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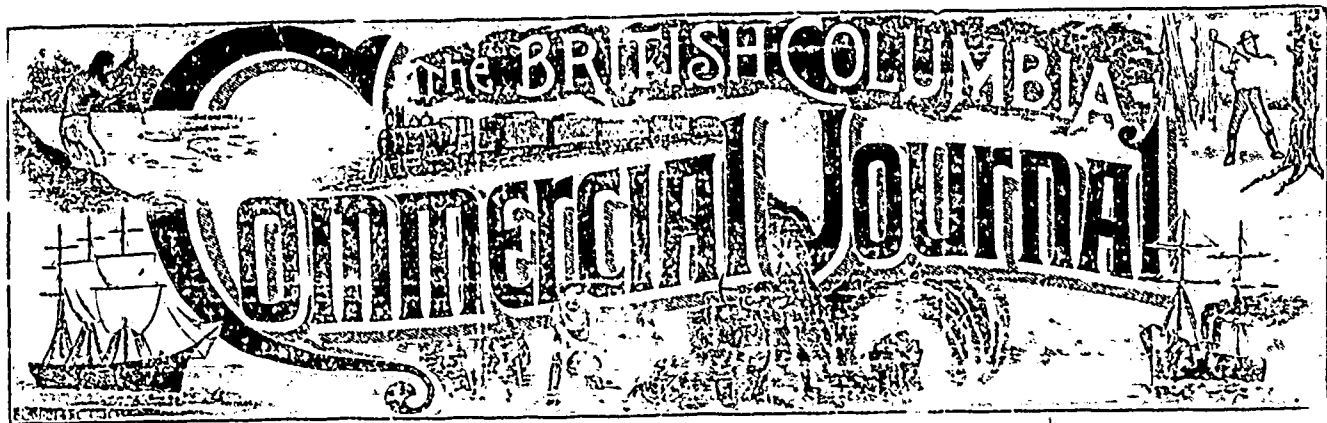
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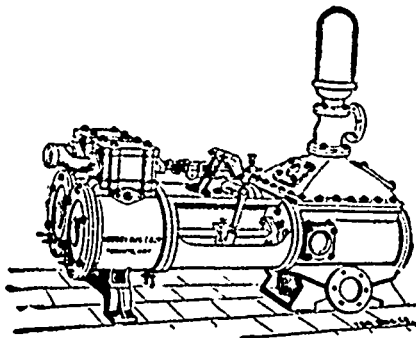
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COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
Tuesday Morning, Jan. 1
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In wholesale lines business has been quiet during the past week. The Christmas business with retailers is generally reported ahead of last year, and in a number of cases larger cash sales than in former years are noticeable. The Rosie Olsen, the first of this season's sealing fleet, has sailed, and many others are expected to get away early after the New Year.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The unfavorable weather during the week preceding Christmas, considerably affected the volume of trade, but fortunately Monday was fine, and many who had deferred their purchases took advantage of the weather, with the result that most merchants did a big day's business. On the whole, most store-keepers report a fair holiday trade, though in many cases purchases were confined to necessities, and to a larger extent less costly than in previous years."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There are no features in these lines and business has been slow during the week.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, delivered in warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by spot cash:

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

Jobbers quote:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Valencia raisins.....per lb | \$ 6 @ \$ 6 1/2 |
| Valencia Layers.....per lb | 7 @ 7 1/2 |
| Malaga raisins.....per box | 3 00 @ 3 25 |
| California London Layers per box | 2 00 @ 2 25 |
| Currants (barrels).....per lb | 5 @ |
| " half bbls.....per lb | 0 @ 0 |
| " (cases).....per lb | 5 1/2 @ 0 |
| Sultana raisins.....per lb | 8 @ 10 |
| Taragona almonds.....per lb | 17 @ 18 |
| Grenoble walnuts.....per lb | 16 @ 17 |
| Brazil Nut.....per lb | 16 @ 0 |
| Shelled Almonds.....per lb | 3 1/2 @ |
| Smyrna Flgs.....per lb | 16 @ 0 |
| " " 11-ozbox each | 12 1/2 @ |
| Filberts.....per lb | 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2 |

Dairy produce is quoted:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs | 26 @ 27 |
| Manitoba dairy | 18 @ 20 |
| " creamery in tins | 27 1/2 @ 29 |
| " " in tubs | 26 @ 00 |
| Cheese—Canadian, lb. | 13 @ 14 |
| Canadian Stilton | 17 @ 18 |
| Eggs—Canadian | per doz 21 @ 22 |

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

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| Hams..... | 14 @ 15 |
| Breakfast bacon..... | 11 @ 15 |
| Short rolls..... | 11 1/2 @ 12 |
| Dry Salt, long clear..... | 10 @ 11 |
| Bacon..... | 12 1/2 @ 13 |
| White Label pure leaf lard, tierces | 0 11 1/2 |
| " " 50-lb tins | 0 11 1/2 |
| " " 20-lb " | 0 12 |
| " " 10-lb " | 0 12 1/2 |
| " " 5-lb " | 0 12 1/2 |
| " " 3-lb " | 0 12 |

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| Jard 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 1/2 |

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

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| Dry Granulated (China)..... | 100-sack 4 50 |
| Extra C, China..... | 4 37 1/2 |
| China, yellow..... | 4 12 1/2 |
| Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)..... | 11 |
| Extra C..... | 12 |
| Fancy Yellow..... | 4 1/2 |
| Yellow..... | 4 1/2 |
| Golden C..... | 4 1/2 |
| Cubes..... | 6 1/2 |
| Powdered..... | 6 1/2 |
| Syrups, per lb..... | 3 |
| " 1 gal. tins, American (10)..... | 5 50 |
| " " " (16)..... | 5 50 |
| " 1 " " Vancouver..... | 5 50 |
| " 1 1/2 " " "..... | 7 00 |

