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#### TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE. Tuesday Morning, Dec. 22.

#### VICTORIA.

Trade is very satisfactory, taking all hings into consideration. The heavy things into consideration. rains of the past week have had a tendency to put a damper on the holiday trade. They have also seriously hindered building operations at all points of the province. The duliness of the lumber trade and the full in the export of coal, besides a short pack at the salmon canneries, leave a bad influence, and, as a consequence, trade, in the localities where these industries are curred on, is rather slow. Country trade is, however, reported good, as are also collections from the country districts. But, in all of the cities, collections are not up to what was expected. The scaling fleet is now being fitted out for next year's catch, and causes considerable money to circulate. The demand for investment is also reported good, which goes to show the faith our people have in the country.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The grape crop is feeling the effects of the rains in California, and about the last shipment of grapes has been received. They are getting scarce and prices are slightly higher. Cornichon grapes in boxes are quoted at \$2. The last shipment of Japanese oranges are said to be all in the hands of retailers. The first shipments of the famous Riverside fruit were received Saturday, and a big demand is expected for the holiday trade. There is a fair supply. Riverside seedlings are quoted at \$3.50 per case, and navels at \$5.00. They are fully ripe and well colored. Messrs. Lowe & Allice have received a carload of Riverside and Washington navels of the celebrated Griffin & Skelley brand shipped direct from the growers.

Quotations are: Pears, (winter), \$1.50; grapes, Tokays, Black Ferrara and Verdal in boxes, \$1.75, in crates, \$1.80; Cornichon, in boxes, \$2.00; Oregon apples (greenings), \$1.60; Baldwin, Bell-Hower, Rose and Blue Pearmain, \$1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, \$3.50; River-side seedlings, \$3.50; navels, \$5.00; California Messina lemons, \$6.00 to \$6.50; silverskin onions, 17c. per lb.; island apples, \$1.25 per box: tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 31c. per lb. potatoes, island, \$20 per ton; Chilliwack, \$18 per ton; Fraser River, \$16 per ton; Bonapartes, \$25 per ton; persimmons, \$1.75.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Trade has continued of much the same character that has been noted for some weeks past. The demand for fancy lines continues, and all indications go to show that December 31 will have witnessed a most satisfactory year's business. Collections are fair, in some parts of the province, but, in others, they are very slow, but, taken all round, there seems no reason for complaint.

The prices of butter remain unchanged. There'is a good demand and supplies are coming forward in sufficient quantities.

Quotations are: Eastern creamery, 28c per lb; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairy, 23e; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c. The Trade Review says: "The butter!

market in Montreal rules quiet, and, in the absence of any large transactions, prices are nominal, as far as wholesale business is concerned. Shippers contend that values are too high for business for export, while holders claim that stocks of finest here are not excessive and the home demand will make a big hole in them between now and next spring. The fact is the butter cost them pretty high, and if they are to let out at all 21c is about the figure. No such a bid is obtainable for creamery, except for what business is doing on local account. There still appears to be some Townships stock in the ccuntry and offers were made for a round lot at 20c, but the holders would not accept it. In western dairy, business is dull." Canadian meats are quoted: Hams, 13le to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; short rolls, 12c; dry salt sides, 11¼c. It is reported that there is more enquiry for pure lard, as consumers appear to be tiring of the compound article. The business in dried fruits continues good with no change in prices. Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 84c, in half bbls. 84c.; valen encias, Ske; sultanas, 14c; London layers, \$2.25 a box; California sultanas, \$2.25 a box; dates, 9c; prunes, 9c to 121c. California evaporated fruits in 25 lb. boxes are quoted as follows: Peaches, 121c; apricots. 14c; nectarines, 14c; pitted plums, 11c. About the same grade stock." of fruits in cotton sacks are quoted from Ic to 2c per lb. less. New Canadian evapor-ated apples are quoted at 11c per lb. From rumors that are current, it seems probable Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. that there may be lively competition in the sugar business shortly. There has been no change for the last couple of weeks. Hong Kong granulated is quoted by R. P. Rithet & Co., ld., at 51, and sales are reported free enough to retail dealers, both in the city and country points, to be highly satisfactory to the importers.

The jobbers are handling only Vancouver sugars, and there seems to be a little timidity on their part to taking hold of the foreign article, although they acknowledge that it holds the refinery in check. One of the best informed men in the trade says: "The consumer is now paying 1c per lb less for sugar than they would do if the Hong Kong article had not been put on this market by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., who have done this in the face of all the threats of the B. C. Refinery." It is reported that the Canada Sugar Refinery Co., of Montreal, is offering, through their agents, to lay down the Redpath brand of dry granulated at 5kc in Vancouver. This intrusion on the home field of the B. C. Refinery is the result of the cutting they have been doing in the Winnipeg market. The result will be watched with interest. Vancouver granulated is quoted at 5gc in sacks or barrels. The refinery at Vancouver will close down for a week for repairs but they have a sufficient stock on hand to meet demands.

The local jobbers are now carrying full

stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which in-

goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups-of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

There is no change to report in prices, although it is believed the Ogilvie Milling Co. will slightly reduce the prices of their Hungarian and Strong Bakers. Prices in Manitoba are weakening. The lake route for export being closed, nearly all grain is going into store, and it is reported the mills are cutting prices t force sales-Manitoba flour will probably be sold as cheap as Oregon this winter.

The Commercial Review says: "The Portland flour market has held steady during the week, notwithstanding the weakness of wheat, owing to difficulty of interior mills obtaining supplies within a reasonable limit, and reports are current of mills having worked up stock on hand and closed down. The local demand is steady and there is a fair call for our product from California. There is a firm tone to the oat market, owing to light deliveries by neighboring farmers and comparatively small rail receipts. Prices of mill stuffs are steady to firm, the demand being constant and receipts very little in excess of local requirements. River boats are bringing down fair loads but there is apparently no accumulation of

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: Quotations to the trade are:

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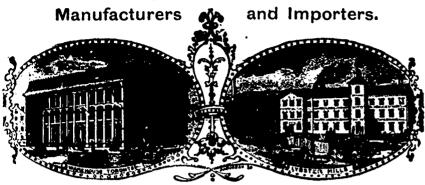
LUMBER.

The situation remains without change. Orders are few and far between. The absence of demand from the regular markets is, however, stimulating shippers to look out for fresh fields, and several chartclude apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot marmalade, etc. Quotations are 1½ lb. size, \$3 per dozen; 3 lb. size, \$5 per doz.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' says that it has been reported in San

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Francisco that a cargo of lumber from the Sound was sold, ex-whaf, Melbourne, at 上 3 6d, which is about the freight rate secured by the vessel carrying it; so that the lumber is practically given away by the exporters. Such business as that vill soon check further exports in that direction. Nothing of interest or encouragement is reported in coastwise freights.

