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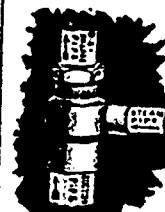
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Victoria, January 28, 1896

There is noticeable a much better feeling in business generally, although the past month has been quiet. The general situation is steadily improving and a much better volume of business is looked for when Spring opens up. Advices from the Kootenay country say that rapid progress and development are being made in all directions; and with increased facilities for transportation, Kootenay will most assuredly be the seat of a great mining boom during the coming summer.

Hong Kong exchange is quoted at 57½c gold for the Mexican dollar, being ½c lower than last week. Latest advices from New York quote sterling exchange there between banks at 4.88 per £ sterling for sixty days, 4.87½ for sight. Cables, 4.89½.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Prices are fairly steady, except for California seedlings which are easier. There is only a very moderate demand reported for California fruit this month.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The markets continue to advance in flour and all mill products. An advance of 10 cents on Ogilvie's Hungarian was announced Monday and all other grades of Manitoba flours are stronger in sympathy.

At Seattle flours are advanced 10 cents on Patent Excellent, Novelty A and Baker's Star, Imperial Cascade Patent and Monarch; Olympic is up 15 cents, Vashon 10 cents and Dayton 15 cents, Stockton Crown is up 25 cents and Tyee 15 cents; Washington Snowflake is quoted at \$3.50, and Pearl is up 10 cents. Washington Best is up 5 cents and Peerless 10 cents. Farina-cous goods are firmer in sympathy with the noted advance in wheat, graham and rye being up 25 cents. The Portland flour market has been in rather better shape. The jobbers there have manifested greater interest and a disposition to take standard brands more freely at full former prices, but as a general thing holders have found it extremely difficult to enhance cost. Millers are unwilling to sell at old rates, in consequence of the higher cost of wheat. We quote standard brands firm at \$2.75 per barrel.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

For packing house products the market is reported firmer and there is less shading in prices, than has been the custom of late, to secure business. Hammonds' canned roast and corned beef 1s have advanced 5c per doz., and 2s 10c.

It was recently reported on the street that raw sugar advanced 1-8 c. Thursday in New York, but local refinery prices are unchanged.

The Current market is very strong, in fact it seems that prices are steady in the increase.

The butter situation is at the moment unsettled. It is said that local jobbers are not very well supplied and are holding quotations firm. The firm feeling noticed at Montreal a week ago in creamery butter is now said to be more pronounced, and as high as 20½c has been paid for a good sized lot of winter creamery delivered there, although the current quotation ranges from 19c to 20c.

At this time last year California butter was on this market, but this year a scarcity is reported, in fact there is no supply for export at present, as the weather is cold. In Australia butter is scarce, owing to the extreme drouth there, and nothing is looked for from that direction this season. Current prices in Australia are at present far too high to favor exportation here. Coal oil is reported down 5c a case.

SALMON.

Mail advices from Liverpool say: "There is a very firm tone in the market for Alaska salmon and supplies of this fish are absorbed at full prices as fast as they come forward. There are a few ovals in the market, but these are held at good figures. Prices for Fraser River and Columbia River falls and flats are firm and holders are not anxious to dispose of these even at limits fixed."

Melbourne advices state that the hot weather has stimulated the demand, and very fair business has been done. Considerable sales have been made of several brands of salmon at 6s 9d to 7s 4½d, and one parcel of flat tins at a price not stated has been moved. Salt salmon is quoted at 0s 3-4d to 0s 3-7-8d, according to package and quality.

Moderate trade is reported in the leading lines of tinned fish: at Wellington, New Zealand, salmon at 9s 3d to 9s 6d for Cocktail, 8s for Skeena River and 7s to 7s 6d for Red Alaska.

LUMBER.

The Chilean ship Hindostan sailed on January 24th for Iquique with a cargo of over 1,200,000 feet of lumber from the Hastings Mill. As intimated last week, the American barkentine Jane T. Stanford, 922 tons, now at Melbourne, has been chartered to load lumber at Moodyville for Tientsin, China, at 52s.

Five vessels have arrived during the week under charter to load lumber and are added to the list. The destinations of the Empire and Hala previously reported, is now stated to be for Australia.

