong Bakers.....	3 95 @ 0 00
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" Strong Bakers.....	3 95 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	1 15 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	3 95 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	1 15 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	3 95 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Vashon, Washington.....	3 90 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	3 65 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	25 00 @ 00 00
Oats.....	27 00 @ 30 00
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California.....	27 50 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	20 00 @ 25 00
Bran.....	18 00 @ 20 00
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats (90 lbs. sks).....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " " 10 7s, baled.....	3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 75 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	20 00 @ 25 00
California oatmeal.....	3 85 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	4 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole..... per ton.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Peas, field..... per ton.....	10 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal.....	2 10 @ 2 75
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton.....	10 00 @ 00 00

Cracked corn.....	37 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
" " (polished).....	90 00 @ 00 00
Best China rice ".....	50 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1 " (mats).....	68 00 @ 03 00
" " (sacks).....	68 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Broken rice ".....	30 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

SALMON.

The market is steady, and there is not much inquiry for salmon. The stocks in Eastern Canada are reported low, and a fair demand is expected later on in the season. The Australian mail ex *Miowera* is not encouraging. The markets there are still dull.

The San Francisco *Herald of Trade* reports the market for all kinds quiet but firm, and announces that the total pack of Alaska will be published shortly. The arrivals of Alaska salmon to Oct. 19 amounted to 581,860 cases.

LUMBER.

The American brig *Geneva*, 471 tons, Capt. Paulsen, has sailed for Iquique, with a cargo of 484,680 feet rough and 66,569 feet of flooring valued at \$4,570. The *Alexandra* has finished loading and will sail for Calais probably this week. The Chilean bark *India*, 953 tons, Capt. Funke, arrived at Moodyville, Nov. 10, from Valparaiso, to load a return cargo on owners account. The American steam schooner *Lakme*, 404 tons, Capt. Bonni-field, is also loading at Vancouver for San Pedro on private terms. There is one new vessel on the way, the Chilean ship *Hindustan*, 1,542 tons, to load at Moodyville for Valparaiso on owners account. The Ardenclutha, 1,222 tons, reported for Burrard Inlet to Iquique is said to be under engagement to load at Port Blakely.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Hastings Mill—Am. bktne. *Irmgard*, 628 tons, for Iquique: Br. bark *Alexandra*, 1,297 tons, for Calais. Chil. bark *India*, 953 tons, for Valparaiso. Am. ss. *Lakme*, 404 tons, for San Pedro. Total 4 vessels, 3,282 tons.

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard: Rough, \$8.00 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$10; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$15; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$15; shingles, \$2; lath, \$1.75.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 10 feet inclusive, per M feet.....	\$ 8 00
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M.....	19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M.....	15 00
Pickets, rough per M.....	8 00
Laths, 1 foot 6 in, per M.....	1 90

BUSINESS NOTES.

Wm. T. Day, butcher, has opened at Nanaimo.

Herman Choer, butcher, has opened at New Denver.

J. Conn, fruits, cigars, etc., Victoria, has closed out.

Thomson Bros., stationers, Vancouver, loss by burglary.

T. L. Ray, blacksmith, has opened a new shop at Union.

Wm. Collier, hotel, Westminster, loss reported by burglary.

Philip Phillips has reopened the Trade Dollar saloon, Victoria

H. A. Bull, grocer, Stoveston, has removed to Valdez Island.

E. Chapman, butcher, has opened at 210 Cook street, Victoria.

Geo. Cavin has taken over the Colonial Metropole saloon, Victoria.

Campbell & Nevard, butchers, Chilliwack, have dissolved. W. Nevard continues.

Ewen Morrison has bought out S. F. McIntosh, Rock Bay Coal and Wood Yard, Victoria.

M. Wasto, marble and stone cutter, Victoria, has admitted Mr. Mossworth into partnership.

The B. C. Paper Mills Co. are having an electric light plant installed at their works at Alberni.

The Birkbeck Loan and Investment Co., of Toronto, are establishing agencies in British Columbia.

Thorpe & Co., Ltd., soda water manufacturers, Victoria, damage by fire. Business continues as usual.

Capt. J. E. Butler, Victoria, has been appointed pilot for Nanaimo district, and will begin duties Dec. 1.

Wm. T. Thompson, general store, Granite Creek, has assigned to Thos. Earle and Nicholles & Renouf.

The Victoria Hydraulic Co. have completed arrangements with L. G. Holt, of Mann & Holt, railway contractors, for the sale of their property at Quesnelle Forks.

The incorporation of the Victoria Fishing and Trading Co., Ltd., has been officially announced in the *Gazette*.

The stock of James Abrams, gents' furnishings, boots and shoes, Union, is offered for sale by tender by assignee—R. Grant.

It is reported that N. P. Snowden has retired from the firm of Lowenberg, Harris & Co., real estate and insurance agents, Victoria, and after a visit to England will settle on his ranch at Saanich.

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DAIRY PRODUCE.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: Butter receipts during the past week were 3,626 pkgs against 3,522 pkgs for the week previous. The market is quiet, the only business being of a local character. What is wanted is an export demand to relieve this market of the early made creamery that is held here. There have been a few cable enquiries, but the limits were too low to admit of any business. Sales of September and October creamery have transpired at 20c 20½c, and a lot of September at 19½c at the factory. There is said to be a great difference in the makes of September and October goods, some being perfect and others poor. In dairy butter a lot of selected Kamouraska made 15c, and a lot of Western 15½c selected. We quote:

Creamery, September.	20 c to 21 c per lb
Creamery, August	18c to 19 c per lb
Eastern Townships dairy	16½c to 18 c "
Western	14½c to 16 c "

Add 1c to 2c per lb. to above for single tubs of selected.