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

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| Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium | 0 14 |
| " " " heavy | 0 13 1/2 |
| " " breakfast bacon | 0 11 |
| Fancy Gold Band hams..... | 0 15 1/2 |
| " " breakfast bacon..... | 0 16 |

Jobbers quote as follows:

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| 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 boxes | 8 50 |
| " " " quarter boxes | |
| 28 lbs, per cwt..... | 8 75 |
| Malt vinega English, 25-gal. bbls | 11 25 |
| " " " octaves | 6 00 |
| " " cases of 3 doz., per cs | 5 50 |
| Matches, block, in tins, Victoria..... | 1 25 |
| " " " California | 1 20 |
| Macaroni, No. 1, 1-lb bxs..... | 80 @ 90 |
| Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs..... | 80 |
| Coal oil, per case..... | 2 80 |
| Nails, per keg—1d, \$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. | |

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Quotations show but little change except Bananas, which are scarce, and consequently higher. The demand is, however poor.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

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| Oranges—Japanese..... | 0 10 @ 0 65 |
| " California Navals..... | 1 50 @ 4 75 |
| " " Seedlings..... | 2 75 @ 3 00 |
| Lemons—California (Johnson's)..... | 6 00 @ 6 25 |
| " Australian..... | 2 75 @ 0 00 |
| Apples—California..... | 1 35 @ 1 65 |
| " Oregon..... | 1 25 @ 1 50 |
| Cocoanuts.....per 100 | 8 00 @ 9 00 |
| Bananas—bunches..... | 2 00 @ 0 00 |
| " " crates..... | 0 00 @ 0 00 |

Vegetables are quoted:

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| Onions—Silverskins.....per lb | 1 1/2 @ 2 |
| Cabbage.....per lb | 2 @ |
| Potatoes.....per ton | 15 00 @ 18 00 |

FLOUR AND FEED.

The flour market remains steady since the advance noted last week, which was given as 20c on Ogilvie's two standard brands. Mr. Leishman advises that the Ogilvie Milling Co's quotations for Strong Baker's is 30c per bbl below that for Hungarian, and not 20c, as quoted last week. Oregon flours remain unchanged in price. Oats are \$3 per ton cheaper than last week.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The flour market is unaltered from last week as to general conditions. Receipts are up to the average; local mills are turning out a good deal of stock to go on board ships for shipment to Europe. The home trade is taking only enough to fill immediate wants. Exports to San Francisco the present month are very good, being mostly Walla Walla brands. The price list remains unchanged at \$2.40 per barrel for standard brands; inferior grades, 15c to 20c per barrel less. The China trade still keeps up and would be better if we could procure better transportation facilities to the Orient from Portland."

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

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| Ogilvie's Hungarian..... | \$1 40 |
| " Strong Bakers..... | 4 10 |

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

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| Premier..... | \$1 25 |
| XXX..... | 4 10 |
| Strong Bakers or XX..... | 3 65 |
| Superfine..... | 3 40 |

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

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

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

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| 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..... | 4 50 @ 0 00 |
| XXX, "..... | 4 35 @ 0 00 |
| XX, "..... | 3 90 @ 0 00 |
| Superfine, "..... | 3 45 @ 0 00 |
| Ogilvie's Hungarian..... | 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| " Strong Bakers..... | 4 15 @ 0 00 |
| H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..... | 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| " " Strong Bakers | 4 15 @ 0 00 |
| Oak Lake Patent Hungarian..... | 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| " " Strong Bakers..... | 4 15 @ 0 00 |
| Regina Hungarian..... | 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| " " Strong Bakers..... | 4 15 @ 0 00 |
| Benton County, Oregon..... | 3 75 @ 0 00 |
| Portland Roller..... | 3 75 @ 3 85 |
| Vashon, Washington..... | 3 90 @ 0 00 |
| Snowflake..... | 3 75 @ 0 00 |
| Gold Drop..... | 3 65 @ 3 75 |
| Wheat, per ton..... | 25 00 @ 00 00 |
| Oats..... | 24 00 @ 28 00 |
| Oil cake meal..... | 35 00 @ 50 00 |
| Chop feed—California..... | 27 50 @ 00 00 |
| " " Washington..... | 22 50 @ 00 00 |
| Shorts..... | 20 00 @ 25 00 |
| Bran..... | 17 00 @ 20 00 |
| National Mills oatmeal..... | 3 50 @ 0 00 |
| " " rolled oats (90-lb 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..... | 1 15 @ 0 00 |
| Corn, whole.....per ton | 35 00 @ 00 00 |
| Peas, field.....per ton | 40 00 @ 00 00 |
| Corameal..... | 2 40 @ 2 75 |
| Cornmeal-feed.....per ton | 40 00 @ 00 00 |
| Cracked corn..... | 37 00 @ 00 00 |
| Hay, per ton..... | 15 00 @ 18 00 |
| Straw, per bn'c..... | 1 00 @ 0 00 |

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

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| Japan rice, per ton..... | \$ 75 00 @ 80 00 |
| " " (polished)..... | 90 00 @ 100 00 |
| Best China rice "..... | 80 00 @ 100 00 |
| China rice No. 1 " (mats)..... | 65 00 @ 80 00 |
| " " (sacks)..... | 65 00 @ 80 00 |
| Rice flour "..... | 70 00 |
| Broken rice "..... | 30 00 |
| Rice Meal "..... | 17 50 |

LUMBER.