Early last week thirteen fine Douglas fir spars were shipped by rail to Halifax. There were seven timbers, each 78 feet in length, and six 80 feet. All were of sufficient girth to admit of being dressed to a minimum thickness of sixteen inches at the smaller end.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign:

At Vancouver: Nor. bark Prince Regent, 1,332 tons. Br. ship Clan Buchanan, 1,966 tons, for South Africa. Br. ship Mooltan, 1,615 tons, for Adelaide. Br. bark John Gambles, 1,027 tons, for Freemantle. Br. bark Birkdale, 1,398 tons, for Freemantle, Aust. Br. ship General

Gordon, 1,551 tons, for Sydney. Br. ship Altcar, 1,199 tons, for West Coast S. A. Nor. ship Prince Albert, 1,564 tons, for Cork, for orders. Ger. ship J. A. Bischoff, 1,826 tons, for Cork, for orders. Am. schr. E. K. Wood, 495 tons, for Tientsen. Total, 10 vessels, 13,973 tons.

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

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| Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet... 8 00 |
| Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M..... 16 00 |
| Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M..... 15 00 |
| Pickets, rough, per M..... 7 00 |
| Laths, 1 foot 6 in, per M..... 1 50 |

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard: Rough, \$7.00 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$8; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$14; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$11; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$14; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$14; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$14; shingles, \$1.50; lath, \$1.50.

HIDES AND WOOL.

Hides, sound heavy steers, salted, 7c per lb; medium, 6c per lb; light, 5c per lb; heavy cows, 5½c per lb; light cows, 4½c per lb; kips, 5c per lb; calves, 7c per lb; bulls, 2c per lb; stags, 2c per lb. All culls 1c less than above prices.

Sound dry hides, 10c per lb.

Sheep pelts, 10c to 70c each, as follows: shearings, 10c to 20c; long wool pelts, 60c to 70c; medium wool pelts, 40c to 50c; short wool pelts, 25c to 35c. Island wool, according to quality, 9 to 12c per lb.

SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Not so many years ago a vessel of near 1,000 tons was somewhat of a rarity in these waters, and he would have been a bold man who ventured to prophesy any expansion in the near future. Expansion, however, there has been, and for some time past every ship that has come out from England has seemed larger than the one before her. But surely the limit is reached in the "Drumrock." This vessel, which was built so late as 1891, is no less than 3,182 tons gross and 2,918 net register, and comes direct to the consignment of R. P. Rithet & Co., L'd. Where cargo will be found to fill her is something of a problem, but such matters usually adjust themselves, and provided freights are made cheap enough, cargo will no doubt be forthcoming. At any rate it is a matter for congratulation that year by year the standard of vessels coming to British Columbia is improving, both as to size and carrying power. It goes to show that the capacity of this province to absorb large cargoes keeps pace with the increased facilities for moving them, and undoubtedly the greatly increased accommodation provided at the outer wharf has done its share.

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BUSINESS NOTES.

Charles Backus, blacksmith, has opened at Trail.

E. Driscoll is about to open as saddler at Midway.

C. C. Emmert, fish, etc., Rossland, has discontinued.

Archie Grant, hotel, Sandon, is reported out of business.

Mrs. W. J. Meakin has sold the Kalemalka hotel, Vernon.

Thos. Booth, tobacconist, Nelson, has removed to Sandon.

Jas. Bennett has taken charge of the Doon hotel, Nanaimo.

The "British Pacific Gazette," Victoria, has discontinued.

E. H. McMillan & Co., of Vancouver, are giving up business.

Sol Cohn, of Coteau, Mont., is opening in business in Rossland.

A new general store and two restaurants are opening at Trail.

Mrs. M. A. Bickerdike has bought out C. E. Lee, confectioner, Victoria.

Mrs. Blaine, corner Fort and Cook streets, Victoria, has discontinued.

Jas. McCandlish, Hall saloon, Victoria, has sold out to Joe Carpenter.

Padmore & Peers have bought out the Kalemalka hotel business, Vernon.

Edwin Cummings has succeeded P. A. McPhee & Co., Sloean, hotel, Kaslo.

M. Marks, clothier, is moving into new premises, 6 Store street, Victoria.

Ellacott & Waite, assayers, etc., have succeeded Frank J. Davey at Rossland.

The British Columbian Stock & Mining Exchange, Ltd., is offering a number of seats.

M. B. Dolan, boots and shoes, Rossland, has sold out to his manager, W. L. Lawry.

Pennock & Lowe, jewelers, Government street, Victoria, are removing to 64 Yates street.

W. J. Unwin, of the Dominion hotel, Kamloops, offers his Lewis Creek hotel business for sale.

Tenders are asked by the assignee of the Van Houten estate, Nanaimo, to be in by the 28th.

Bissinger & Co., hide and wool dealers, Victoria, contemplate moving to Vancouver shortly.