The British bark Mistletoe, 821 tons, Capt. Smith, is reported to have left Buenos Ayres November 25 for Victoria. She is going to load a cargo of Douglas fir timbers at Burrard Inlet for the U.S. naval department, to be used in shipbuild. ing on the east coast. There were two clearances since last report. The British Smeyeh, 1,171 tons, Capt. Broadfoot, sailed from Burrard Inlet December 15th for Sydney with a cargo of 710,995 feet rough tumber, 167,555 T and G flooring, and 3,596 bdis. laths, valued at \$9,925. The American schooner F. S. Redfield, 440 tons, Capt. C. C. Bickholm, sailed from Chemainus for Sidney with a cargo from the Victoria Lumber and Manufeturing Company's Mills, consisting of 579,485 feet rough lumber and 127 bdls. laths, valued at \$5,233. The American bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, Capt. Gibson, which is due here in January, will be loaded at the Chemainus Mills for Valparaiso. There are two vessels loading at present at Burrard Inlet: British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons, Capt. Dexter, loading for Adelaide; Nor. ship Morning Light, 1,316 tons, Capt, Johansen loading for Quotations are as fol-Australia. lows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

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Best quality dressed lumber, per M	00	0
Second " "	00	0
Laths, per M	2	5
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#### SALMON.

The ship There is little to report. nery on the Fraser River, on account of \$5.50; Oregon, \$5.80 to \$6; Premier (En. Lumber and Mar Bell-Irving, Paterson & Co., for London; derby Mills), \$6.00; XXX, \$5.75; XX, chartered at 45s.

and the bark City of Carlisle, loading at Victoria on account of Robt. Ward & Co., also bound for London. The cargoes of the five vessels already cleared for the U. K. amount to 173,158 cases. In another column will be found the packs of the canneries reported to date, amounting to 312,-197 cases. The total pack last year was 409,464 cases, and the year befere 114,291. The Herald of Trade, reviewing the situation, says: "The market has continued dull and without a feature of interest. This is not an unusual condition, however, for this time of year, and but for the fact that the market has been inactive for a long spell, no comment would be created. It cannot be said that any significant changes in the general situation are likely to follow this season of inactivity. All the salmon there is on this coast for sale is practically under the control of the Alaska Salmon Packers' Association; in fact, it is said that the Association actually has in hand all the salmon that remains of the pack of 1891. The association is an organization with an ample capital to enable it to take control of the market and prevent the utter demoralization which naturally might be expected, were the stock scat. tered here and there in small parcels and in the hands of weak holders. So that any expetancy of a decline in values will hardly be realized. During the long dull spell in this market consumption has been reducing stocks abroad steadily, and it would not be surprising to find the development of quite an active demand early in January."

#### VANCOUVER.

Prices remain about the The market is well supplied with the ordinary grades of butter. Dairy, 20c to 23c; Manitoba, 20c; fine creamery, 27½c; cheese, 12½c. Meats-Dry salt, 111c per lb.; hams. 14c; long clear, 111c: roll bacon, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14c. Japanese oranges are held firm at \$1.25 per box, as no more are expected to arrive before Christmas. The flour market is still unsettled owing to the further cut in prices by the Eastern millers, Local prices remain unchhanged. Ogilvie's prices remain unchhanged. Titania is loading at English & Co.'s can- Hungarian, \$5.85 to \$6; Strong Bakers,

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Hay is quoted at \$15, oats, \$30 to \$35: potatoes, from \$15 to \$23; wheat, \$35 to \$10; chopped feed, \$33 to \$35, apples getting scarce at \$1.25 per box.

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

John Mercer, blacksmith, Chilliwack, has assigned.

Jas. Fraser, watchmaker, has removed from Chilliwack to New Westminster.

A. H. Gillanders has bought out the furniture business of J. G. Pomray, Chilli-

A. St. G. Hamersley has retired from the law firm of Drake, Jackson & Co., Van

R. H. Benedict has withdrawn from the firm of G. C Shaw & Co., commission nierchants.

A. F. Cotlin and A. R. Green have entered into partnership as civil engineers and surveyors at New Westminster.

Mr. P. W. W. King, for many years a tea-taster and broker in the Mincing Lane Market in London, has taken the management of the business of Wm. Gaudin & Sons, Vancouver.

#### FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending Dec. 19:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING

	MEN IAMOUUTER COMB COMBININ	···
Date	. Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
13.	Mogul, str. Port Townsend Glory of the Seas, San Pedro Rapid Transit	29 3,388 263
19.	Grandholm, San Francisco Tacoma, Port Townsend	1,000
т	otal	5,321

The American schooner F. S. Redfield 446 tons, Capt. C. C. Birkholm, sailed from Chemainus December 10th for S. dnev with a cargo consisting of 579,485 feet rough lumber and 127 bdls. laths, valued at \$5,233. She was loaded by the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company and

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E. Bauman, proprietor of stores in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, has failed. Preferences, \$197,000.

Senator Vidal has tendered his resigna. tion as county treasurer of Lambton after filling the office for 30 years.

It is said that all signs of discontent have disappeared from the province of Rio Grande de Sol, Brazil, and that quietness reigns.

The Supreme Court has decided to adjourn to January 10th, when Mr. Blake will resume the argument in the case of C. P. R. v. Conmee.

The wholesale drug firm of Kenneth Campbell & Co., Montreal, has assigned, with liabilities amounting to \$46,000 direct and about \$30,000 indirect.

correspondent of the New York Engineering and Mining Journal pertinently remarks that bills of the size, say 5 by 3 inches would be more convenient, be more in proportion and would certainly look better. "There is," he adds, "altogether too much printing on the front and back of most of them, and the designs of some, especially those on the backs of the bills are not artistic and are meaningless. A shorter bill would be more convenient in every way than the present long bill. It could be kept flat in a pocket book of a handy size, would not be subjected to so much folding and would also cost less to manufacture." In concluding he asks why should not a shorter bill represent the same value as the present too long bill? There is much in this to commend itself to the contemplation of those under whose Managing Director. | control matters of this kind usually come.

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#### COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Kingaton is moving to secure the Provincial Fair next year.

Hatheway & Co., importers of merchandise at Boston, have failed. Liabilities \$10,000.

Toronto's city engineer recommends the trolley system for its new electric street railway.

The schooner Craftsman, which was supposed to be lost, has been towed into Owen Sound harbor and is all right.

Four vessels have just sailed from Charlottetown, P.E.I., carrying 230,000 bushels of oats for the British markets.

The exports from Halifax in October and November this year show an increase of \$210,000 over the same months last year.

The Canadian Government has instructed collectors of customs at maritime province ports to collect duty on fish from Newfoundland.

The Eric Railroad has lifted the boycott against the Chicago and Alton, and will hereafter accept the latter's tickets and

Sir Roderics Cameron has been gazetted as resident commissioner for the colony of New South Wales to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

The Pennsylvania and Chicago and Grand Trunk Railways have notified their western connections that they will no longer receive shipments of grain for consignment to points east from Chicago.