The American barkentine C. C. Funk, 513 tons, Capt. Glaser, has been chartered to load at the Brunette Mills for California, and is due at mill early in January. The Chilian bark India sailed Dec. 26 for Valparaiso with cargo of 784,000 feet, valued at \$6,200. The American bark Colorado sailed Dec. 28 for Sydney, N. S. W., with a cargo of 765,601 feet, valued at \$6,904, and composed of 638,355 feet rough, 24,898 feet flooring, 48,610 feet pickets, and 318,830 laths. The ss. Cosmopolis, which sailed Dec. 20 from Royal City Mills, carried 323,000 feet lumber and 55,509 laths, valued at \$2,780, for San Francisco for orders. The Marion sailed Dec. 23 from Brunette Mills, with 235,632 feet lumber and 80,000 laths, valued at \$1,850, for San Pedro.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Hastings Mill—Am. schr. Aida, 507 tons, for Shanghai. Br. bark Cadzow Forest, 1,068 tons, for Melbourne. Total, 2 vessels, 2,187 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 40 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, 4 feet 6 in, per M..... 1 90

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Co's shipments for the week ending December 22:

| Date. | Vessel and Destination. | Tons. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 18. | Carrollton, bark, San Francisco.. | 2,207 |
| 19. | Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend.. | 41 |
| 21. | Tacoma, str., Port Townsend.. | 50 |
| 21. | Wanderer, str., Port Townsend.. | 53 |
| 21. | Etwell, ship, San Francisco..... | 2,186 |
| Total..... | | 4,517 |
| For the week ending December 29: | | |
| 22. | Tyce, str., Port Townsend..... | 107 |
| 22. | Rufus E. Wood, bk. San Francisco | 2,109 |
| 24. | Bertha, str., Kodiak..... | 639 |
| 26. | Wanderer, str., Port Townsend.. | 54 |
| 26. | Tacoma, str., Port Townsend..... | 54 |
| 26. | Oregon bark, San Francisco..... | 2,153 |
| 23. | Rapid Transit, str., Seattle..... | 131 |
| 23. | Rapid Transit, str., Tacoma..... | 125 |
| Total..... | | 5,431 |

J. H. Piket, hotel, Union, damaged by fire, loss \$200.

BUSINESS NOTES.

S T Tilley, tobacconist, has opened at Vancouver.

H. Stead, shoemaker, Vancouver, loss of \$100 by fire.

Keil & Kerr, draymen, etc., Vancouver, have assigned.

A. J. Turner, books, stationery and toys, Victoria, is dead.

M. Booth, confectionery and cigars, has opened at Kamloops.

Wm. Macfarlane has taken over the Pacific restaurant, Vancouver.

Louis Redon, of Redon & Hartnagle, Driard Hotel, Victoria, is dead.

F. C. Lawrence, watchmaker, from Whatcom, has opened at Lytton.

Chas. Nelson, druggist, Vancouver, has opened a branch at Chilliwack.

Wm. Patterson & Son, butchers, Nanaimo, have assigned to Robt. Brown.

Lockhart & Centre, undertakers, Vancouver, have dissolved. C. B. Lockhart continues.

The Dominion Express Co., will extend its system into the United States after January 1.

Fell & Co., Ltd., grocers and wine merchants, Victoria, are applying for incorporation.

A. S. Tolmie, Hotel Douglas, New Westminster, is in financial difficulties and the hotel is closed.

It is reported that the bark Ballachulish, which sailed from Vancouver, Oct. 11, loaded with lumber for Valparaiso, has been lost with all hands.

Simeon Duck and Thomas T. Hull are opening at 58 Broad street, Victoria, as auctioneers, commission and land agents, under the firm style of S. Duck & Co.

Negotiations are now on between the New Vancouver coal company and the builders of the whaleback City of Everett for the chartering of that vessel to ply between Nanaimo and San Francisco with coal.

Mr. D. R. Ker has just returned from a successful trip through the Northwest Territories and Eastern Washington, where he has purchased next year's supply of grain at remarkably low figures for the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., Ltd., of Victoria and New Westminster.

Canada has attracted the attention of the world by many of its celebrities, besides the great prairies and its great railways. Canada has great newspapers. The *Family Herald and Weekly Star* of Montreal is, indeed, a marvel. It is a marvel of excellence and a marvel of cheapness. To think of such a paper as the *Family Herald and Weekly Star* of Montreal for a dollar a year. It ranks with the wonders of the times.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The bank statement for November has been issued, and its leading features are always of interest to the business community. The bank note circulation was \$33,076,868 as compared with \$35,120,561 in November, 1893, and Dominion note circulation was \$15,164,916 as compared with \$13,011,516. The current loans for the month were \$195,823,973 against \$201,996,246 in November of the previous year; the call loans were \$17,722,565 compared with \$14,465,113. The deposits payable on demand amounted to \$69,364,659 compared with \$62,926,785 in November of last year; deposits payable after notice were \$113,842,322 as against \$104,414,955 in November, 1893. The total liabilities of our banks in Nov. and the previous November were respectively \$228,597,876 and \$216,771,481; the assets during the same months were respectively \$314,176,123 and \$306,455,370. While the November statement does not seem to indicate any increase in trade compared with a year ago, it shows the strong position of our banks, which is so satisfactory a feature of these returns. —*Toronto Empire.*

Under the firm style of Geo. Cassady & Co., Ltd., the business of Leamy & Kyle and Geo. Cassady & Co., both saw-mills at Vancouver, have been amalgamated. The new company has been strengthened by the addition of \$40,000 cash. A new band mill is being put into the Red Mills, formerly operated by Leamy & Kyle.

The cause of the trouble in British Honduras, whither a force has gone from Jamaica, is the imposition of English currency on the inhabitants. A sol, or Chilian dollar the currency mainly in use on the Central American coast, is depreciated to seventy cents, and one can get a dollar and a half of the ordinary silver currency for an American dollar. The reason for a revolt against the good and unvarying money of England is not plain. The fighting season in these regions is just coming on, and this may account for the disturbances.

It is charged that the Alaska Packing company is endeavoring to secure at a nominal cost vested rights at Point Roberts that would enable them to virtually seclude from the fisheries there all smaller companies or individual fishermen not in their employ. The point is unquestionably one of the finest locations for salmon traps and canneries on the Pacific coast, for immense shoals of salmon sweep past there every year on the way to the Fraser River. The net profits of the Wadham's cannery alone in 1893 were said to be \$25,000, and the Drysdale cannery across on the Semiahmoo spit is said to have about as much. Both canneries are now in the trust, and Drysdale is the local manager.