R. Esnouf, Victoria, has opened in cigars in Wm. Bruce's old stand, Yates and Douglas streets.

A change is contemplated in the operation of the Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Mills at Port Moody.

J. A. Shupe, general store, Rossland, assigned in trust 14th instant to William P. Robinson, Nelson.

George H. W. Ashwell, of As'well & Sons, Chilliwack, is opening for himself at Rossland in general lines.

Charles H. Barker, barrister, Nanaimo, and James G. Syme, Vancouver, have been gazetted notaries public.

Thos. Clair, of Clair & Brown, merchants, Sandon, has taken in E. Thompson, and is going to open an hotel.

Frank G. Lane, who was in partnership with G. W. Kennedy at Trail, is opening in retail cigars at Rossland.

Maurice Salmon, recently opened in George Vienna's old stand, Government street, Victoria, has given up business.

R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., have been appointed agents for the Yang-tze Marine Insurance Company of Shanghai.

Hutchison & Davidson, produce dealers, Vernon, have dissolved; John Hutchison continues and has added groceries.

The Buckeye Lumber company, of Spokane, is backing E. H. Ragland in the building and operation of a saw mill at Rossland.

The city of Vancouver is being enjoined from carrying out the contract with the Western Electric Light, Heat and Power company.

In our last issue we reported the Westham Island Canning company. This should have been the Westham Island Packing Company.

D. J. Dyson & Co., manufacturers of spices, etc., of Winnipeg, Man., are about opening a branch at Vancouver, in charge of A. N. Parry.

August H. Lyche, Uchulet, Charles T. Haslam and George Forrest, Alberni, have been appointed justices of the peace for Nanaimo county.

B. F. Atherton, manager of the Cosmopolitan Collecting Agency, is collecting the outstanding accounts and winding up the affairs of Howell & Beckwith, late grocers, Victoria.

The application of the Kaslo & Sloean railway for an injunction to prevent the Nakusp & Sloean railroad from constructing a line from Three Forks to Sandon has been dismissed.

The landlord has distrained on the goods, etc., of J. C. Rowley, painter, Homer street, Vancouver. Sale January 30th. Rowley is reported left, and creditors are looking for him.

George W. Haynes, for many years of the well known firm of Heisterman & Co., Victoria, recently dissolved, has opened as general real estate and financial agent, 51 Government street.

Perry & Turner, hardware and stoves, and plumbing, Victoria, have assigned to B. S. Oddy, for the benefit of creditors. Meeting of creditors February 3. Liabilities \$25,000; surplus between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

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INCORPORATIONS.

The Indiana Consolidated Mining and Development company has been organized and will shortly apply for registration in British Columbia to operate at Rossland and Midway.

Nip and Tack Gold Hydraulic Mining Company, Ltd., fd Jan. 22, under part 2 "Companies Act, 1878," by Andrew McC. Creery, James Matthews Buxton

and Walter Henry Carnsew, of Vancouver. Office, Vancouver. Place of operation, Wild Horse creek. Objects, general mining and to take over the Nip and Tack claims. Capitalization, 7000 shares at \$5.

LONDON FUR SALES.

The January fur sales commenced in London last Monday and private advices furnished to the Commercial Journal report the following changes in prices realized as compared with the sales held last March:

Hudson's Bay Company sale:
Beaver, advanced5 per cent.
Musquash, advanced35 per cent.
Fur Seal, salted (750 skins) sold at 45s. 6d.

Lampson's sale:
Black bearadvanced 40 per cent.
Brown and grizzly bear
declined 55 per cent.
White beardeclined 25 per cent.
Martinadvanced 10 per cent.
Minkadvanced 10 per cent.
Wolfadvanced 10 per cent.
Red foxdeclined 10 per cent.
White foxdeclined 40 per cent.
Lynxdeclined 25 per cent.
Skunkdeclined 15 per cent.

Another advice says:
Martinadvanced 15 per cent.
Red foxdeclined 7 per cent.
Lynxdeclined 17 per cent.
Hair sealdeclined 40 per cent.
Beaversame as last January.
Muskrat, 40 per cent. higher than last Jan.