Passenger trains have begun running through the St. Clair tunnel.

The Bestly steamers Monarch and United Empire have laid up at Sarnia for the winter.

The John Dunlop silk mills at Paterson, N.J., were burned last week. \$100,000.

The Dominion Mineral Company, of Sudbury, have sold out their Blizzard and Worthington nickel mines to an English syndicate for \$2,000,000.

State Senator Durban, of Wyoming, says cattle thieves are running the ranching business in that State. He says he himself was compelled to close out a \$750,000 business in that State.

The United Association of Lumbermen met at St. Louis, Mo., last week. The object of the association is to protect the retail dealers and prevent sales by the manufacturers direct to consumers.

Governor Merriam, of Minnesota, has issued a circular letter setting forth the terrible destitution which exists in Russia and asking that people who are blessed with prosperity do all in their power to mitigate the sufferings of the starving Russians.

More sailors lost their lives on the great lakes during the marine season just closed than in any previous year since the lakes were navigated. In all 57 met their death, and most of this number were lost during November. Forty were lost from schooners and barges. Not a passenger, l however, was lost.

Negotiations are in progress for a com mercial treaty between France and Italy.

The increase in property valuation in Montreal for 1891 as compared with 1890 will amount to about \$4,000,000, thus bringing the total amount to about \$127,000,000.

Several of the English technical journals state that a large steel producing plant is now on its way to China, after being constructed at the Tees Side Iron and Engine Works Company, Limited, of Middlesborough. It is a complete Bessemer plant, including two 5-ton converters, with cupolas, together with blowing engines. cranes and other pieces of machinery. There is likewise the entire machinery for a large rail mill, as well as for a plate and bar mill, together with about twenty puddling furnaces. Two large blast furnaces of the Cleveland type, capable of producing 100 tons of pig iron daily, with all the appliances, are in course of construction on the slope of the Hamyang Hills, opposite the city of Hankow. A foreign technical staff has been secured, and in the course of a few months it is anticipated that there will be produced in China plates and bars, steel rails, soft steel for ship plates, special plates, special metal for small arms and other classes of steel and iron. The works will cover some twenty acres, and the execution of the whole undertaking in all its details has been entrusted to the above-named Middle aborough firm. An order for 2,000 tons of rails and sleepers was obtained in England some time back, and this is now stated to have been lately increased to 12,000 tons.-Canadian Manufacturer.

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VICTORIA, TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 1891.

#### CHRISTMAS.

What, it may be asked, has a journal devoted to finance and commerce to say about Christmas? It will be said that it is all very well for the clergy in their pulnits and the editors of the ordinary newspapers, whose scope is so extended and whose field is so comprehensive, and who, moreover, are always glad of something to break the comparative monotony of their daily routine, to devote some of their space to a talk about the great festival of Christianity. For our part, we protest against being left out. We may possibly make few pretensions to piety; we may hold our own individual views as to minor questions of theology and sectarianism; but we cannot forget the old, old story of the angel messengers, nor can we affect to ignore the fact that there was at one time a babe born in Bethlehem whose birth and its surroundings were different to those of any other. We have, all of us, heard from our childhood that as He grew up, though He might in many other respects have been like other boys, He lived a life like to that of no other, that He spake as no other boy or man ever did, that He suf fered and died under the most painful and ignominious circumstances, yet that today, though more than eighteen centuries have passed. He is still held in hallowed remembrance by the truest and best men and women of the world.

This same Jesus is really and truly believed in by hundreds and thousands as the one who has saved them from their sins and the attendant consequences, has given them a hope for the bereafter, for their happiness in which it is their duty to strive. Whatever there may be in all this, it has nevertheless raised the aspirations of all those who have been brought under what are termed Christian influences and the example which the Man of Galilee set in his solicitude for the welfare of others has been the means of making whole souled men out of many, who, whatever their natural good qualities, might never have been led to believe in the all comprehensive brotherhood of human ity. The proclamations of the Decalogue given amid the thunderings of Sinai have never been made so effective as by the example of their observance set by Him, who presumed to honor God as His father, and as he went about doing good daily emphasized the fact that even the meanest and lowest of the community were His brethren.

Christianity, as it exists, has done much since the American public are rapidly fluential evening newspaper-

creating confidence in one another, and a important of their institutions-the more measure of consideration for those who so since prior to the year under review. were not the most successful in their avo- the average number of failures was only cations, and, moreover, has opened up and six or seven per annum. The difference given a stability to communities that are renowned the world over for what may be termed the business probity of their people. F r these and many other reasons we would join our tribute to that of the shepheres and the wisemen and, re-echoing the angel's message of Peace and Goodwill, would say we wish to all a Happy Christmas.

#### CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Dominion Government has, it would appear, undertaken another piece of civil service reform, and the order is about to go forth that the officers who are employed in the public departments at Ottawa must spend a larger portion of their time at their desks than they are accustomed to do at present. It is generally understood that the public servant at headquarters has a "soft job," and all things considered, such has been the case. He has practically gone to work when he pleased, and "shut up shop" when he chose, this being particularly the case of the men belonging to the higher grades those, in fact, who have been drawing the largest salaries. It is emmently proper that the best and most experienced men should have the highest pay and the best jobs; but when the official plums fall to favorites or persons whose only qualifica tions is political partizanship then the country has the right to demand that the greatest possible amount of work should be exacted from them. With the political partizans their merit is that they have done something that has had special influence in thwarting the wishes of at least one portion of the community which is compelled-willy nilly to pay its propor. tion towards the maintenance of men whose views are at the antipodes of their

#### U. S. BANK FAILURES.

During the year ending October 31st last, as is shown by the report of the Controller of Currency in the United States, thirty-three national banks failed, only seven having been able to resume business, the remainder being disastrous failures. The official figures show that during the twelve months under review, 41 associations went into voluntary liquidation and 25 became insolvent. In the same period, 193 new associations were organized, possessing an aggregate capital of \$20,700,000, thus exhibiting a growth largely in excess of the annual average for The gain for the twelve past years. months was 127 banks with a capital of \$12,553,000. The statement, apparently satisfactory as it may be from the point of view of aggregate increase over and above losses sustained, amply demonstrates the necessity that exists for reform, and, con sidering all that has been said, even by American authorities as to the system obtaining in the Dominion, our neighbors might with advantage look to Canada,

for commerce. It has been the means of losing confidence in this one of the most between seven and forty-one is remarkable both from the point of view of number and the capital involved. As it is the custom, almost everywhere, when a disaster has occurred, to seek to place the blame on some one's shoulders, so in the present instance a scapegoat had to be found and the Controller himself, Hon. E. S. Lacey, is said to be the coming victim.