Cheese receipts during the past week were 44,287 boxes, against 31,283 for the week previous. This market remains quiet, although there has been considerable activity in the country, pretty well, the entire make in factorymen's hands east of Toronto having been sold. Quite a lot of Quebec cheese has also been picked up at from 9c to 9½c as to quality, the latter for finest. Regarding the contracted cheese that has been refused and mentioned in our last report, there can be no doubt some of these lots deserve to be refused, as they were sold as finest, but when delivered they were very far from finest. There has been quite a lot of business over the cable, and after navigation is closed it is expected that a better export trade will set in. The Liverpool cable remains steady at 48s 6d. We quote prices as follows:

Finest Western colored	10½c to 10½c
" " white	10½c to 10½c
" Quebec	9½c to 10 c
Under grades	9c to 9½c
Cable	48s 6d

The opening of the German Reichstag has been postponed to December 5.

During last month, 1,000 head of Northwest cattle were shipped to the British markets.

During the week ending Nov. 3, 120,000 barrels of apples reached England from America. Canadian apples were much in evidence and brought good prices.

A Nanaimo despatch, Nov. 10, says: This city, to-night, presents an unusually animated appearance. Between \$85,000 and \$90,000 were paid out. This is the largest pay sheet in the last two years, and business men are smiling a welcome to what appears the forerunner of old time prosperity."

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

On Monday afternoon the Parliament of the Province of British Columbia met for the dispatch of business, and according to the Speech from the Throne there are several important matters with which in all probability the members will be called upon to deal. First and foremost we quote the following important clause. "The subject of further railway extension for the development of the resources of the Province will receive further consideration and should any practical proposal be forthcoming it will be laid before you in due course." We have always favored the opening up of the Province by means of highways and railroads, and shall give our most hearty support to any practical proposal which shall be submitted, as appears from the reference will be most probably the case. Ours is a Province not only of long distances, but of more than ordinary difficulty to traverse, and we hold it to be the bounden duty of the legislature to afford, limited only by its abilities, all the needed means of communication which cannot otherwise be obtained.

In fact, the policy of any administration which understands the situation should be roads and railways. Then it may be expected there will be development and the Province, instead of strangers, will secure the advantages of the vast resources which it now has but cannot reach. It may be said that we are only a small people, but it is not always the most numerous people who out- rival the well directed enterprise and energy of their neighbors. The members will be asked to ratify the expenditures rendered necessary by the Fraser River floods, as well as to supply the requirements of other works. It is remarked that owing to the depression the revenue has not come up to expectations, still that there are unusually promising appearances in connection with coal and quartz mining, and a healthy reaction in the lumber trade. The business of salmon canning and sealing is referred to as having been large, and, it is stated, that the much disputed Nakusp and Slocan

Railway has not only been completed, but has been the means of transporting large quantities of ore. Among the measures promised, are amendments to the Assessment Act, a consolidated lien act, a small debt recovery act, a bill to give the option to cities of government by commissioners, and an act to provide for the revision of the statutes.

PRESS VINDICATION.

There are some people who, when they desire to suppress an unpleasant truth, knowing the costliness and trouble of a libel suit to the parties against whom it is instituted, even should it not be successful, seek to bully publishers by threatenings and bluster. Having everything to gain and comparatively little to lose these persons frequently initiate proceedings and carry them on in the hope of wearying the other side, which, in many cases, has neither the time nor the money to expel on the case, and often attain their object the withdrawal of and an apology for the objectionable statements. It is, however, worth remembering that almost in ninety nine cases out of a hundred the publisher concludes, before making his announcements, that he has a *prima facie* case, or he would not run the risk to which he is subjected under a libel law of the most stringent character.

A long time back the *Monteur de Commerce*, a commercial paper of Montreal, stated that La Banque de Hochelaga, an institution with its headquarters in that city, had accepted bills of the late Central Bank when they were without value, and had in bad faith passed them on to the public. This was a bold, a direct and most damaging statement. The directors of the Bank—the manager, Mr. Prendergast, having been previously connected with the Press adopted the usual course, that of threatening a suit. But *Le Mond* would not back down. On the contrary it reiterated its statement. Action was taken, but the proceedings were delayed, not, it is said, at the instance of the defendant newspaper, which pressed for a more speedy decision. And now we find that the Bank in its action for \$50,000 damages has been nonsuited in a jury trial, the verdict being that the article was not libellous, the allegations being substantially true.

Considerable credit is due *Le Monteur de Commerce* for its pluck in insisting or bringing the matter to an issue and in vindicating its own position. Frank Shallow, its editor, and Henry Mason, editor of the *Trade Bulletin* are two commercial journalists of Canada who have refused to be browbeaten by corporations and individuals, both having elected to

vindicate their statements before the Courts and the public rather than take back and apologize for what they published in good faith and what they considered to be in the public interest.

INSURANCE REBATE.

The question of rebate in life insurance premiums about which there has been so much controversy among underwriters, and to put an end to which their association has in several instances taken action, is likely to come up in the Courts. Mr. W. J. Fair, of Kingston, agent of the North American Life, having been fined for having made an allowance on the premium on the policies of three brothers, residents of Pembroke, has appealed to the higher Courts of Ontario, from which an authoritative decision is expected before long. The outcome of this case is one of considerable importance both to insurers and the companies and their agents. Are the companies to be held to a hard and fast tariff, freedom of trade in this business not being permissible? No doubt it will be contended that in this case the rebate was allowed for the mere sake of securing the risk; that it would not be allowed in subsequent years and that the transaction was one in which the company was not concerned, the agent having merely remitted the commission that was accruing to him individually.

THE SEASON'S SEALING.

We have already referred to the results of the operations during the present season of the Victoria sealing fleet. The collector of customs has, it may be stated, forwarded his official report to Ottawa, which contains a great deal of information as to what has been done, and as to the habits and movements of the seal. The report shows that 59 British Columbia vessels, manned by 818 whites and 518 Indians, went out this year, as against 53 last season, with crews of 847 whites and 432 Indians. The catch of the two seasons may be stated as follows.