WEST COAST TRADE.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, in order to handle the increasing trade on the West coast of Vancouver Island, have purchased the S.S. Saint Pierre, 275 tons net. She has been in the Halifax-St. Pierre route, is a fairly fast vessel and has good accommodation for passengers and freight.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the New Vancouver Coal Co's shipments for the week ending January 25th:

| Date. | Vessel and Destination. | Tons. |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 19 | Tyee, str., Port Townsend.... | 79 |
| 20 | Holyoke, str., Port Townsend..... | 66 |
| 22 | Peter Jobsen, str., San Francisco.. | 4,613 |
| 22 | Tyee, str., Port Townsend..... | 50 |
| 25 | Rufus E. Wool, San Francisco..... | 2,180 |
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| Rye Whiskey, 2 yr. old, less than bbl. lots per gal. | \$ 2 30 |
| Rye Whiskey, 2 yr. old, 1 to 4 bbls. per gal. | \$ 2 20 |
| " " " 5 to 10 " " | 2 15 |
| " " " 1 to 5 " " | 2 70 |
| " " " 7 " 1 to 5 " " | 3 00 |
| Club Rye Whiskey 1 to 5 " " | 3 70 |
| Imperial Rye Whiskey 1 to 5 " " | 3 00 |
| Demerara Rum 1 to 1 " " | 4 50 |
| Jamaica " 1 to 1 " " | 4 75 |
| Gooderham & Worts Rye Wky, qts. per ca. | 7 75 |
| " " " 11 yr old spl " " | 9 50 |
| " " " Rye Whiskey flasks " " | 10 00 |
| Club Whiskey qts. " " | 9 75 |
| " " " flasks " " | 10 50 |
| " " " half " " | 11 00 |
| Imperial Rye Whiskey qts. " " | 8 00 |
| " " " flasks " " | 8 50 |
| " " " half " " | 9 00 |
| Hennessy xxx Brandy per ca. | \$16 75 |
| " " " x " " | 13 75 |
| Martell xxx " " | 16 75 |
| " " " x " " | 13 75 |
| Plymouth Gin " " | 8 75 |
| Old Tom " " | 7 00 |
| J. D. K. & Z. Gin, red " " | 12 00 |
| " " " green " " | 6 75 |
| Melchers " red " " | 11 00 |
| " " " green " " | 6 00 |
| Watson's Cragganmore Glenlivet Scotch Whiskey, per ca. | \$9 50 |
| Watson's old Scotch Whiskey, per ca. | 8 00 |
| Loch Katrine " " | 8 00 |
| Islay " " | 9 25 |
| W. & McK, Special Scotch Whiskey " " | 10 25 |
| White Horse Cellar " " | 9 75 |
| Gaelic " " | 10 00 |
| Four Crown " " | 9 75 |
| Thorne's old Highland Malt " " | 8 00 |
| Dunville's Irish " " | 8 50 |
| Burkes " " | 8 25 |
| Jameson's " " | 8 30 |
| Mitchell's " " | 7 75 |
| Perinet Fils Champagne qts. " " | 27 00 |
| " " " pts. " " | 28 00 |
| Pommery " " qts. " " | 29 00 |
| " " " pts. " " | 31 00 |
| Ruinart Pere & Fils " " qts. " " | 27 00 |
| " " " pts. " " | 29 00 |
| Perrier et Jouet " " qts. " " | 27 00 |
| " " " pts. " " | 29 00 |
| G. H. Mumm's " " qts. " " | 27 00 |
| " " " pts. " " | 29 00 |
| Johannis Mineral Water qts. " " | 8 00 |
| " " " pts. " " | 12 50 |

CIGARS.

The Hudsons Bay Co. quote El Triunfo genuino Havana, finest imported:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Non Plus Ultra, per M. | \$130 00 |
| Aromaticos, " " | 85 00 |
| Puritanos, " " | 85 00 |
| Selectos, " " | 75 00 |
| Conchas Especiales " " | 65 00 |
| Princess, " " | 60 00 |

DOMESTIC.

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|------------------------|---------|
| Flor de Fulton, per M. | \$75 00 |
| Cuban Blossom, " " | 60 00 |
| La Primrose, " " | 50 00 |
| Royal Havana, " " | 40 00 |

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, for lots of one barrel and upwards, delivered into warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by net spot cash.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags. | 47 |
| Extra C. | 4 |
| Fancy Yellow | 3 1/2 |
| Yellow | 3 1/2 |
| Paris lumps in bbls. or 100-lb bags. | 57 |
| Powdered Icing and bar, in bbls | 6 1/2 |

Above prices are for barrels or bags,

100 lb. keg 1/2c. higher; half bbls. 1/2c. and boxes 1/2c.

Golden syrup is quoted as follows: 30 gal. bbls. 1 1/2c per lb., 10 gal. kegs 2c per lb. 5 gal. kegs \$1.25 each, 2 gal. pails 80c., 1 gal. tins \$3.75 per case of 10, 1/2 gal. tins \$4.50 per case of 20.