#### THE U. S. AND SOUTH AMERICA.

To all appearances, the United States, with all the preparations and arrangements made at the Washington convention to secure the trade of the South American republics, are likely to come out at the small end of the horn. have thoroughly antagonized Chili as well by their subsequent attitude towards that proud people as by the course of Minister Egan and the American admiral on that station who is conclusively proven to have played "the respectable spy" in the interests of the tyrant Balmaceda. The other countries to the south have not been wholly uninterested spectators of all this, and what the commercial result will be. it is very easy to anticipate. In Europe, too, despite the power of the American hog and the importance of the wheat interest, the Americans are yet a long way off outrivalling Great Britain and her colonies in matters of trade.

#### THE ZAMBESI-DUTARD CASE.

Chief Justice Sir Matthew Begbie has had before him the report of the assessors on the Admiralty case of the SS. Zambesi and the schooner Fanny Dutard, the latter of which came into collision with the Zambesi, which rescued her. Each vessel sued the other for damages, while the Zambesi took action for salvage. The assessors reported that the fault lay with the Dutard which, after the collision, could not have been navigated into port without assistance. The Chief Justice ruled that both parties were responsible for the damage, the Zambesi having been going half speed at the time of the accident. He, however, awarded five eighths of the value of the schooner to the captain and men of the Zambesi for salvage.

WITH its accustomed enterprise, our contemporary, the Times, has got out a special Christmas number, which, taken altogether, is as good a production of the kind as can well be desired. In the first place, it is well printed and, of course, has a stylish appearance, which is in no way detracted from by the literary matter or the artistic merit of the illustrations which, moreover, are seasonable and at the same time of interest to Victorians. Mr. Templeman and all who are associated with him in his work have reason to congratulate themselves on their success, which is substantially manifested by the supporters of Victoria's in-

#### DIMINISHING FIRE RISKS.

In order to lessen the fire hazard and to stay the ravages of fire, the Canadian Fire | yearly. Underwriters' Association has appointed inspectors whose work is to inspect and report upon buildings classed as special risks. By rating each risk on its merits, the lowest possible rate is obtained. In rating, reference is had to the construction of the building, the position and construction of the boiler house, if steam be used, and its connection with the factory. Favorable allowances are made for the providing of means for preventing or exinguishing fires, also the providing of natchman and watch clock, the use of steam heating instead of stoves, the choice of gas or electric light, instead of coal oil, and the fire insurance of those who take the precautions recommended costs less than that of those who do not. The Monday Times, commenting on the above, says. "It is no uncommon thing for persons to apply, before erecting new buildings, to the secretaries of the association for hosts as to the construction of the proposed building, with the view of obtaming the lowest possible insurance rate. luring the past year, 1,918 special risks in untario were thus inspected and reported upon, and 836 in the province of Quebecand the latter being in the city of Montreal.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Driving the season just closed, the shipments of eggs from Canada to Great Britain amounted to forty thousand cases, or 1,000,000 dozen. These eggs brought prices which enabled the farmers and exporters to gain a handsome profit.

T... Mercier Government has been ordered by Lieut. Governor Angers of Quebec to face to the left about and shift for themselves. But Mr. Mercier says he won t go and threatens to remain in office in order to save his cherished province.

CANNOT beet root be successfully grown in British Columbia? The sugar produced from it and the industry connected with its production are increasing in favor almost everywhere. Sugar of this description is, with all the augmented production, about two shillings per cwt. dearer in the English market.

The Manitoba Government have issued a crop bulletin. It shows that the grain which has been grown in the province this year was remarkable in its quantity. Of wheat, there is 23,191,599 bushels; of oats, 14 7/2 505, and of barley, 3,197,876 bushels. This makes a grand total of 40,152,080 bushels of grain, averaging 2,200 bushels for every larmer in the province.

AUGINCAN corn promises to assume an important place in the manufacture of soap in Germany. Hitherto the manufacture turers have used linseed oil procured in Russia, but owing to the failure of the crop there they were compelled to look in other directions for a supply of oil. East londin linseed oil was tried, but supplies

are now being obtained from Chicago, and the chances are that the trade now will equal 30,000,000 or 40,000,000 busicels yearly.

Till bankruptcy returns of the last half year show that one male adult in every seven engaged in commercial, financial. and industrial lines fills the position of chir: executive partner or proprietor: that one in every 45 engaged in business fails each half year, with liabilities in excess of assets; that one in every four engaged in business fails each half year, but without much financial loss to others. Aggregating failures of both varieties, it appears that one in every four have failed, on an average, each year during the past ten years; and, judging from the preliminary inquiry into causes of business failures, it would seem that 40 per cent. of the failnres where Habilities exceed assets are due primarily to faults of those failing.

THE British Trade Journal contains the following in its December number:-"Shippers to India, Australia and China have been notified of an important decision with reference to bills of lading just arrived at by the leading banks having branches in those parts of the world. The managers of these banks state that their attention having been drawn to a clause in some of the bills of lading which gives the shipowner a lien and right of sale by public auction over the goods shipped thereunder, not only for freight and charges due thereon, but also for unsatisfied freight and other amounts due to the shipowner either from the shipper or consignee, they give notice that they shall decline to receive as security for an advance any bill of lading which gives the shipowner a right of lien for more than the freight and charges on the goods shipped thereunder."

"MR. HOWARD VINCENT, as the originator and chief apostle of the Empire Trade League, has recently been in Japan 'blowing a blast, as the local newspapers put it. which heralds a condition of trade that must come to pass in the near future.' He has already converted Canada, it appears, to his ideas of commercial federation; and he is probably now on his way to Australavic." The above is from an English trade journal, which has been wrongly informed on this subject, for to our mind Mr. Vincent, judging from the receptions he has had in the Eastern provinces, is a long way of having "converted Canada." He would do well in the meantime to look at home and to take the advice given him by the paper from which we quote:-"The British public knows little or nothing about Mr. Howard's scheme; and it looks very much as though his friends have not sufficient confidence in its efficacy to stand up for it. As for Mr. Vincent, if he has his idea at heart, he should be mong the working men voters of Shoreditch or Battersea rather than wasting his eloquence in places thousands of miles from the centre in which it is being weighed and

#### BANK OF MONTREAL.

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١	Statement of the result of the business of the bank for the half-year ended 31st
ļ	October, 1891 :
١	Balance of profit and loss account, 30th Aprill, 1891 \$439,728 30
l	Profits for the half-year ended 31st
l	October, 1891, after deducting charges of management, and
ı	making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts 666,612 93
l	
ı	\$1,106,371 23 Dividend 5 per cent., payable 1st
ļ	December, 1891
ı	Balance of profit and loss carried forward
l	NoteMarket price of Bank of Montreal
١	Stock 31st October, 1831, 227 per cent. (equal to \$151 per share).
I	GENERAL STATEMENT-31st October, 1891,
١	Liabilities. Capital stock- \$12,000,000 00
ļ	Rest \$6,000,000 00
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I	Banks in Canada 3,497 59
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ı	\$51,486,303 46
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ı	current \$2,038,150 12 Government demand
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	\$51,486,303 46

General Manager.