	1901.	1899.
B. C. coast catch.....	11,703	21,113
Japan " "	18,923	29,906
Copper Island "	7,437	12,013
Behring Sea "	26,341
Total B. C. catch	49,474	70,732

The catches of the American schooners Louis Olsen, Annie Matilda and Josephine, in all 574, landed at Victoria, brought up the number of skins handled at this port to 95,048. It may be mentioned, that of the Behring Sea take, in all 26,341, the catch of male seals reached 11,705, and, of females, 14,636, thus disposing of the American pretension that the Canadian sealers slaughtered an undue proportion of female seals.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

In a recent issue, the *Corn Trade News*, of Liverpool, England, has published statistics giving detailed estimates of the world's wheat supplies for the last six years. These are as follows:

1889	2,174,500,000 bushels
1890	2,293,000,000 "
1891	2,461,900,000 "
1892	2,412,600,000 "
1893	2,453,700,000 "
1894	2,522,100,000 "

In two years only out of the six have North and South America contributed more than half as much as Europe. In 1892, the figures were: America, 720,800,000 bushels; Europe, 1,205,700,000 bushels; and, in 1891, America was 812,100,000 bushels, against Europe's 1,535,600,000. In 1894, Europe supplied 1,420,000,000 bushels; America, 709,000,000 bushels; Asia, 310,000,000; Africa, 42,000,000; and Australasia, 40,900,000 bushels. The subjoined comparison of the respective yields of Canada and the United States, when the respective populations are considered, will not be regarded as in any way unfavorable to the former, and we have vast fields suitable for grain culture, which have never yet been traversed by the cultivator or reaper.

	Canada.	United States.	Total.
1891	50,000,000	520,000,000	570,000,000
1893	43,000,000	475,000,000	518,000,000
1892	51,000,000	580,000,000	630,000,000
1891	55,300,000	685,000,000	740,300,000
1890	44,000,000	430,000,000	474,000,000
1889	31,000,000	491,000,000	522,000,000

With the exception of 1893, France has been uniformly the heaviest producer, the respective products of that year being: Russia, 305,000,000 bushels; France, 278,000,000 bushels; Hungary following next with 150,000,000 bushels; Italy, with 131,000,000 bushels. In their order during 1894, the great wheat producing countries of the world were: United States, 520,000,000 bushels; France, 334,000,000; Russia, 283,000,000; India, 230,000,000; Hungary, 140,000,000; Italy, 117,000,000; Germany, 100,000,000; the Argentine, 100,000,000; Spain, 95,000,000; United Kingdom, 60,000,000; Caucasus, 60,000,000; Canada, 50,000,000; Austria, 46,000,000; Turkey in Asia, 43,000,000; and Roumania, 40,000,000. The crops mentioned are those harvested prior to September 1 in each year, except in the cases of Australasia, the Argentine, Uruguay and Chili, which are those of the December and February following. For Chili and Uruguay, however, the figures which have not been previously brought forward are only 24,000,000 for 1894. It may be remarked, that the increase for 1894 over 1893 is about 64,000,000 bushels, or about 40,000,000 bushels more than is required for human consumption; but this, it is expected, will be fed to animals, both on this continent and in Europe.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Proposals for the construction and maintenance of the Pacific cable were opened on Friday by the Dominion Minister of Trade and Commerce. Six offers were received in answer to advertisement, all from British manufacturers having their headquarters in London. The figures are, it is understood, below the estimates of Mr. Sandford Fleming, no objection being made to the length of the link from Vancouver to Fanning Island, or to other points suggested for landing the cable in the event of a landing place not being procurable in the Hawaiian Islands. The prospects are now said to be much more favorable than at the time of the Colonial Conference, and it is likely that very shortly some definite action will be taken.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

UNDER the New York State corporation law the New York Life Insurance Company has adopted a new charter and by-laws, of which the *Insurance and Finance Chronicle* says: "There is much to commend in the new charter and by-laws, and that they are such as in the hands of competent and honest men, may guide the company along the lines of success and permanent strength, we have no doubt."

The Democratic party of the United States at the elections last week, were so badly beaten that the result came down upon them almost like an avalanche. It was one of those revulsions which, though to some extent expected was not supposed to be likely to be of the importance it assumed. As it was there were few States in which the Democrats were not severely hurt and the Republicans are, as may be imagined, exceedingly jubilant.

Why the *Investors' Review*, of London, to which we referred in a recent issue should have made such a violent and malignant attack upon the credit of this country it is hard to imagine, particularly at a time when the Finance Minister was endeavoring to negotiate a loan in Great Britain. If the intention was to thwart the endeavors of Hon. Mr. Foster, it is satisfactory for us to again announce that the article failed of its object, the amount required having been subscribed half a dozen times over, the Canadian 3 per cents bringing 97 1/2.

The bank statement for September may very properly be regarded as an improvement on several of its recent predecessors. The note issue of September are, it may be said, \$1,773,770 below those of the previous month, although

circulation augmented by the large amount of \$3,084,790, or about 11.80 per cent., the general average of the variations caused by crop movements being about 7 per cent. The percentage of increase in September, 1871 over the preceding August was, however, 14.60. Balances on demand in the Bank of Montreal were augmented by \$818,000 during September, but reductions in some of the other banks brought down the total increase to \$194,960. Deposits payable after notice were \$1,085,631 greater than during the same month last year, which is accounted for by the earlier sale of the crops this year.

In compliance with instructions received from Ottawa, the suspended post office letter carriers were, on Saturday morning, notified to return to work, and after meeting in consultation among themselves and communicated with the Commissioner of Conciliation and Arbitration, concluded to return to work. This, we may observe, is a much more satisfactory outcome than there was reason to anticipate, owing to the brusqueness and arbitrariness of the Postmaster-General, whose high-handed action, but, it is said, for the interposition of Bishop Perrin and others—some say the Governor General interested himself—would have had a most serious effect. In fact, Sir Adolphe Caron will be called to account at the next session of the Dominion Parliament, and, it may be, taught a lesson that he will not soon forget.