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THE NEW AND THE OLD.

What is the prospect for 1895? is the question which many thoughtful people are asking themselves, it must be confessed, with some anxiety. We have no hesitation in answering from the analogy of the past in the little though expressive word "Better." The trade agencies, the newspapers of the larger centres, and the commercial papers—big and little—have almost unananimously and by a gradual process assumed a tone of hopefulness, which later on developed into confidence, the last few months of 1894 having, they say, justified them in throwing away the sackcloth and ashes which they had put on, and to use a quaint but expressive saying, "girdling themselves with gladness." There is distinctly a less tendency to despond than there was a year ago, but the present condition of satisfactory anticipation has been reached by a process of trial and self-sacrifice known to many individuals alone, who instead of brooding over their difficulties and disappointments, have put the best side foremost and laughing at apparent impossibilities have defied trouble and its train of kindred disasters. All this has required nerve, and has made those who have passed through the mill all the better for their experience. Locally, times are better than they were: this we take it to be beyond question, the chronic croakers to the contrary, and the silver lining to the cloud of 1894 will, we believe, be disclosed to at least some extent

before the year 1895 has made much progress. We wish one and all a Happy New Year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAL TRADE.

Everything considered, the coal trade of British Columbia has been fair for the year just ended. It has been nothing out of the way, however, and profits have been somewhat reduced in the export trade in view of the competition there has been at San Francisco with cargoes from Australia and England. The East Wellington and Northfield mines have been closed, the only British Columbia producers at present being the Wellington, Nanaimo and Union mines. We are not in possession of the returns from Union, and shall give them and other information in a subsequent issue. The shipments from Wellington during the year were 358,405 tons, compared with 312,573 tons last year, while those of the New Vancouver Coal Company were 393,772 tons, compared with 388,649 tons in 1893.

LAURIER'S POLICY.

Hon. Mr. Laurier, although he had the platform of the Ottawa convention before him when he visited British Columbia and the Northwest, declined to bind himself to a policy of free trade, yet he manifested a strong inclination that way. Indeed, though he had, he confessed, no policy to offer, he looked forward to free trade as the object at which sooner or later the party that he led were aiming. He would not, however, bind himself to anything specific. Nevertheless, he condemned the trade policy of the present Government, in exchange for which he had nothing better to offer. He had, therefore, to be regarded as nothing short of a fiscal anarchist, and as such he and his party must be considered. Mr Laurier travelled the country in search of

a policy, and failing to find it has, in an interview at Toronto, declared that the Liberal party is now ready for battle and will go to the country on the old platform laid down at the Ottawa convention, and on that alone. Here is then something at last in the direction of definiteness, but as that platform contained a mass of generalities and very little that is explicit, the leader of the Opposition may therefore consider that he has a tolerably free hand and can continue the same kind of guerilla warfare that has characterized the men who, since they were driven from office with the mark of Cain—hoodlers and office-seekers—branded upon their brow by one no less than their leader, the late Mr. Mackenzie, have been fugitives and wanderers, with no place upon which they dared to plant their feet. Fancy a political party hunting for a policy ever since 1878, and as yet unable to find one except that of personal detraction and one of selling and transferring their country and all its rights and privileges to the United States.

HOME TALENT.

It is to be noted that at the recent Civil Service examinations held in Victoria, some fourteen or fifteen candidates were successful, and there is, therefore, so much available home material from which to select the Dominion Government officials of the future. We trust that it will be made use of and that the members representing the city and Province at Ottawa will see to it that whatever there is worth having in the shape of appointments shall fall to people who reside among us and are of us. We should be sorry to see any further importations from the East or from the other side of the Atlantic. They know nothing of us and cannot adapt themselves to our conditions, while, with many of

them there are objectionable not to say disgusting demonstrations of officialism: the less there is of which the better will every one be satisfied. Moreover, we wish to see the principle of promotion more largely carried out among those who are now members of the service. The recently successful candidates have qualified themselves for office, let them have according to their merits what there is to give.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

SEVERAL British Columbia sealers have already left for the Japan coast to enter upon their season's cruise and others will follow them in a few days.

THE storms of last week have been disastrous almost the world over. The British coast has been severely visited and on the Pacific among others, the well-known coal carrying steamers the *Montserrat* and *Keweenaw*, have it is feared, gone down to Davie Jones' locker with all on board.

THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL'S summary of the trade of the year 1894 not having been completed at the time of going to press, is held over till our next issue. We may remark that judging from all that has been said the figures make a better showing than many people would have had us believe.

SEATTLE, which is bound not to be left in the race for business, has recently formed a shippers' association and expects by its instrumentality to settle existing difficulties between railroads, to secure further wharfage accommodations for ocean steamers, and in the event of the Northern Pacific steamships giving the port the go-by to offer such inducements as will secure the establishment of a line to compete with its vessels, with headquarters at Seattle.

Those who are interested in the

British Columbia lumber trade complain that so far they have been unable to enlist the influence of the Provincial Government in the way of inducing the Dominion authorities so to modify the regulations relating to towage and pilotage as to relieve them of the disabilities under which they labor when competing with the lumber mills of the Sound for the California and foreign trade. They claim—and very properly—that British Columbia lumber is superior to the article against which it has to compete, and in consequence is more highly esteemed, but the disability referred to is a most serious one, and ought to be removed.

THERE is one feature of the trade of British Columbia which is well worth referring to and that is that according to the *Winnipeg Commercial* the prairie capital is gradually extending its business operations into nearly all sections of the interior of this Province. Particular and special reference is made to the important business relations at present existing between Winnipeg and the Cariboo and Kootenay countries, with which Vancouver or Victoria ought to be able to successfully carry on wholesale trade. If there are any disabilities under which they labor and which are possible of removal the matter should have the attention of the Board of Trade of the two centres specially affected in order that the necessary action may be taken.