BANK OF MONTREAL

MONTREAL, 31st October, 1891.

#### LET THE STOCKING YAWN.

The practice of making Christmas presents to customers is fast becoming obsolete. Though the process of its decay has been rather prolonged, it has been none The usage is doomed, not the less sure. only by the diffusion of more enlightened ideas on the subject, but also by stern necessity. The latter has weakened the hold of the gift system more than argument has. It is remarkable that it has been withstood so long. The grocer's profits have for many years been unsubstantial, and rendered precarious by the credit system. The grocer, of all men, should be least expected to dispense liberal bounty to rich and poor at Christmastide. cannot afford it. It is a senseless piece of self-oppression to undertake the burden of a big largess just at the beginning of the year. The grocer's customers do not bring a store of supplies to the man behind the counter Christmas may be sad or merry with him according as the uncertain patronage and pay of his customers deter-Why, therefore, should he be a mine. district Santa Claus? The role is a popular one, no doubt, and the custom of making Christmas presents quite a graceful one, but there is no money in it. It is rather a crude intelligence that cannot be made to understand that the recipient of the gift is expected to be overtaken some time and made pay for the gift. It is a long lane that has no turn, and after a spell of bestowing the grocer must be expected to do a little retrenching in the way of reduced gravity or bulk in the quantities he deals out, subdued quality, sophistication, etc. People begin to suspect this, and conclude that the most generous grocer at Christmas is the most tricky man on days of the year not marked by a red numeral. movement for the abandonment of the practice has made very good headway this year. Stratford is one of the places now considering it. - Canadian Grocer.

#### FOG SIGNALS.

At a recent Board of Trade inquiry it was stated that a master of a ship, having fallen in with a fog, and not hearing a fog signal when expected, "lost his head." This observation was meant to express the fact that the master had got bewildered and lost his head figuratively, but his figurehead remained fast on his shoulders. This frequent assertion that powerful fog horns or sirens are not heard has been dis credited by magistrates and nautical assessors who preside over enquiries relating to casualties. If, however, these worthy representatives of justice, and experts, would take the trouble to pursue the voluminous Parliamentary returns with re spect to fog signals, they would learn that these warnings to mariners cannot or should not be implicitly relied upon in any kind of weather. Professor Tyndall and the elder brethren of the Trinity house, who were on board a yacht off the South Foreland when many experiments were entered upon, were surprised at the deviation and loss of sound. One day, in fine, clear weather, the noisy siren on the Foreland was scarcely distinguishable. Pro fessor Tyndall and other talented men Journal of Commerce.

attribute this distraction to acoustic clouds which are not perceptible to vision. Experiments made in the Baltic supported the same idea in distant signals. The Canadian Government appointed a staff of naval officers and meteorologists to determine whether, in foggy weather, there is any defect in the system of fog signals on the coast, and, if so, the cause. After a long series of trials and inspections, the specialists have made a report which bears out the previous tests, and the conclusions arrived at by that examining committee have induced the Canadian Government to issue a warning to ship masters, in which it is mentioned that no dependence must be placed on fog signals as they are no guides to distance, but only to locality. Complaints had been made that the fog signals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence were negligently worked, and could not be discerned; in other words, the fog signals were declared to be misleading. The Minister of Marine met these protests by a thorough and exhaustive enquiry. committee of experts were requested to ascertain the merits of horns against whistles, and guns against bombs. The experts have discovered that even under the most favorable conditions, that is when placed on high, outlying points, with nothing to interfere with the passage of the sound, all fog signals are unreliable. Two reports of guns, fired under apparently similar circumstances, gave very different results, and a weak signal has been heard further than a stronger one. Shallow water, again, by causing unequal heating of the atmosphere, lessens the value of the signals. Save as regards cost, the whistle is held to be superior to the horn, and either is better than powder, but it is only in comparatively few places that the cost and inconvenience of a steam signal would be warranted. The minor lighthouses in Canada will be supplied with bombs. We have given the gist of the report, and the Canadian Government. which does not levy light dues, is to be credited with a desire to make the coast lights and fog signals as effective as possible. The Gulf of St. Lawrence is noted for fogs, and therefore it is important to have the best of light and fog warners. The Canadian Government have also been the means of corroborating previous investigations. We ask those who may have to express opinions on the causes leading to the stranding of ships to cast aside their dogmatic notions, and to make allowance for that which is beyond their comprehension. Masters who denied that they had heard foghorns were considered to be untruthful and awful slingers of the hatchet. Evidence has been invited to explain the make of foghorns and sirens, and to tell presidents of courts of enquiry that the signals should be heard for miles, but not quite so far as from England to China. Because these fog signals are con structed to send forth dismal noises, the gentlemen of England, who sit at home at case, air their ignorance by saying that masters are, in common parlance, liars. We have done our share in showing that all sounds are more or less uncertain when country great. sent forth from ships or towers. If masters would remember this instruction they would, as usual, listen for fog signals, but to say. There will be obstacles to be over-at the same time be sceptics. Liverpool come, and the Government will experience

#### THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Hillhe amount of Beet Sugar produced in the United States this year will be greater than former years, some enthusiastic believers in the beet thinking that before many years America will be able to produce all the sugar it requires, and experts are now busy locating the most favorable localities for its growth. In Canada, proof is not wanting that beets can be grown which compare favorably with the best produced in the European States where the industry has been largely pursued. In Quebec, as well as other provinces where beets have been grown, the result has shown clearly that this branch of industry can be profitably undertaken, and the factory at Farnham, P. Q., has, this year, 14. 000 tons of beets, or as much as its capacity will allow -the output, this season, being expected to reach about 3,000 barrels.

The product of the Farnham factory tests by the polariscope 99.3 to 99.5 degrees of sweetness, which nearly equals in saccharine properties cane granulated.

The beets are bought at \$4.50 per ton delivered on the premises or on cars, and, in addition to this amount, the Provincial Government pays 50c. per ton to the producer, demanding from him sworn testimony as to the amount of land employed and quantity produced per acre. On all sides, the results fully confirm the value of beet raising to the farmer, and we know of instances where one grower made \$100 per acre, whilst another, convinced of the money in it, from thirty acres last year, increased his area of cultivation this year to thirty-live acres.

There is little doubt that as an agricul tural enterprise the intelligent production of the sugar beet, in large quantities especially, is an assured success, and further, it has been abundantly proved, that where beet culture has been extensively adopted, a great impetus has been given to all kinds of other farm products, and this fact is explained by reason of the greater care necessary in the raising of beets, and more intelligent farming on the part of the producer, thus creating a knowledge in respect to the successful cultivation of other products not before possessed, and consequently enhancing the value of his crops of all kinds.