In their address to the Governor-General the British Columbia Board of Trade very properly referred to the exceptionally heavy contributions levied on this city and Province for the purposes of the Dominion, and at the same time expressed the hope that the circumstance would ever have the consideration of the central Government when public expenditures are being appropriated. This observation, we take it, was specially intended to apply to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and to the Postmaster-General, while we hold, as we have continued to do, that in their tariff adjustments provision should be made by drawbacks, if no other process be possible, to provide for the special conditions of this Province. Under a protective tariff, with none of its special interests protected, British Columbia pays the protected price on articles produced in other parts of the Dominion, which it does not itself raise or manufacture, and, in addition has, in many instances, to pay heavier rates of transportation than other provinces. For all this being a non-manufacturing country it gets no return, while the public appropriations are doled out grudgingly to it.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of October, 1891:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, beer and porter.....	2,025	\$ 87 20
Animals.....	1,114	88 50
Books, pamphlets, etc.....	1,611	511 30
Brass and manufactures of.....	477	143 14
Breadstuffs-grain of all kinds.....	7,162	2,517 95
Flour.....	4,892	1,683 40
Meal, corn and oat.....	173	29 00
Rice.....	1,382	2,517 41
Other breadstuffs.....	3,988	82 55
Bicycles, Tricycles, Velocipedes and parts of.....	398	119 40
Cars-railway and tram.....		
Coal, bituminous.....		
Copper and manufactures of.....	55	16 50
Cottons, bleached or unbleached: not dyed, colored, etc.....	120	101 80
" bleached, dyed, etc.....	1,217	305 10
" clothing.....	647	207 05
" thread not on spools, yarn, warp, etc.....		
" thread on spools.....		
" all other manufactures.....	805	245 59
Drugs and medicines.....	5,983	2,043 51
Earthen, stone & Chinaware.....	291	97 05
Fancy goods & embroideries: Bracelets, braids, fringes, etc.....	282	81 60
Laces, collars, nettings, etc.....	109	138 00
All other fancy goods.....	103	109 10
Fish and products of.....	1,347	291 27
Fruits and nuts dried.....	2,349	649 73
Green, oranges and lemons.....	977	59 75
All other.....	3,816	1,552 36
Furs, manufactures of.....	368	92 00
Glass, manufactures of: Bottles, jars, etc.....	261	78 30
" Window glass.....		
" Plate glass.....	607	215 74
" All other manufactures.....	2,243	686 50
Gunpowder & explosive substances.....	389	113 40
Gutta percha, manufs of.....	2,651	788 82
Hats, caps, and bonnets, bearing, silk or felt.....	1,182	351 60
" All other.....		
Iron and steel and manufs of: Band, hoop, sheet, plate.....	537	11 01
" Bar iron & railway bars.....	229	56 81
" Cutlery, hardware, etc.....	3,681	629 29
" Machines, machinery, etc.....	2,497	674 90
" Pig iron, kentledge, etc.....	98	21 81
" Stoves and castings.....	506	163 88
" Tubing.....	1,212	107 40
" All other manufactures.....	1,974	456 36
Jewelry & watches & manufs of gold and silver.....	536	138 40
Lead and manufactures of.....	21	7 20
Leather, all kinds.....	480	76 20
" Boots and shoes.....	2,455	613 75
" All other manufs.....	96	20 40
Marble & stone & manufs of.....	470	121 50
Metals and manufactures of.....	125	45 32
Musical instruments.....	246	68 00
Oil, mineral and products of: Flaxseed or linseed.....	4,892	1,249 38
" All other.....	512	102 40
Paints and colors.....	357	119 25
Paper, envelopes, etc.....	1,282	194 20
Pickles, sauces, capers.....	1,762	576 21
Provisions, lard, meats, fresh and salt.....	1,024	358 40
" Butter, cheese.....	11,928	2,306 25
Seeds and roots.....	305	56 62
Silk, manufactures of.....	350	45 00
Soap, all kinds.....	7,885	2,402 86
Spices, ground & unground.....	1,706	592 42
Spirits, all kinds.....	115	59 42
Wines, sparkling.....	5,682	9,413 34
" other than sparkling.....	1,783	910 80
Molasses.....	1,536	4,406 78
Tobacco and cigars.....	3,926	4,176 11
Vegetables.....	983	313 30
Wood, manufactures of.....	1,745	411 50
Wollens: Carpets, Brussels and tapestry.....	704	211 20
" Clothing.....	3,868	1,316 35
" Cloths, worsteds, etc.....	191	65 70
" Dress goods.....	1,385	427 50
" Knitted goods.....	411	144 90
" Shawls.....	358	89 50
" Yarns.....		
" All other manufs.....	536	297 30

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Bradstreet's, Saturday, Nov. 10th, said: "Interest in the elections this week naturally tended to restrict the volume of

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
All other dutiable goods.....	12,054	\$,614 76
Total dutiable goods.....	\$108,810	\$57,720 99
Free goods.....	26,973	
Coin and bullion.....		
Grand total.....	\$135,783	\$57,720 99

The following are the free goods entered at the port of Victoria for the month of October, 1891:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.
Animals for improvement of stock.....	\$ 50 00
Articles for use of Army and Navy.....	1,300 00
Asphaltum or Asphalt.....	
Broom Corn.....	
Coffee.....	\$22 00
Cotton waste.....	
Dyes, chemicals, etc.....	520 00
Fish and products of.....	6,263 00
Fisheries, articles for, nets, seines, etc.....	49 00
Fruits, bananas, olives, pineapples, etc.....	323 00
Fur, skins not dressed.....	330 00
Grease for soap making, etc.....	
Hides and skins.....	
India rubber and gutta percha, crude.....	
Metals-Brass and copper.....	115 00
" Iron and steel, all other.....	
" Tin and zinc.....	
" Other.....	2,915 06
Oils, vegetable.....	208 00
Salt.....	
Settlers' effects.....	5,301 00
Sugar.....	
Tea.....	1,361 00
Tobacco leaf.....	2,474 00
Wood, cabinetmakers, etc.....	94 00
All other free goods.....	1,515 00
Total.....	\$ 26,973 00
Coin and bullion.....	
Total free goods.....	\$ 26,973 00

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of October, 1891 the produce of Canada.

