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The Victoria Prices Current, AND SHIPPING LIST.

VOL. 4. VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1866. No. 11.

MARKET AND GENERAL REPORT

There has been little or no alteration in the state of this market since our last issue. As yet, there is no actual demand for supplies, quotations seem however to be firmer, with a tendency to go up. Holders of goods have reason to think that the supplies this season will be more commensurate with the demand, and if a continued favorable report from the gold fields, more particularly from the U.S. and G. territory leads them to expect that there will be a healthy business done during the season. Any goods that have been sold at public auction, have realized full value according to quality, but no large amount has been disposed of.

FLOUR—A report has been current during the last few days that flour had gone up at San Francisco, from 2 to 3 dollars a barrel; should it be so, and holders able to maintain prices, we may anticipate an upward tendency here, although quotations still remain as formerly.

GOLD—Hill diggings were discovered at Sooke just before the winter set in, and they may prove to be the source from which the gold hitherto found in the river has been supplied. Gold is said to have been recently discovered on Salmon river, near Fort Rupert.

COPPER—Mining for this metal has been suspended generally, with the exception of a tunnel which is being driven at Alberni; it is not that the cause is want of the "popper" mines, but so many had been engaged in it, that with the dullness of trade, shareholders have been unable to pay their assessments, and the board of directors have been unwilling to contract debts which they could not see how they were to be paid.

COAL—Nanaimo has as much as it can do to supply the demand, which is and will be constantly increasing. This kind of mining is at present attracting most attention; a company has been formed and considerable money already spent in opening a mine of Anthracite coal in Queen Charlotte Island, and a second company has been formed for working the same vein on the opposite shore of the harbour where the claim of the first company has been located; there is a third company organized to work a mine situated a short distance up one of the rivers of Vancouver Island, where there are said to be various veins of large dimensions of superior bituminous coal, with every facility for getting it out by tunnelling; as the sight presents a series of benches, attaining a very considerable elevation. The impression seems to be that coal alone will ere long suffice to make Vancouver Island a place of great importance.

VESSELS—"Princess Royal" H. P. Co. arrived in Esquimaux harbour on the 2nd instant, 150 days from London, bringing a large miscellaneous cargo for the company and 9 passengers. "Glaramara"—this vessel was lowered out of the harbour on the 19th January, for London, with a cargo of F. S. & Co. valuing from 150,000 to 200,000 dollars, one of the most valuable shipments ever made from this port.

Since our last issue the Contract for direct Mail Conveyance has been awarded to the Hudson Bay Company, who intend to place on the route for the present their steamer Labouchere. The Labouchere will start on her first trip Thursday 15th instant. The conditions of the contract, on the part of the Hudson Bay Company are as follows: Three trips at least every five months. Cabin Fare, \$10—Steering, \$15—Freight, \$10 per Ton. This is another movement in the right direction from which we may anticipate good results.

The Severn, Craigie, from London, arrived on the 10th instant, bringing the assorted cargo, con-

LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—*Aloahwa*, loading.
do. *Princess Royal*, sailed Sept. 2d.
From Liverpool—*Eastern*, sailed Nov. 9.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London, —60 days, \$1.00, = £1 sterling
do. 80 days, 5.00 = do.
do. 8 days, 5.10 = do.
do. on demand, 5.15 = do.
San Francisco, —1 per cent. premium.
Canada and New Brunswick, —4 per cent. premium.
Nova Scotia, —2 per cent. premium.
New York, —4 per cent. premium.

MAKING ENTRIES.

ENTRERS.
Slip Hamley, Patton, Comox
Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cowichan
Slip W B Naylor, Daks, San Juan
Jan 30—Slip Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port
Angelos

Sch Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Slip Ringleader, Harper, Nanaimo
Bk Tanner, McCarthy, San Francisco
Slip Emily Harris, Fraim, Nanaimo
Sch Mex Merrills, Pamphlet, Nanaimo
Jan 31—Sch Discovery, Ruddle, Nanaimo
Slip Keturah, Coupo, Port Angelos
Sch Nanaimo Packet, Phillips, Comox
Sch Alpha, George, Nanaimo
Feb 1—Sch Melissa, Meldrum, Nanaimo
Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan
Feb 2—Slip Alarm, Hollis, Nanaimo
Sch A J Westler, Mills, Port Angelos
Slip Enterprise, Monat, New Westminster
Bk Kintess Royal, Hattall, London
Slip Otter, Swanson, Queen Charlotte Island
Feb 3—Slip Labouchere, Lewis, Nanaimo
Slip Emily Harris, Fraim, Nanaimo
Sch Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo
Feb 5—Slip Active, Thorn, Astoria
Sch Winged Lacer, Peterson, Port Angelos
Slip Red Rover, Siler, Nanaimo
Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Race Rocks
Feb 6—Slip Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port
Angelos

Slip Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan
Slip Del Norte, Fauntleroy, Port Angelos
Sch Anne, Elvick, San Juan
February 7—Slip Emily Harris, Fraim, Puget
Sound.
Feb. 8—Sch J K Thorndyke, Thornton, San Juan
Slip Enterprise, Monat, New Westminster
February 9—Sch Discovery, Ruddle, Salt
Spring Island
Slip Sheet Anchor, Pike, San Francisco
Sch Gazelle Colucci, Nanaimo
Feb. 10—Ship Seton, Craigie, London

CLEARING.