The consumption of sugar in Canada is, this year, expected to reach about 225,000,-000 lbs., Canadians annually importing the raw material to the value of over \$15,000, 000, and it will be apparent what an immense saving could be effected were the manufacture of the sugar required for consumption to be produced within our own territory. Our soil and climate are well adapted for the production of the augar beet in abundance, and of the very best quality, and with fifteen million dollars devoted to the opening out of the country, to the extension of other industries and to the increasing of the area under cultivation in the fertile regions, only waiting for the hand of man to turn them into gold, \* tangible evidence of advancement would be perceptible in all that goes to make a

How soon the people of Canada will rise to the opportunity now offered, it is hard a drain upon its resources in order to fes-

#### THE SEALING FLEET-VESSELS IN PORT.

	VICT	ORIA	•
ARRIVED.	NAME.	TONNAGE.	AGENT OR OWNERS.
July 14 .	Maggie Mac	71	R. P. Rithet & Co. (Limited)
July 27	Ainoko	75	Capt. Grant E. B. Marvin & Co
July 27	E. B. Marvin	114	E. B. Marvin & Co
July 24	Walter L. Rich	79	C. N. Cameron Robert Irving
July 28 July 29	Annie E. Paint	82	Robert Irving
Amenal 1	Mary Ellen Thistle, (steamer).	.60	Capt. Victor Jacobson M. Manson.
August 1	Sea Lion	147	M. Manson
August 3	Minnie	50	Geo. Collins
	Triumph	46	Capt. Victor Jacobson
Vogust 11	Winnifred	13	E.B. Marvin & Co.
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August 13	C. H. Tupper	99	Capt. C. J. Kelly
\ cc21\\ 13	Houriotto		C. Spring
			(Cant. Douglas
	W. P. Sayward	60	Morris Moss
August 21 . ]	Laura	19	J. B. Jones.
August 28	Labrador	30	- Stevenson
August 20	Mary Taylor	43	Carne & Munsie
		16	
Vigust 29	Rosie Olsen. Carlotta G. Cox.	39	Andrew Gray E. B. Marvin & Co C. Hackett
August 30	Carlotta G. Cox	. 76	E. B. Marvin & Co
Tugustar	Annie C. Moore	113	C. Hackett
Lugget 21	Geneva Borcalis. Wulter A. Earle. Sapphire	92	Thall, Goepel & Co Thos. Hendry Thos. Earle E. B. Marvin & Co J. W. Peppett J. C. Prevost J. W. Poppett
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Sentember 2	Sapphire Carmolite. Ariel.	.08	Thos. Earlo.
September 2	Curmolita	121	F. B. Marvin &Co
Scutember 7	Ariol	39	J. W. Peppett
Scorember 9	limitring	91	J. W. Peppett
September 14	City Of San Diogo   1	*	Carno & Munsic
September 15	Viva	100	Carno & Munsie
September 17.	Viva Pioncer	20	Carne & Munsie
September 17	Wanderer I	05 (	Harry Paxton.
September 17	Venture	48	Morris Moss
September 18 }	Favorite	80 1	Chas. Spring
September 22 (	Oscar and Hattle . Oceau Belle	81	J. L. Penny
Schember 23	Ocean Belle	83 !	Hall, Goepel & Co
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Sentember 98	Kato	87 '	Walter Bornes.
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November 16	Penelope	<u>ස</u>	Morris Moss.
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#### Vancouver.

Eliza Edwards	73 Vancouver Shipbuilding, S. & T. Co
V.gust 29	49 C. G. Doering.

ter the industry, but it seems almost certa'n that the result would amply repay them going to this expenditure, and Canada cannot afford to ignore such chances of progress as is now within reach of accomplishment, since it has been shown that beet raising would tend to better the condition of the country.-The Dominion Grocer.

#### INSOLVENCY JURISDICTION.

in discussing legislation affecting matters in insolvency, we have advanced the opnion that such legislation was the exclusive preogative of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, and that the provincial legislatures were exceeding their inrisdiction in dealing with it. If we refer to the question once again, it is to draw attention to the opinions of the indges of the Supreme Court expressed in regard to the subject in an appeal which e me before them on Saturday last. The case of Gibbons vs. MacDonald, which was an appeal from a judgment of the Court of inpeals at Toronto, was under argument and raised a question of insolvency under the Ontario Act. One of the points at is one involved the meaning to be attached to the word "pressure." Mr. Justice Gwynne remarked that such cases should not come before the Supreme Court, but that au Insolvency Act should be passed is difficult to understand the unwillinghe the Dominion Parliament. Later on, Mr Justice Strong raised the constitu-

point at issue involved the constitutionality of the Ontario Insolvent Act, expressing it as his opinion that it would be better not to proceed any further until both Sir John Thompson and Mr. Mowat were notified of what was being done. Counsel for the parties objected that such a course would be mer unfair to the parties in the case, as it would i volve the laying over of the whole matter until next term. The judges took counsel together, and then the Chief Justice, Sir William Ritchie, announced that as the case before them did not come under the Ontario Act as amended at the last session of the legislature, the Court would proceed with the hearing so far as could be done without touching upon the constitutional point, but that in any future case under the amended Act which should be brought before the Supreme Court, the Attorney. General of the Dominion and of Ontario would have to be made parties to the cause, in order that the question of the jurisdiction of the province to legislate upon insolvency matters might be set at rest. We have in the foregoing an expression of doubt on the part of the judges of the Supreme Court as to the constitutionality of insolvency legis'ration by the provinces, and we trust that this suggestion will have the effect of leading to action on the part of the Dominion Government. It ness of the law officers of the Dominion to deal with a question involving such im-

the question of insolvency. The British North America Act, which is Canada's written constitution, gives exclusive jurisdiction in matters of insolvency and bankruptcy to the Parliament of the Dominion. That Parliament has already recognized its rights by passing an Act respecting insolvent banks, insurance companies, loan companies, building societies and trading corporations, known as "The Winding-Up Act." What it has done for these corporations it has the power to do for firms and individuals. The constitutionality of the Winding-Up Act has never been questioned, and is not likely to be; but even if it were, the objections would not be maintained. Under these circumstances, we trust that the next session of Parliament will have the credit of enacting a measure which will have the effect of doing away with the incongruities, contrarieties and imperfections which are so glaring in the provincial enactments on the subject .-The Shareholder.

#### A HINT TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers often unwisely and unjustly blame the paper in which their advertisement appears for not bringing them the immediate returns they had looked for, when the fault lies not so much in the medium employed as in the style in which the advertisement is written and the manner in which it is inserted. Every advertisement should be a direct talk to the people with the same appealing and convincing power that the writer would employ if talking to his desired patron face to face. If you would attract notice make your advertisement worth noticing, the same as you would your place of business. Merchants will spend any amount of time on questions which have less probability of bringing return, whilst the framing of an advertisement is hurried through with not a particle of the attention the subject deserves, hence it is that advertisers more often than not, kick the wrong party, when they have more reason to kick themselves for their own failures.

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Madame Lorimier, whose husband was executed in connection with the troubles of 1837 and '38, died in Montreal last week at the age of 79 years. The deceased lady was an aunt of Justice De Lorimier.