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal..... tons.....	812	3,151
Gold dust, nuggets, etc.....		32,982
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions.....	2,928	337,369
Fish oil..... gallons.....		1,008
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water.....		277,261
THE FOREST.		
Lumber deals, boards, etc.....	10	
Other articles.....		4,618
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.		
Other articles.....		59,673
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Other articles.....		108
MANUFACTURES.		
Iron-pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.....		6
Roots.....		6
Wood, manufactures of.....		509
Other articles.....		415
Miscellaneous articles.....		1,155
Grand total.....		\$ 738,331
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of October, 1891:		
QUANTITY.	VALUE.	
Agricultural Products.....		
Fruits-gre.....		115
Manufactures-		
Iron-pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.....		466
Wood m's of all kinds.....		215
Other articles.....		2,408
Miscellaneous articles.....		1,496
Total.....		\$ 4,700
Coin-gold.....		1,425
Grand total.....		\$ 6,125
Total exports of all kinds.....		\$744,456

trade, particularly south, which interfered with mercantile collections. But within a few days, the influence of more seasonable weather west and northwest, to-

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

The receipts for Vancouver Inland Revenue Division No. 38 for October are as follows:

Vancouver Division Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

Spirits warehoused during month.....	1,965.89 p gals
ex-warehoused for consumption.....	5,490.92 p gals
Balance in warehouse.....	3,936.85 p gals
Malt warehoused during month.....	51,010 lbs
ex-warehoused for consumption.....	33,160 lbs
balance in warehouse.....	28,847 lbs
Tobacco warehoused during month.....	7,985 lbs
ex-warehoused for consumption.....	8,073 lbs
balance in warehouse.....	29,435 lbs
raw leaf wareh'd during month.....	615 lbs
Cigars ex-warehoused during month.....	11,009
balance in warehouse.....	9,000
Ex-warehoused for removal.....	
Cigars.....	10,000
Raw leaf tobacco.....	101 lbs
Ex-warehoused for exportation.....	
Spirits.....	6.50 p. gals

COLLECTIONS.

Spirits.....	\$ 5,251 61
Malt.....	591 92
Tobacco.....	2,018 25
Cigars.....	499 80
Petroleum lbs.....	191 50
Fines.....	10 00
Other receipts.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 8,478 11

gether with the emphasis with which political questions have apparently been settled, have increased the confidence of many merchants and manufacturers in a prospect for an increased rate of improvement in general trade in the near future. Chicago and S. Louis manufacturers and business men already report evidences of a tendency on the part of interior buyers to purchase for future delivery, and from such iron centres as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago, relatively greater steadiness is reported in quotations for staple brands of iron and steel than for months past. There is an increased shipment of anthracite coal, both by lake and by rail, within the week, and a stimulated demand for shoes, hats and clothing. Foreign competition with domestic plain woollen dress goods is noticeable, free orders having been placed for delivery after January 1st, and the American fleece wools feel the effects of competition with Australia, and quotations continue easy. Print cloth stocks are reduced in volume, and prices are steady. Domestic woollen mills are fairly well employed.

Returns of gross earnings of 107 railroads for October show an average decrease of 3.1 per cent., compared with those of October, 1893. Bank clearings at 75 cities throughout the United States this week amount to \$950,600,000, or 2.5 per cent. more than in the previous week, and only 20 per cent. smaller than in the corresponding week two years ago. Exports of wheat (including flour as wheat), both coasts of the United States and Canada, as reported exclusively to *Bradstreet's*, aggregate 2,689,000 bushels this week, against 2,934,000 bushels last week, 2,813,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 3,885,000 bushels two years ago, 4,490,000 bushels three years ago, and as

contrasted with 3,324,000 bushels in the first week of November, 1890.

Special telegrams from Halifax report gains in almost all lines, with collections improved. There is also an improvement in wholesale lines at Toronto, colder weather having stimulated business, but the prices are unchanged. Retail trade is stimulated at Montreal, but jobbers report collections less prompt than a year ago, and the volume of business not equal to expectations. Bank clearings at Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to \$22,544,551, a large increase as compared with the preceding week, when the total was \$16,972,237.

Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.'s *Review of Trade*, Saturday, Nov. 10, said: business has been waiting the greater part of the past week and the elections are expected to give it a sharp stimulus. In the speculative markets there has been scarcely any movement and nothing favorable to holders. There is a decided improvement in the tone of the market and a general confidence that business will now improve. The boot and shoe manufactories have been doing relatively well as usual, though the season is about over, and the orders running into the future are, as hitherto, almost exclusively for goods of the cheaper grades. The shipments from Boston, according to the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*, were 78,909 cases for the week, against 56,066 for the same week last year. No change in prices has been noted, although manufacturers still complain that the present prices of boots and shoes are not remunerative with current prices for leather. In the textile industries there is rather more hesitation than appeared a week ago. Print cloths are lower, and some of the cotton mills have discontinued production because the demand is unsatisfactory, the shrinking in the western and southern demand being generally attributed to the low prices of wheat and cotton, and to the short crop of corn. Scarcely anything is doing in woollen goods for spring delivery and the demand for fall and winter goods has notably disappeared. In general it is believed that the spring orders thus far are not more than half the usual quantity.

Reports of failures are on the whole encouraging, compared with last year, and yet the volume of liabilities is larger for the season than in any year of ordinary prosperity. The aggregate in five weeks ending November 1st, has been \$10,772,943, of which \$4,386,578 were of manufacturing and \$6,303,862 of trading concerns. The failures during the past week have been 261 in the United States against 358 last year, and 42 in Canada, against 37 last year. There have been a few failures of consequence during the week, but none of extensive influence.