JOHN GRANT, a well-known pioneer and a few years since Mayor of the city of Victoria, is down from the Kootenay country of whose prospects he is most enthusiastic. He bespeaks for it such a boom as no part of this Province has ever seen. He says that all that is required is the judiciously combined expenditure of capital and labor to secure al-

most unlimited results both in gold and silver mining. Mr. Grant while enthusiastic over the prospects of this new country has not lost faith in his old love, "Golden Cariboo," whose future will, he considers, with approved methods of mining, be greater than its past. There is gold and plenty of it to be had for all who go about securing it in a proper manner. Mr. Grant, his friends will be pleased to see, appears to be in splendid health, and is the same hopeful man of energy that he was years ago. Time has dealt with him kindly.

ACCORDING to the official returns issued from Ottawa, the total imports of Canada for the first five months of the fiscal year, amounted to \$42,113,727, a decline of \$7,219,817 on the corresponding period of 1893, when they reached \$50,333,544. The total exports during the same period were \$64,616,750, being a decrease of \$2,314,758 on the same months in 1893. This, as will be seen, means a falling off of \$9,531,575 in the total trade of Canada. If as concerns the imports the decrease is due to a greater consumption of articles of home production, so much the better for the country, which has retained in circulation at home a considerable amount that otherwise would have benefited outside countries. Then, as to the decrease in the value of exports, it has been suggested that it is probably due to the decline in values, for the volume of our principal exports has been much the same as during previous years.

Debs will appeal Judge Woods' decision committing him to prison.

England has determined to sift the Armenian atrocities to the bottom.

Wealthy New Yorkers will contest the constitutionality of the new United States income tax.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: Butter receipts during the past week were 2,195 pkgs., against 2,228 pkgs., for the week previous. Except for fancy late made creamery, which sells to the retail trade at 22c to 22½c, there is very little doing. The early cold storage creamery is hard to sell, although offered at 16c to 18c. Some very choice winter made creamery is being received, and selling at 22c to 22½c. In dairy butter the movement is very circumscribed, a few fancy fall ends of Townships selling at 19c to 20c in single tubs. We quote jobbing prices as follows:

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| Creamery, finest fall..... | 22c to 22½c | per lb. |
| Creamery, early made..... | 16c to 19c | per lb. |
| Eastern Townships dairy..... | 16c to 21c | " |
| Western..... | 11c to 16c | " |

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

Cheese receipts during the past week were 1,517 boxes against 2,728 for the week previous. Although the present is usually a quiet time just preceding the holidays, we have some business to report, about 4,000 boxes having been sold at prices ranging from 9½c to 19½c, the latter price being for a lot of 1,000 boxes white and colored. The English market retains its steady tone, and it is expected that after the holidays a much more active demand will set in, as stocks in the hands of retailers on the other side are being well reduced. We quote:

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| Finest Western colored..... | 10½c to 11½c |
| " " white..... | 10½c to 11½c |
| Quebec..... | 9½c to 10c |
| Under grades..... | 7c to 9½c |
| Cable..... | 2c 6d |

DRY GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "The past week has been a quiet one in wholesale dry goods circles, so far as actual sales are concerned. Holiday trade is now at its height, with the retailers, and few of them have any time to spare to buy any lines, except

those required to keep stocks sorted up. Current demand is running almost entirely on lines suitable for holiday gifts, the unusually mild weather having almost stopped sorting orders for heavy goods. In the warehouses, however, the staffs are busily receiving new spring goods and putting them in order. A good many Canadian lines are now delivered, and some imported goods are also to hand. From now till the first of the year travellers will remain in the city re-arranging their samples, and at the beginning of 1895 will start out with samples of fall lines and spring goods, including both staples and novelties. Cotton manufacturers report the receipt of fairly good sorting orders from jobbers and the woollen mills are now getting increased business from both jobbers and clothiers. Up to the present orders have come in very slowly. Placing orders were light and sorting orders few and relatively small. As a result of this some of the tweed mills closed down and others ran short time. In the past week, however, good orders have been received and the manufacturers are, in consequence, in better spirits. The aversion of the retail trade to make liberal purchases at the beginning of the season, is the subject of much discussion. Formerly the retail merchant looked at samples of the coming season's goods, decided upon how many pieces he would require, and ordered them. Now, however, the policy pursued by nine-tenths of the trade is to give forward orders for a very moderate stock, and to rely on the frequent visits of travellers to keep their stocks in shape. As a result, the quantity of goods carried is very largely reduced. The wholesale merchant is now proceeding on the same lines, ordering moderately in the first instance, and relying on cable repeats and frequent purchases from domestic mills to replenish stocks. A prominent agent here

stated to-day that the stocks in Toronto wholesale dry goods houses were fully \$600,000 lighter than at this time last year. "The whole trade is closer now to the actual requirements of the consumers than it ever was. Speculative buying is at a minimum, and the manufacturer who now turns out goods hoping to meet this class of buying will be sadly disappointed." Payments continue satisfactory. A good deal of cash continues to come to hand."

TACOMA TRADE.

The Tacoma *West Coast Trade* says: "Interest for the week has been largely centered in holiday trading, which has, contrary to anticipations, been exceptionally good. In fact, a majority of the leading retail houses in Tacoma report that their business in holiday goods has not only been in excess of that of last year, but fully up to the demands in the very best season known in city trade. Considering the fact that buyers are paying cash for their purchases, this condition is gratifying, and is a promising symptom of the anticipation of better times with the advent of the new year. For the immediate present no marked improvement is likely to be felt. The low prices of all kinds of farm products decreases the revenues brought into the state from that source, while the lumber and shingle business are naturally at their lowest ebb for the season, without prospects of any material increase in the demand during the initial month of 1895, though when spring business opens the prediction that it will be largely in excess of last year seems to have good foundation. In fact, general business the coming year is undoubtedly going to be better than in the past. The margin of profits will be less than in years gone by, but this will be compensated for by the closer adherence to a cash policy and a relegation of that

deal heat account to the rear. The past year has witnessed the falling away of boom values in landed property, both city and country, and there is to-day a better chance to make a home and more inducements to offer home-seekers in the Pacific north-west than was ever the case heretofore."