Sch Industry, Meldrum, Nanaimo
Bk Glaramara, Hedley, London
Slip Ringleader, Harper, Nanaimo
Jan. 19—Slip Diana, Wright, Port Angelos.
Sch. Discovery, Ruddle, Nanaimo
Jan. 20—Slip Emily Harris, Fraim, Nanaimo
Slip W B Naylor, Daks, San Juan
Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cowichan
Jan. 23—Slip Enterprise, Monat, New West.
minster

Sch A J Westler, Mills, Port Angelos
Slip Thurston, Middleton, San Juan
Slip Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Jan. 24—Slip Active, Thorn, Astoria
Slip Labouchere, Lewis, Burrard Inlet
Slip Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan
January 25—Slip Shark, Turner, Sooke
Sch Alpha, George, Nanaimo
Sch Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo
Jan. 27—Slip Active, Elvin, San Juan
Slip J K Thorndyke, Thornton, do.
Slip Clancy, Robinson, Port Angelos
Jan. 29—Slip Enterprise, Monat, Burrard's
Inlet.

Sch Gazelle, Colucci, Nanaimo
Jan. 30—Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, San

Slip Emily Harris, Fraim, Nanaimo
Slip Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos
Jan 31—Slip Mary, Williams, San Juan
Sch Mex Merrills, Pamphlet, Nanaimo
Sch Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Slip Keturah, Coupo, Port Angelos
Feb 1—Sch Discovery, Ruddle, Salt Spring
Island

Slip Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan
Slip Thurston, Middleton, Salt Spring Island
Slip Enterprise, Monat, New Westminster
Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Race Rocks
Feb 3—Sch Melissa, Meldrum, Sooke
Slip Emily Harris, Fraim, Port Angelos
Feb 5—Slip Alarm, Hollis, Nanaimo
Feb 6—Slip Hamley, Vaughan, Orcas Island
February 7—Slip Enterprise, Whitford, New
Westminster
Slip Del Norte, Fauntleroy, San Francisco
Feb 8—Slip J K Thorndyke, Thornton, San
Juan
Slip Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
February 9—Slip Active, Thorn, New West-
minster
Slip Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan

VALUE OF EXPORTS.

From Victoria, V. I., to American Ports

For the Month ending January 31, 1866.

| TO PORT ANGELOS | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Assorted Goods | \$425 81 |
| Household goods | 1000 00 |
| Pig Iron | 35 00 |
| second hand | 1000 00 |
| Coffee | 65 00 |
| Hardware | 330 63 |
| Liquors | 137 40 |
| Total | |

| TO ASTORIA | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Tin | \$1840 62 |
| Smoked herring | 14 80 |
| Terne plate | 98 75 |
| Alto | 85 00 |
| Brandy | 614 75 |
| Cutlery | 95 70 |
| Coffee | 1327 44 |
| Grain Seeds | 14 75 |
| Miscellaneous | 137 40 |
| Apparel | 61 75 |
| goude | 271 74 |
| Beeds | 61 75 |
| Total | |

Total \$1,992 64

TO SAN FRANCISCO,

Furs, Skins, Lichen, &c. \$2,831 18

RECAPITULATION

To Port Angelos \$1,992 64
Astoria 4,337 85
San Francisco 2,831 18

Grand Total \$9,211 52

COAL EXPORTS.

Statement of Vessels departed from Nanaimo, V. I., during the month of January, 1866.

| Date | Name of Vessel | Master | Tonnage | Co. | Destination |
|-------|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Jan 1 | Slip Sir Jas Douglas | Care | 14 00 | Comox | |
| 1 | M. B. Sparrowhawk | Porter | 100 00 | Victoria | |
| 4 | Sch Industry | Carleton | 100 00 | do | |
| 4 | Slip James Douglas | Clark | 18 00 | do | |
| 6 | M B & F | Forward | 20 10 | do | |
| 6 | Slip Otter | Swanson | 62 15 | St Simps- | |
| 9 | Sch Alpha | George | 69 00 | Victoria | |
| 10 | Sch Black Diamond | McCulloch | 14 00 | do | |
| 11 | Sch Mex Merrills | Pamphlet | 95 15 | Victoria | |
| 12 | Slip Ringleader | Harper | 18 00 | Victoria | |
| 15 | Slip E Harris | Fraim | 61 00 | Victoria | |
| 16 | Sch Alpha | George | 70 15 | do | |
| 17 | Sch Indian | McClough | 93 10 | do | |
| 18 | Slip Sir Jas Douglas | Clark | 18 00 | Comox | |
| 24 | Slip Sea-Usin | Allen | 62 00 | San Fran- | |
| | Slip E Harris | Fraim | 60 15 | Esquimaux | |
| 25 | Sch Gazelle | Colucci | 14 00 | Victoria | |
| 26 | Slip Alarm | Hollis | 14 00 | Victoria | |
| 26 | Sch Discovery | Ruddle | 59 00 | Esquimaux | |
| | Slip Hamley | Vaughan | 62 15 | Race Rocks | |
| | | | | Stocks Light | |
| 27 | Sch Black Diamond | McCulloch | 14 00 | Victoria | |
| | Sch Mex Merrills | Pamphlet | 95 15 | Victoria | |
| 28 | Sch Melissa | Meldrum | 71 10 | Victoria | |
| 29 | Sch Alpha | George | 70 15 | Esquimaux | |
| 30 | Sch Black Diamond | McCulloch | 14 00 | do | |
| | Sch Industry | Carleton | 100 00 | New West- | |
| 31 | Industry | Carleton | 68 00 | Victoria | |
| | Slip Sir Jas Douglas | Clark | 18 00 | Comox | |