TACOMA TRADE.

The *Tacoma West Coast Trade* says: "The week has shown a lack of any special activity, the all-absorbing interest centered in the election throughout the state and country having proven a factor of considerable importance in disturbing the situation. However, it is anticipated that after the quieting down of political affairs that trading will show considerable improvement, under ordinary conditions. Buyers continue to purchase with a view of preventing accumulations of stocks, and as terms of credit are shorter both with jobber and retailer, orders for goods are usually for smaller quantities and made oftener. The shipment of lumber and shingles over the Burlington system into the territory opened up by it has not as yet assumed proportions of noticeable importance, owing to the fact that the joint tariffs were not announced in time for shippers to make satisfactory arrangements, but the movement will undoubtedly be accelerated from now on. The cargo lumber trade has been fairly good and a large fleet of vessels is now on the Sound, loading both coastwise and foreign. In fact, shipping generally is active and Tacoma's October exports, notwithstanding the low range of values, made a satisfactory showing, with wheat shipments steadily increasing. The average daily receipts of wheat at this port is now something like 30,000 bushels, and it is evident that the season's exports will be very nearly, if not quite up to last year, though a number of cargoes of off-grade wheat have been shipped to San Francisco by steamer. Shipments of fruit and other produce eastward are bringing fair returns."

DRY GOODS.

The *Toronto Empire* says: "During the fine warm weather of the past week, farmers have been busily engaged on fall work, and country points report small business in consequence. City trade is also influenced by the weather, as heavy wear is slow to move until the lower temperature makes it necessary. A fair quantity of orders for spring cottons and woollens are being booked, but sorting orders for fall lines are few. Fall suitings, overcoatings, tailors' trimmings, mantlings, box cloths, plain serges, flannel-ettes, gray flannels, blankets, cottonades, medium weight hosiery, gloves and water-proof garments have been the principal lines ordered for immediate shipment, but, as before stated, orders are not numerous, and are for only moderate quantities. A cold snap would improve trade. The chief feature in prices has been the decline of raw cotton to less than 5½¢ a lb. When the low price of raw material is added to reduced prices for labor, it makes

it possible for manufacturers to turn out goods at lower figures than ever heretofore quoted. Such is the case now, and though production has been cheapened, competition has cut prices until the consumer has the greater part, if not all, the benefit. One dollar will now buy nearly as much cotton as two would buy three years ago. The same line that was then sold for 8½¢ a yard is now being sold for 5¢ by local jobbers. Reductions in prices have been made in other lines of dry goods, in many cases as much as 50 per cent. in the last, say four years. Notwithstanding the low prices, however, the retail trade is buying more sparingly than when values were much higher. Several sales of bankrupt stocks have taken place during the week. Good clean stocks have brought high prices. One in Hamilton sold at 70½¢ on the dollar, and one in Bowmanville at 70¢ on the dollar. On the other hand, out-of-date stocks have sold down below 40¢. Payments have been fair from cities and large towns, but slow from country points, where general storekeepers find collections slow."

SAN FRANCISCO COAL TRADE.

J. W. Harrison, coal and metal broker, San Francisco, reports Nov. 3 as follows: "During the week there have been the following arrivals: From the Coast collieries, 22,179 tons; from Swansea, 2,083 tons; from Australia, 3,072 tons. Business generally is reported brisk among the jobbers, and all their teams are busy delivering orders, as the recent cloudy weather is materially increasing consumption. Prices remain low, the yards are filled to their capacity, and the wholesale dealers are hungry for business, which makes competition sharp. Freight quotations from English ports are reported higher; the last quoted coal freight from Cardiff and Swansea is 15s per ton, fully two shillings higher than a month ago. British Columbia still continues a liberal shipper; almost 45 per cent. of our entire imports for last month came from that source. The prices at which their products are marketed will not show much profit at the end of the year. Fuel for manufacturing purposes is lower than ever before known; this branch of the tariff has aided our industries locally, and will continue to do so."

The Brockville Carriage Company have received an order for vehicles to be shipped to Santiago, Chili.

Economical movements are in the air. In Australia there is a serious suggestion offered to reduce the membership of the Legislatures. In the state of New Hampshire a similar proposition is under consideration.

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SHIPPING LIST.