COAL AT SAN FRANCISCO.

J. W. Harrison, coal and metal broker, reports as follows relative to the present condition of the San Francisco coal market:

"The total arrivals of coal during the week have been 5,190 tons from the Coast collieries. This small amount is mainly attributable to a succession of storms on the coast, in fact serious fears are entertained as to the safe arrival here of a number of vessels bound here coal laden, some of which are considerably overdue. The jobbers are overtaxed for teams, etc., to make deliveries of their orders; consumption of domestic grades is largely increased. Prices remain the same, as the keen competition among dealers, will not allow any advance to be made. The latest cabled freight rates on coal from Australia, Cardiff and Liverpool all show an advance, which if maintained will lead to higher quotations for coal delivered next year. One of our sources of supply, the Newcastle Mine, of Washington, has recently been on fire, and will not become a shipper for several months to come. Coal freights from British Columbia and Puget Sound are quoted at an advance on the ruling rates of last month, and the advance will be sustained so long as our coasters are ordered off the Coast with lumber to foreign ports."

DICK'S BELTING.

Some time ago a trial was made of Dick's patent driving belt on a planer at the Brunette Mills, which proved so great an im-

provement on those formerly used that it was decided to substitute the Dick belt on the big driver for the rope transmitters used last season. This is one of the largest driving belts ever used in British Columbia. It is 86 feet 5 inches in circumference, 36 inches wide, made endless and constructed of gutta percha and canvas, and it is claimed that it can be used in the water if necessary without stretching. In order to get the belt in position the big drive wheel had to be jacked up, and the proper tension attained by degrees. The millwright was so well satisfied with Dick's patent that the company has placed an order for 2,000 feet of the belting, which is manufactured in Glasgow. Jas. Freel, 91 Johnson street, Victoria, is sole agent for British Columbia.

COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

The U. S. Government Bureau of Statistics has issued a report on wheat feeding. It is estimated that from the beginning of the crop year to date, 46,000,000 bushels of wheat has been fed to animals, and that during the balance of the season 29,000,000 bushels more will be fed. Wheat lands in Argentine sell at from \$2 to \$5 per acre. Labor is very cheap, so wheat can be grown to pay at 38 to 40 cents per bushel on farms near to railways. The climate, however, is a very risky one, heavy rains in some seasons ruining crops.

The corner of Scotland that lies north of the Grampians has a fame for the breeding, rearing, and feeding of cattle. With less than one-fifth of the whole population on the north side of the border, and not a larger proportion, perhaps, of the cultivated land to the north of that dividing line, the eight counties north of the Grampian range contributed to the great London Christmas market of December, 1892, some

2,000 of the 5,000 cattle offered for sale in it, and had their own share fully of the highest prices that were reached.

If citizens of high character will not enter municipal councils, those of low character must be elected, as the machinery has to be kept in motion. The *Toronto Mail* puts the point thus: "It may be said that democratic municipal government in Toronto is upon its trial. In the past it has disastrously failed to come up to even a low ideal, and its failure has mainly resulted from the culpable apathy of those who hold the elective franchise. The question now is: Are the citizens of Toronto willing that the name of their city shall be made a by-word and a reproach?"

The *Manchester Guardian* of December 19, in its commercial article, says: "The further consideration of the question of the imposition of duties on imported cotton in India has created intense annoyance. Upon the reception of the news the subject was formally discussed on 'change, and opinions widely differed as to the probable immediate outcome. Productive interests in Lancashire will feel it very strong, and that it will result in a check upon business is certain. Owing to the prevailing conditions which have harassed trade they must expect a period of difficulty in obtaining fresh orders. A meeting of the Masters' Federation and the cotton operatives, held last week, resolved to convene another meeting at an early date, to protest against the re-imposition of the Indian duties. The Lancashire members of the House of Commons will be invited to attend. The demand for cloth is slack, and the transactions are moderate. Though the demand from China and Japan has lessened, some offers for shirtings have been looked at low figures. Yarns are easier."