The hemiock lumber producers, of New York and Pennsylvania, say that trade with them is injured in a measure by the influx of cheap pine from Canada, the importation since the change in duty increasing very largely. There is no doubt about the increase; the fact that the increase has taken place, and is likely to further grow, is the best possible evidence that the tariff change has been generally acceptable to the lumber industry across the border. It may hit the hemlock men a little hard, but the lumber trade as a whole are not likely to tional question and intimated that the portant interests as those arising out of squeal.—The Canadian Lumberman

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FLEET 1891.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS	MASTER,	SAHAED,	FROM.	FOR.	CASES.	VALUE.	ARRIVED.
Br bark Br bark Br bark Br bark Br ship	Serica. Callao. Lebu. Robinsy Bay. Wanlock Titania. City of Carlisle. rom this port Nov. 21:	978 720 730 745 879	James Worrall Partridge Cooper T. W. Selby	Oct. 6 Nov. 16 Nov. 18 A Nov. 18	Victoria Victoria Westminster Victoria Victoria	Liverpool Liverpool Liverpool London	41,610 30,800 32,179 29,916	\$212,090 161,424 159,553 157,743	

## BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER FLEET 1891.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS	MASTER.	SAILED,	PROM.	FOR,	CARGO FT.	VALUE.	ARRIVE D.	RATE
)	(24)	- -	Weston.	Jan 3	Vancouver	Callao	960,300	<b>8</b> 9.600	April 2	50s
ar simp	Stambonl		Funke	Feb 1		Valparaiso	751,396	8.348	April 20	658
mu bark	India		Broadfoot	Feb 28	Vancouver	Sydney	A 855,352	9.335	April 24	owners
r burk	Nineveh		Kain	Mar 21			B 744,000		July 5	558
r ourk	Formosa		Thompson	Mar 31		Tientsin	C 427,539		June 19	778
m okt	Catharine Sudden		Crack	May 11	Moodyville	Sydney	D 868,154	9.752	Aug 5	558
ութուր	Geo F Manson		Newcomb	May 15	Moodyville		1,765,714	15.891	June 26	Priva
			Atwood	May 22	Moody ville		534,133		Aug 7	. 65s
m scn .	Olga		Henderson	June 3		Sydney	E 799,658.	8.063	Aug 7	558
	Golden Shore		Morris	June 3		Callao.	F 1.221.816	14.224	Sept. 1	1 478
r snip	Forest King	* * 1 * 1 1 1 1	Kezer.	June 7		Melbourne	G 899,132	8.802	Oct. 2	659
	Exporter		Anderson	June 11	Vancouver	Melbourne	H 502,000	5.270	Sept 22	60s
	Spartan		Sodergren	July 4			I 688,514	8.365	Aug 27	62s
m park	Hesper		Afzelius.	July 5	Vancouver		J 438,913		Sept 17	478
ved bark	Svea			July 18	Vancouver	Melbourne			Oct. 2	63s
nship	Great Admiral		iRowell	July 19	Westminster.		1. 551.780	5.590	Oct. 9	528
iii bark .	Luisa Marta		Meyer	July 22	Westminster.	Malhairma	W 600,333	5.705	Oct. 6	
iii bark .	Leonor		'Harken		Vancourer.	Melbourne	M 561.556	6.00	Oct. 6	658
	Borghild		Hangeland	July 25	Vancouver		N 688,303	8,013	Oct. 10	628
	Duke of Abercorn		McDougall	July 29	'Vancouver		10 515,619	6017	Nov. 12	178
	Cassandra	7.53	Stehr	July 31	Moodyville		P 763,443	8 17	Oct. 27	60s
ship	Heading Wind		S B Savory	, Aug 9		Valparaiso	O 613,214	9,681	1001.21	owners
	Antonietta		stack	, Aug 8	Vancouver	Called	11 613.300	6.510	::	50s
bark	Ordovic		'Austin		Moodyville		S 1,200,419			owners
ill ship	Hindostan		:Welsh		Moodyville	Variation	T 1.011,172	19 91	Nov. 2	50s
	,H B Cann		Foote	. Aug 21	Moodyville	Sydney	U 960,251	6.77	Nov. 20	
r ship	Saga	1113	Aftedahl	. Sept. 3			X 528,821	5.03	2000, 20	658
	Lotos		Salvesen	Scot. 25	Vancouver	Adelaide	A A 483.583	4.618	{{ · · · · · · · · · · ·	lowners
	Pisagua		Beavenuto		. Moodyville		Y 615.792		Nov. 21	528
n bark	Newsboy		'Johnson		Wostminster.		V 2,013,269	10 200	A	Private
	H. W. Jarlsberg		Hague	. Sept. 20	. Moodyville		Z 909,868	8.18	Oct. 29	528
il ship	Ema Luisa		Beascoe	Oct. 9	Moodyville.	Valparaiso	300.931			578
bark	Alfred Hawley		Llowellyn	.:Oct. 2	. Westminster .	Port Piric		2,000	<b>?</b> ∤	623
r bark	Flora		Anderson	. Nov. 21	. Vancouver		DD 557,932	0,21		653
	Dominion		i Eriksen	. Ncv. 28	. Yancouver	Adelaide	EE 978,392	9,27		
n bkt	Willie R. Hume		? Brigman	. Nov. 17	. Vancouver	Callao	CC 791,201	7.79	<b>\ </b>	
	Benj. Sewall	11361	Sewall	.'Dec. 2	. Vancouver	Valparaiso	FF 755,687			118
	Olga.	478	Rodin	. Nov 12	Moodyville	Sydney	BB 512,638	4,41		
ill ship	Atacama	123		. Dec. 15	Moodyville	Valparaiso	11 980,001		3∫	owners
r bark	Nineveh	1174	Broadfoot	.,1)ec. 15	Vancouver	Sydney			2	owners
m schr.	.F. S. Redfield	440	:Birkholm .	Dec. 10		Sydney	.¦HH 579,485	5,23	3[	458
	Athlon	1371	Dexter		. (Vancouver	Adelaide	.1	l		. 178