B. C. LUMBER FLEET, 1894.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS.	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	PORT.	CARGO FT.	VALUE.	ARRIVED.	RATE.
Am ship.	Eclipse	1336	Peterson	Jan. 20	Vancouver	Greenock	1,072,820	10,720	June 7	60s
Nor ship.	Beaconsfield	1450	Bastiansen	Feb. 5	Vancouver	Amsterdam	1,055,411	13,191	July 8	Private
Am schr.	Pioneer	357	Hughes	Feb. 28	Victoria	Santa Rosalia	57,714	661	arrived	Private
Am schr.	Aida	597	Anderson	March 25	Moodyville	Shanghai	689,562	6,362	June 10	40s
Chil. bark.	India	933	Funke	April 7	Moodyville	Valparaiso	761,404	5,455	July 2	owners ac
Br bark.	Thermopylae	918	Winchester	May 2	New Westminster	Shanghai	581,533	6,142	July 7	37s 6d
Chil. ship.	Himolstan	1512	Welsh	May 12	Moodyville	Valparaiso	1,207,552	9,278	arrived	owners ac
Br ship.	Astoria	1335	Dagwell	June 21	Vancouver	Antwerp	710,681	17,115	arrived	63s 9d
Ger bark.	Gutenberg	627	Zephen	May 12	Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o.	591,706	5,392	arrived	42s 6d
Am bktnr.	Modoc	457	Bosch	May 5	Victoria	Santa Rosalia, C.	101,211	2,210	arrived	Private
Am bktnr.	Katie Flickinger	419	McLae	May 5	Vancouver	Santa Rosalia, B.	399,118	3,258	May 29	Private
Br ship.	East Croft	1312	Rammer	May 25	Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o.	1,058,981	9,067	arrived	9s
Br ship.	Benmore	1190	Scott	Aug. 2	Victoria	Adelaide	1,095,479	8,710	Sept. 29	40s
Br ship.	Grace Harwar	1750	Hunt	June 27	Vancouver	Queenstown fo	1,988,871	12,190	arrived	62s 6d
Br bktne.	Xantippe	969	Falconer	June 14	Vancouver	Queenstown fo	811,219	12,214	arrived	Private
Am bktnr.	Chehatts	655	Walls	May 31	Vancouver	Adelaide	72,163	6,197	arrived	40s
Br ship.	Largo Law	1537	Furneaux	June 20	Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o.	1,353,471	12,477	arrived	37s 3d
Br bark.	Gainsborough	985	McPhail	June 21	Moodyville	Melbourne	740,801	5,630	arrived	37s 6d
Am ship.	Guardian	1073	Marden	July 3	Victoria	Santa Rosalia, D	179,357	1,000	Aug. 1	Private
Am bark.	Olympic	1112	Gibbs	July 12	Vancouver	Callao	1,365,752	11,040	arrived	35s
Nic bark.	Don Carlos	621	Tobey	July 11	Vancouver	Noumea	536,991	1,819	arrived	30s
Br ship.	Borrowdale	1197	Bolderston	July 28	Moodyville	Caleta Buena	910,683	6,830	arrived	10s
Am bark.	Hesper	661	Sodergren	June 30	Vancouver	Sydney	744,604	5,357	arrived	30s
Br bark.	Vilhalla	866	Harland	July 9	Vancouver	Melbourne	656,795	1,860	arrived	37s 6d
Am bark.	Southern Chief	1219	Svensen	July 12	Vancouver	Santa Rosalia, F	891,436	6,382	arrived	Private
Am schr.	Wm. Bowden	728	Fjerem	July 8	Moodyville	Sydney	676,072	8,192	arrived	39s
Chil. bark.	Elisa	915	Harken	July 16	Moodyville	Antofagasta	763,572	7,014	arrived	owners ac
Nor ship.	Drammen	1317	Anderson	Aug. 21	Vancouver	Amsterdam	994,910	12,430	arrived	Private
Br ship.	Verajean	1821	Crowley	Aug. 29	Vancouver	Alexandria	1,622,176	19,464	arrived	70s
Am schr.	Aida	597	Anderson	Aug. 29	Moodyville	Shanghai	694,981	6,462	arrived	42s 6d
Am ship.	Occidental	1470	Morse	Oct. 2	Victoria	Santa Rosalia, G	219,061	4,981	arrived	Private
Am bark.	Newsboy	539	Molsted	Sept. 11	Vancouver	Sydney	662,997	5,231	arrived	31s 3d
Ital. bark.	Cavour	1389	San Menter	Oct. 6	Vancouver	Callao	986,165	8,850	arrived	32s 6d
Br ship.	Balaclush	1836	Gowley	Oct. 11	Moodyville	Valparaiso	1,333,210	12,500	arrived	32s 6d
Br ship.	Lismore	1538	Ferguson	Oct. 30	Vancouver	Buenos Ayres	1,221,499	9,350	arrived	78s 6d
Am bktnr.	Irmgard	628	Schmidt	Oct. 30	Vancouver	Iquique	arrived	arrived	37s 6d	
Br bark.	Alexandra	1297	Barfield	Oct. 30	Vancouver	Calais	arrived	arrived	63s 9d	
Am schr.	R. W. Bartlett	435	Olsen	Oct. 20	Vancouver	Santa Rosalia, H	501,628	1,000	arrived	Private
Am brig.	Geneva	171	Paulsen	Nov. 10	Moodyville	Iquique	551,219	4,570	arrived	Private
Am schr.	Sadie	235	Smith	Oct. 30	Westminster	San Francisco	110,000	2,870	arrived	Private
Chil. bark.	India	933	Funke	Oct. 30	Moodyville	Valparaiso	arrived	arrived	owners ac	
Amss	Lakme	401	Bonnielfield	Oct. 30	Vancouver	San Pedro	arrived	arrived	Private	

VESSELS IN PORT.
(November 12, 1894.)
VICTORIA.
Am. bark Wrestler, 417 tons; wrecked Feb. 7 and floated July 6.
Nic. ss. Costa Rica, 1,271 tons, Capt. McIntyre, taking in new boilers at Albion Iron Works.
Am. bark Melrose, 911 tons, Capt. Kalb, laden with coal. Towed into Esquimalt Oct. 29 by tug Lorne; sprung a leak while being towed to sea; discharging cargo at outer wharf and will undergo repairs.
Br. bark Ladstock, 816 tons, Capt. Carrion, arrived Nov. 9, from Liverpool with general cargo. R. P. Bithet & Co., Ltd., consignees. Chartered homewards.
CHEMANUS.
Am. bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, arrived Aug. 29, laid up.

VANCOUVER.
A.A. bktnr. Irmgard, 628 tons, Capt. Schmidt, loading lumber for Iquique.
Br. bark Alexandra, 1,297 tons, Capt. Barfield, arrived Sept. 22, loading lumber at Hastings Mill for Calais.
Chil. barg India, 933 tons, Capt. Funke, arrived Nov. 10, loading lumber for Valparaiso on owners' account.
Am. ss. Lakme, 401 tons, Capt. Bonnielfield, loading lumber for San Pedro.
Br. ss. Miowera, 1,911 tons, Capt. Stott, arrived Nov. 12, from Sydney.
NEW WESTMINSTER.
German bark Senta, 1,037 tons, Capt. Thiemann, arrived Oct. 19, loading salmon or Liverpool on account of Anglo B. C. Packing Co.

NANAIMO.