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| Am ship. | Eclipse | 1336 | Peterson | Jan. 20 | Vancouver | Greenock | 1,072,820 | 10,720 | June 7 | 60s |
| Nor ship. | Beaconsfield | 1450 | Hastiansen | Feb. 5 | Vancouver | Amsterdam | 1,055,411 | 13,491 | July 8 | Private |
| Am schr. | Pioneer | 397 | Hughes | Feb. 28 | Victoria | Santa Rosalia | 57,714 | 461 | arrived | Private |
| Am schr. | Aida | 507 | Anderson | March 25 | Moodyville | Shanghai | 486,562 | 6,562 | June 10 | 40s |
| Chil. bark. | India | 553 | Funke | April 7 | Moodyville | Valparaiso | 761,101 | 6,955 | July 2 | owners ac |
| Br bark. | Thermopyhe | 918 | Winchester | May 2 | New Westminster | Shanghai | 581,833 | 6,142 | July 7 | owners ac |
| Chil. ship. | Hindustan | 542 | Welsh | May 12 | Moodyville | Valparaiso | 1,207,552 | 17,115 | arrived | owners ac |
| Br ship. | Astoria | 1335 | Dugwell | June 24 | Vancouver | Antwerp | 740,681 | 5,392 | arrived | 63s 3d |
| Ger bark. | Gutenberg | 627 | Zeplich | May 12 | Moodyville | Valparaiso f.o. | 591,766 | 2,240 | arrived | 42s 6d |
| Am bktnr. | Modoc | 152 | Bosch | May 5 | Victoria | Santa Rosalia, C. | 16,211 | 3,258 | May 29 | Private |
| Am bktnr. | Katie Flickinger | 149 | Melroe | May 5 | Vancouver | Santa Rosalia, B. | 399,148 | 9,067 | arrived | Private |
| Br ship. | East Croft | 1312 | Rammer | May 25 | Moodyville | Valparaiso f.o. | 1,058,081 | 8,710 | Sept. 29 | 40s |
| Br ship. | Benmore | 1191 | Scott | Aug. 2 | Victoria | Adehaide | 1,086,179 | 12,190 | arrived | 62s 6d |
| Br scnr. | Grace Harwar | 750 | Hunt | June 27 | Vancouver | Queenstown f.o. | 1,38,871 | 12,244 | arrived | Private |
| Br bark. | Nantype | 909 | Falconer | June 14 | Vancouver | Queenstown f.o. | 811,219 | 6,197 | arrived | 40s |
| Am bktnr. | Chahals | 656 | Watts | May 31 | Vancouver | Adehaide | 712,163 | 12,477 | Sept. 7 | 37s 2d |
| Br ship. | Largo Law | 637 | Furcaux | June 20 | Moodyville | Valparaiso f.o. | 1,355,471 | 5,770 | Oct. 24 | 37s 6d |
| Br bark. | Gainsborough | 985 | McPhail | June 21 | Moodyville | Melbourne | 740,860 | 4,819 | Aug. 1 | Private |
| Am ship. | Guanfian | 1737 | Marden | July 3 | Victoria | Santa Rosalia, D | 170,357 | 5,957 | Sept. 5 | 30s |
| Am bark. | Olympic | 1412 | Gibbs | July 12 | Vancouver | Callao | 1,368,752 | 11,919 | arrived | 35s |
| Nic bark. | Don Carlos | 694 | Tobey | July 14 | Vancouver | Noumea | 595,694 | 4,819 | Aug. 1 | 40s |
| Br ship. | Borrowdale | 1497 | Bolderston | July 28 | Moodyville | Caleir Buena | 910,683 | 6,830 | arrived | 40s |
| Am bark. | Hesper | 631 | Sodergren | June 30 | Vancouver | Sydney | 744,691 | 5,957 | Sept. 5 | 30s |
| Br bark. | Villalia | 860 | Harland | July 9 | Vancouver | Melbourne | 646,795 | 4,860 | Oct. 6 | 37s 6d |
| Am bark. | Southern Chief | 1219 | Svensen | July 12 | Vancouver | Santa Rosalia, F. | 891,436 | 6,982 | arrived | Private |
| Am schr. | Wm. Howden | 728 | Jerem | July 8 | Moodyville | Sydney | 676,072 | 8,192 | Sept. 20 | 30s |
| Chil. bark. | Elisa | 915 | Harken | July 16 | Moodyville | Antofagasta | 767,572 | 7,014 | arrived | owners ac |
| Nor ship. | Drammen | 1347 | Anderson | Aug. 24 | Vancouver | Amsterdam | 991,910 | 12,430 | arrived | Private |
| Br ship. | Verajean | 1324 | Crowley | Aug. 25 | Vancouver | Alexandria | 1,622,176 | 19,461 | arrived | 70s |
| Am schr. | Aida | 507 | Anderson | Aug. 29 | Moodyville | Shanghai | 694,881 | 6,462 | arrived | 42s 6d |
| Am ship. | Occidental | 1470 | Morse | Oct. 2 | Victoria | Santa Rosalia, G | 219,067 | 1,981 | arrived | Private |
| Am bark. | Newsboy | 559 | Molsted | Sept. 11 | Vancouver | Sydney | 662,697 | 5,251 | Nov 9 | 31s 3d |
| Ital bark. | Cavour | 1389 | San Menter | Oct. 6 | Vancouver | Callao | 496,165 | 8,850 | arrived | 32s 6d |
| Br ship. | Bulachulish | 184 | Gawdey | Oct. 11 | Moodyville | Valparaiso | 1,503,210 | 12,500 | arrived | 32s 6d |
| Br ship. | Lismore | 1595 | Ferguson | Oct. 30 | Vancouver | Buenos Ayres | 1,221,499 | 9,350 | arrived | 78s 6d |
| Am bktnr. | Iringard | 628 | Schmidt | Oct. 30 | Vancouver | Iquique | 1,221,499 | 9,350 | arrived | 37s 6d |
| Br bark. | Alexandra | 1297 | Barfield | Oct. 30 | Vancouver | Astoria | 501,628 | 1,600 | arrived | 63s 9d |
| Am schr. | R. W. Bartlett | 430 | Olsen | Oct. 29 | Vancouver | Santa Rosalia, H | 501,628 | 1,600 | arrived | Private |
| Am brig. | Geneva | 171 | Paulsen | Nov. 7 | Vancouver | Iquique | 551,249 | 1,570 | arrived | Private |
| Am schr. | Sadie | 235 | Smith | Oct. 30 | Westminster | San Francisco | 410,000 | 2,870 | arrived | Private |
| Chil. bark. | India | 553 | Funke | Dec. 27 | Moodyville | Valparaiso | 784,090 | 6,291 | arrived | owners ac |
| Am ss. | Lakme | 401 | Bonfield | Nov 16 | Vancouver | San Pedro | 571,410 | 3,927 | arrived | Private |
| Am bark. | Colorado | 1025 | Nov 24 | Vancouver | Sydney | 765,601 | 6,904 | arrived | 32s 6d | |
| Am schr. | Beulah | 389 | Johnson | Nov 25 | Westminster | San Francisco | 416,187 | 2,189 | arrived | Private |
| Am schr. | Aida | 507 | Anderson | Nov 25 | Vancouver | Shanghai | 416,187 | 2,189 | arrived | Private |
| Am. bktnr. | Marron | 348 | Gruener | Dec 21 | Westminster | San Pedro | 248,365 | 1,870 | arrived | Private |
| Am. ss. | Cosmopolis | 267 | Dottners | Dec 20 | Westminster | San Fran f.o. | 352,250 | 2,780 | arrived | Private |
| Br. bark. | Cadzow Forest | 1028 | McInnes | Dec 20 | Vancouver | Melbourne | 352,250 | 2,780 | arrived | 41s 3d |

A- Also 68,043 lineal feet of props valued at \$1,020. B- Also 20 cords of slabs and 100 poles. C- Lineal feet of poles D- Mining props. E- Also 710 lineal feet spars. F- Also 225M shingles and 45 cords slabs. G Lineal feet of mining props. H- Also 101 pieces, 37,500 shingles, and 9 cords of slabs.