-Also 360,900 laths. B—Composed of 45,000 feet telegraph poles, 410,000 feet rough lumber, 151,000 feet flooring, and 108,000 feet ties. C Composed of 357,571 feet rough lumber, 25,068 feet dressed lumber, and 357 bundles laths. D—Composed of 23,355 feet dressed and 844,790 feet rough also 22,916 feet pickets and 231,210 feet laths. E—Also 2,575 bundles laths. F—Composed of 1,144,236 feet rough, 80,500 feet t & g flooring, 21,000 feet box shooks, 65,000 boxes.) G Also 1,078 bundles pickets, 1,146 bundles laths. H Also 1,715 bundles laths. I—Also 68,078 feet t & g flooring, 21,000 feet box shooks, 65,000 boxes.) G Also 1,078 bundles pickets, 1,146 bundles laths. H Also 1,715 bundles laths. I—Also 3,500 bundles laths. I—Also 3,500 bundles laths. M—Also 1,033 bundles laths. L—Also 3,500 bundles laths. M—Also 1,033 bundles laths and 433 bundles pickets; deck load 72,032 feet. N—Also 99,411 feet drefsed, 2,488 bundles pickets and 1,131 bundles laths. O—Composed of 181,936 feet rough laths and 47 spars, deck load 41,912 feet. R—Composed of 431,936 feet rough and 123,304 feet flooring; deck load 53,729 feet rough. S—Also 2,001 bundles laths, deck load 106,197 feet. T—Also 2,138 bundles staves and 1,131 bundles laths (U—Also 22,461 feet. L and g, thooring, 2,272 bundles states, and 1,410 bundles laths; on deck 111,437 feet rough. V Deck load 215,866 feet; sailed from Nanaimo Sept. 21. W—Also 712 bdls laths and 1,463 bdls pickets. N—Also 315 bdls laths and 1,780 bdls pickets. Y—Also 21,757 feet pick ets and 56,000 feet lath Z—Deck load 32,396 feet rough. AA—Also 118,000 feet rough. BB—Also 320 bdls laths. C—Composed of 15,684 ft. 7 of flooring, 159,433 ft clear and 619,661 it rough. D) Also 76,000 laths and 4,720 pickets. Sailed from Victoria Nov. 21, EE—Also 1047 bdl pickets and 106 bdls laths. returned to Esquimalt Dec. 9 strained and leaking badly; being discharged for repairs. FF—Also 151,237 ft t and g flooring. GG—Also 167,555 ft.1 and g flooring and 3,596 bdls laths. HH—Also 127 bdls laths. H—Also 48 bdls laths.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

The ss. Empress of India, which sailed on the 29th inst.

The British bark Martha Fisher, which gers, was in this port last summer, was spoken Nov. 20 in latitude 45 north, long 73 west. Haines, received her orders and sailed for Tacoma Dec. 17. Sheis chartered to load grain for the U. K.

The British ship Aristomene, 1750 tons, Capt. Jones, is reported to have sailed Capt. Gibson, due here in January, will be 'lumber for Melbourne wharf.

from Sourabaya on Sept. 21 for Pasarocan, thence to Vancouver with sugar.

The ss. Empress of China sailed on Dec. from Hong Kong Dec. 8, is due to arrive 18 for Yokohama and Hong Kong. She mills. had 1,500 tons of freight, 80 bags of mail, 215 Chinese and a number of cabin passen-

The ship Titania was towed to English & Co's cannery, on the Fraser River, from AThe British ship Celeste Burrill, Capt. New Westminster, on the 16tn, to load salmon. She will then go to Vaneouver and fill 'tween decks with lumber for Lon-

loaded by her owners, the Victoria Lum. ber and Manufacturing Company, with lumber for Valparaiso, at the Chemainus

The British bark Misstletoe, 821 tons, Capt. Smith, is reported to have sailed from Buenos Ayres Nov. 23 for Victoria. She is chartered to load lumber at Vancouver for the Atlantic coast.

The Nor. bark Orion, 1.234 tons, Capt. Ulstrup, from Port Pirie Sept. 19 for Newcastle, N.S.W., arrived Oct. 5 and sailed The American bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, 20th for San Pedro and Vancouver, to load

## THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL'S PPING LIST

## VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS

FI.AG.	NAME.	TNS	Master.	Sailed.	FROM.	rok.	CONSIGNEES.	DAYS OUT.
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-ViaSan Pedro, chartered to load lumber at Burrard Inlet for Melbourne wharf at 57s 6d. I Passed Torrhead Sept. 17. M—Chartered for M., A. or P. P., rate 62s 6d, option Sydney 52s 6d. P. Arrived Bahia Sept. 16, and sailed Oct. 2. Cargo of blacksmiths' coal for San Francisco, thence to load lumber. T—Chartered for M., A. or P. P. at 57s 6d, option Sydney 47s 6d. A—Spoken Oct. 8, lat. 46 N. long 10 W. H—via Liverpool, to sail in February. N—Passed New Anjer Oct. 2. D—For orders, G—Cargo of mat rice, R—Spoken Sept. 25, lat. 11 N., 25 W. S—Cargo of salt and scaling outfit, passed Deal Nov. 17. B—Via Honolulu. C—Dec. 8, towed into Gravesend. She lost two anchors and chains in the Downs, and damaged windlass.

#### VESSELS IN PORT.

(December 21, 1891.)

#### VICTORIA.

British bark City of Carlisle, 823 tons, Capt. Kendall, loading salmon and naval stores for London, Robert Ward & Co., consignors.

#### VANCOUVER.

British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons Capt. Dexter, loading lumber for Adelaide.

Nor. ship Morning Light, 1,316 tons, Capt. Johansen, loading lumber for Melbourne.

#### NEW WESTMINSTER.

British bark Titania, 870 tons, Capt. T. W. Selby, loading salmon for London, Bell-Irving Paterson & Co., consignors.

#### NANAIMO.

NEW V. C. CO'S SHIPPING.

Am. ship Kennebec, 2,025 tons, Capt. Love, waiting to load.

Am. bark Rufus E. Wood, 1,477 tons. Capt. Ryder, loading.

Am. bark Gen. Fairchild, 1,426 tons,

Capt. Mackie, waiting to load. Nic. bark Bundalcer, 921 tons, Capt.

Williams, loading Northfield coal.

Br. SS. Grandholm, 871 tons, Masson, loading for San Francisco.

#### WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Am. ship Highland Light, 1,315 tons, Capt. Herriman, leading.

EAST WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Am. bark Melrose, 943 tons, Capt. Kalb, loading.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Ports.	No.	Tonnage.
Victoria	1	823
New Westminster	1	870
Vancouver	2	2.687
Nanaimo	7	8,978
Total	īī	13,367

#### THE SALMON PACK.

The following canners have reported their pack in addition to the list published in The Commercial Journal of the 17th November. There are still two or three canneries to hear from:

	C34171 221
Lowe Inlet Packing Co., Naas River	8,057
Lulu Island Canning Co., Fraser River .	11,458
Annandale Packing Co., Fraser River	200
Canoo Pass Cannery, Fraser River	1,030
British America Cannery, Fraser River	4,191
Wadham's Cannery, Fraser River	11,790
Bon Accord Cannery, Fraser River	8,770
Sea Island Canning Co., Fraser River	11,240
English's Cannery, Fraser River	7,821
Laidlaw & Cos Sapperton, Fraser River.	6,756
Laidlaw & Co's Lulu Island, Fraser River	6,750
Delta Canning Co., Fraser River	6,770
Wellington Packing Co., Fraser River	7,291
Ewen's Cannery, Fraser River,	25,000
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Total Previously reported Grand total

#### FREIGHTS.

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