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.
Nic. bark Dominion, 1,255 tons, Capt. Matheson.
Am. ship J. C. Potter, 1,182 tons, Capt. Barsby.

UNION SHIPPING.
Am. ship Glory of the Seas, 2,109 tons, Capt. Freeman.

RECAPITULATION.

Ports.	No.	Tonnage.
Victoria	4	3,381
Chemainus	1	1,036
Vancouver	5	5,193
Nanaimo	3	4,516
Westminster	1	1,037
Total	14	15,263
Previous week	16	20,665
Correspond'g week last year 1892	17	23,313
1892	17	21,665

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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	Victoria	Liverpool	38,800	\$201,875	March 25
Ger ship	Sirene	1437	Sauermilch	October 19	Victoria	London	50,558	282,790	April 1
Br ss	Grandholm	871	Masson	October 19	Victoria	Liverpool	31,707	158,535	January 13
Br bark	Jessie Stowe	645	Blanche	October 14	New Westminster	London	30,000	137,112	April 22
Br bark	Ladstock	816	Williams	October 19	New Westminster	Liverpool	35,773	178,865	March 20
Br bark	Formosa	915	Kain	November 18	Victoria	London	38,121	191,880	April 25
Br bark	City of Carlisle	823	Hughes	November 21	Victoria	Liverpool	37,351	181,905	May 30
Br ship	Candida	1222	Keo	December 22	Victoria	Liverpool	50,318	249,523	May 12
Br bark	Harold	1307	King	January 18	New Westminster	Liverpool	61,021	321,511	May 26
Br bark	Primeria	557	Gardner	December 17	Victoria	London	24,660	123,350	Aug. 11

A—Other cargo value \$1,316. B—Arrived in distress at Talcahuana, March 13. Sailed again April 25.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CONSIGNEES OR AGENTS.	DAYS OUT
Br bark	Carmoney	1255	Smyth	Aug. 11	C Liverpool	Victoria	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd	34
Br bark	Thermopylae	948	Winchester	Oct. 12	Hong Kong	Victoria	Victoria Rice Mills	32
Br schr	Rimac	885	Warn	Aug. 10	M Santos	Victoria	Findlay Durham & Brodie	16
Br ship	Aigburth	1738	Jones	Oct. 23	Liverpool	Victoria & Van	R. P. Rithet & Co., & H. Bell Irving Co.	22
Br ss	Sikh	1376	Rowley	Oct. 16	I Hong Kong	Victoria & Tac	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	28
Ger bark	Artemis	1479	Klock	Oct. 16	K. Mazatlan	Vancouver	Hastings Sawmill	
Br ship	City of Florence	1246	Leask	Oct. 16	E Liverpool	Victoria		
Br ss	Empress of China	3003	Archibald	Oct. 31	O Hong Kong	Victoria & Van	C. P. S. S. Co.	13
Br ss	Wythrop	1352	Edwards	Oct. 16	N Liverpool	Victoria & Van	Evans, Coleman & Evans	
Am ship	Sterling	1633	Wheldon	May 14	Q Philadelphia	Van & Tacoma	Evans, Coleman & Evans	183
Br ship	Senator	1635	Smith	Oct. 16	A Yokohama	Royal Roads	For orders	28
Br ss	Victorian	1932	Panton	Nov. 6	D Hong Kong	Victoria & Tac	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	7
Br ss	Empress of India	5033	Marshall	Nov. 6	H Hong Kong	Victoria & Van	C. P. S. S. Co.	
Am schr	Aida	307	Anderson	Nov. 6	P Shanghai	Moodyville	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd	
Chil. ship	Hindustan	1512	Welsh	Nov. 6	F Valparaiso	Moodyville	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd	
Br ss	Tacoma	1662	Perke	Nov. 6	A Hong Kong	Victoria & Tac	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	

F To load a return cargo of lumber on owners account. M—Chartered for salmon, to London or Liverpool 38s 9d. C—Spoken Aug. 30 lat. 14 N. long 27 W. 1 Via Yokohama, Oct. 27. J—Via Suva and Honolulu. K—Chartered for lumber. E—To sail about November 10. O—Via Yokohama Nov. 8. N—November loading. Q—Via San Diego, said to be loaded with 500 tons Anthracite coal for Vancouver, and also cargo for Puget Sound. D—Via Yokohama November 17. H—To sail November 28. Via Yokohama Dec. 7. P—To load a return cargo of lumber at 43s A—To sail December 16. Via Yokohama December 22.

FREIGHTS.

The market remains about the same as at last report. In the lumber market, there is little doing, and a demand for vessels for the trade cannot be satisfied, owing to the absence of suitable tonnage. Rates continue very steady.

Grain freights are quoted: From San Francisco to Cork, U. K., for orders, with usual options, at 27s 6d; Portland, 35s; Tacoma, 32s 6d, nominal.

Lumber freights from B. C. or Puget Sound are quoted as follows:—Valparaiso for orders, 35s; Sydney, 28s 9d;

Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 36s 3d to 37s 6d; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 6s, nominal; Shanghai, 43s; Tientsin 55s, nominal; South Africa, 60s; Noumea, 40s; Calais, 63s 9d.
Coal freights from Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$2.25 to \$2.50; to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.75 to \$3.00.

The ship Benmore, which sailed from this port Aug. 2, arrived at Adelaide on Sept. 29, making the passage in 58 days, which is fast time. The Benmore is loading wheat at Adelaide for the U. K. at 26s 3d.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Co's shipments for the week ending November 10:

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
1.	Rapid Transit, str., Seattle	98
1.	Rapid Transit, str., Tacoma	100
4.	Rapid Transit, str., Everett	50
5.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend	50
6.	Elwell, ship, San Francisco	2,242
7.	Pioneer str., Port Townsend	49
7.	Oregon, bark, San Francisco	2,170
8.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend	31
9.	Wachusett, ship, San Francisco	2,440
10.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend	35
	Total	7,265

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