VESSELS IN PORT.

(December 31, 1891.)

VICTORIA.

Am. bark Wrestler, 447 tons.
 Br. ship Rimac, 885 tons, Capt. Warn, arrived No. 30, loading salmon for London on account of Findlay, Durham & Brodie.
 Am. bark Detroit, 1,138 tons, Capt. Rice, discharging coal cargo. To dock and repair.
 Am. ss. Portland, 780 tons, Capt. Holmes, coal laden, returned to port leaking.

VANCOUVER.

Am. schr. Aida, 507 tons, Capt. Anderson, arrived Dec. 10, loading lumber for Shanghai.
 Br. bark Cadzow Forest, 1,068 tons, Capt. McInnes, arrived Dec. 16 from Honolulu. Loading lumber at Hastings Mill for Melbourne.
 Br. ss Empress of India, 3,003 tons, Captain Marshall.

NANAIMO.

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.
 Am. ship John A. Briggs, 2,003 tons, Capt. Balch.
 Am. ship America 1,952 tons, Capt. Harding.

Am. ship C. F. Sergeant, 1,638 tons, Capt. Boyd.
 Am. bark Alex. McNeil, 1,088 tons, Capt. Jorgenson.
 Am. bark Louis Walsh, 1,497 tons, Capt. Gammons.

RECAPITULATION.

| Ports. | No. | Tonnage. |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------|
| Victoria | 4 | 3,550 |
| Vancouver | 3 | 4,578 |
| Nanaimo | 5 | 8,178 |
| Total | 12 | 16,306 |
| Previous week | 14 | 16,188 |
| Correspond'g week last year | 12 | 18,176 |
| 1892 | 27 | 37,544 |

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|---------|-----------------|------|----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Br ship | City of Glasgow | 1168 | Ferguson | October 2 | Victoria | Liverpool | 51,810 | \$231,240 | 37s 6d |
| Br bark | Northernby | 1221 | Frame | October 17 | Victoria | Liverpool | 55,759 | 215,066 | 32s 6d |
| Br ship | Chan Robertson | 1510 | Lowe | October 23 | Fraser River | Liverpool | 69,830 | 350,588 | 33s 9d |
| Br bark | Corryvreckan | 1239 | Abbott | November 3 | Victoria | London | 55,311 | 276,570 | 36s 3d |
| Br bark | Senta | 1037 | Tiemann | November 22 | Fraser River | Liverpool | 15,000 | 225,000 | 36s 3d |
| Br schr | Rimac | 885 | Warn | | Victoria | London | | | 38s 9d |

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|------------|------------------|------|-----------|---------|-----------------|----------------|--|-----------|
| Br bark | Carrmoney | 1257 | Smyth | Aug. 11 | C Liverpool | Victoria | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd | 113 |
| Br ship | Aighburth | 1788 | Jones | Oct. 23 | Liverpool | Victoria & Van | R. P. Rithet & Co., & H. Bell Irving Co. | 71 |
| Gr bark | Artemis | 1479 | Klock | | K Mazatlan | Vancouver | Hastings Sawmill | |
| Br ship | City of Florence | 1246 | Leask | Nov 23 | Liverpool | Victoria | | 39 |
| Br bark | Wythop | 1322 | Edwards | | N Liverpool | Victoria & Van | Evans, Coleman & Evans | |
| Am ship | Sterling | 1663 | Wheldon | May 11 | Q Philadelphia | Vancouver | Evans, Coleman & Evans | 62 |
| Br s | Empress of China | 3063 | Archibald | | B Hong Kong | Victoria & Van | C. P. S. Co | |
| Chil. ship | Hindostan | 1542 | Welsh | | F Valparaiso | Moodyville | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd | |
| Br s | Tacoma | 1692 | Perkes | Dec. 11 | A Hong Kong | Victoria & Van | The Bodwell, Carlill & Co. | 21 |
| Br ship | Leyland Brothers | 228 | Bailey | | Panama | Royal Roads | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd | |
| Br s | Empress of Japan | 3063 | Leo | Dec. 26 | H Hong Kong | Victoria & Van | C. P. S. Co | 6 |
| Br s | Miwera | 1911 | Stott | Dec. 18 | E Sydney | Victoria & Van | C. A. S. Co. | 11 |
| Am bktn | C C Funk | 513 | Glaser | | G San Francisco | Westminster | Brunette Mills | |

F To load a return cargo of lumber on owners account. C-Spoken Aug. 30 lat. 11 N. long 27 W. K-Chartered for lumber. N-November loading. Q October 5, put into Falkland Islands, topsails lost and vessel strained. November 10, sailed again. Has cargo of coal for San Diego, also has 500 tons Anthracite coal as ballast, for Vancouver, from which port she is reported chartered for lumber. A-Via Yokohama December 23. E-Via Yokohama, January 4. I-Spoken Oct. 27. lat. 45 N. long 8 W. November 3, lat. 48 N. long 19 W. D. Via Fiji and Honolulu Dec. 30. J. November 24, passed Isle of Man. B-To sail January 23. Via Yokohama February 1. G-To load lumber for California.

FREIGHTS.

The situation has improved and rates have a firmer tendency, although the quotations remain much as before. In the grain market one or two vessels have been taken for future loading at an advance on current rates. In the lumber market very little business is passing and quotations are more or less nominal. Lumber freights from British Columbia

or Puget Sound are quoted as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 37s 6d; Sydney, 32s 6d; Melbourne, direct 41s 3d; Port Pirie, direct 38s 9d; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 69s; Shanghai, 43s; Tientsin 55s, nominal; South Africa, 60s.
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