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| 60 days. | |
| Dry Granulated (China) 100-sack | 1 75 |
| Extra C, China | 1 00 |
| Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery) | 5 |
| Extra C | 4 1/2 |
| Fancy Yellow | 1 1/2 |
| Yellow | 1 |
| Cubes | 6 |
| Powdered | 6 1/2 |
| Syrups per lb. | 2 1/2 |
| " 1 gal. tins, American (10) | 5 10 |
| " 1 " " (16) | 4 80 |
| " 1/2 " Vancouver | 4 50 |
| " 1/2 " " | 5 50 |

Dairy produce is quoted:

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Butter— Eastern dairy choice | 19 @ 21 |
| " Creamery in tubs | 25 @ 27 |
| Cheese— Canadian, lb. | 10 11 |
| Northwest | 10 @ 00 |
| Canadian Stilton | 15 @ 16 |
| Californian | 12 @ 12 1/2 |
| Eggs— Canadian, per doz | 20 @ 23 |

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Hams | 12 @ 14 |
| Breakfast bacon | 12 @ 11 |
| Short rolls | 9 @ 10 |
| Dry Salt, long clear | 8 1/2 @ 9 1/2 |
| Backs | 10 @ 00 |
| Mess Pork, per bbl. in bond | 16 00 @ 18 00 |
| Best Plate Beef, per bbl in bond | 14 00 @ 0 00 |
| Lard Compound, 20 lbs | 8 1/2 |
| " 10 lbs | 9 |
| " 5 lbs | 9 1/2 |
| " 3 lbs | 9 1/2 |
| Pure Lard in pails and tubs | 10 |
| " tins | 10 1/2 |

G. H. HAMMOND CO.'S

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|--|--------|
| Coin Special Brand Mild Sugar-Cured Hams | 16 |
| Breakfast Bacon | 15 1/2 |
| Calumet Brand Hams, medium | 13 1/2 |
| " heavy | 13 1/2 |
| " B Bacon | 12 1/2 |
| " Picnic Hams | 12 |
| Narrow Strip Bacon | 10 1/2 |
| Bacon Sides | 12 |
| Backs | 11 1/2 |
| Lard Compound, tierces | 8 1/2 |
| Coin Special Pure Leaf Lard | 10 1/2 |
| White Star | 9 1/2 |
| Home Made | 9 1/2 |
| Fancy, 80lb tubs, 1c advance; 3 1/2 tins, 1c; 5lb tins, 1c; 10lb tins, 1c; 20lb tins, 1c; 50lb pails, 1c advance over tierce quotations. | |

Coin Special Brand:

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Roast and corned beef, 2s per doz. | \$2 75 |
| " 1s | 1 80 |
| Lunch tongues, 2 1/2 per doz. | 7 00 |
| " 1s | 3 65 |
| Ox tongues 1 1/2 lbs | 7 25 |
| Deviled ham, 1/2 lbs | 1 40 |

Jobbers quote:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| California Crown L.L. Raisins per bx | \$1 60 @ 1 75 |
| " " " " " | 2 00 @ 2 25 |
| " Seedless Sultanas, 20 lb bxs | 1 45 @ 1 50 |
| " " bleached " " | 1 65 @ 1 75 |
| " Figs, 10 lb box each | 1 25 @ 0 00 |
| " bags per lb. | 0 08 @ 0 08 1/2 |
| Dates per lb. | 0 06 @ 0 08 |
| Smyrna Figs 14 oz box each | 0 12 1/2 @ 0 00 |
| " 10 lb box per lb. | 0 14 @ 0 16 |
| " 20 " " | 0 21 @ 0 00 |
| Hallowee Dates per lb | 0 07 1/2 @ 0 08 |
| Currents (barrels) per lb. | 0 05 1/2 @ 0 06 |
| " half bbls., per lb. | 0 15 1/2 @ 0 00 |
| " (cases) per lb. | 0 05 1/2 @ 0 00 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Valencia raisins, per lb. | 0 06 @ 0 00 |
| Valencia Layers, per lb. | 7 @ 7 1/2 |
| " 28 lb bxs | 1 95 @ 0 00 |
| Sultana raisins, per lb. | 8 @ 10 |
| " 30 lb bxs | 2 60 @ 0 00 |
| Malaga raisins, per box | 3 00 @ 6 50 |
| Shelled Almonds, Jordan, per lb | 0 45 @ 0 00 |
| " Valencia, " " | 0 32 1/2 @ 0 00 |
| Taragona almonds, per lb. | 0 16 @ 0 00 |
| Grenoble walnuts, per lb. | 0 14 @ 0 16 |
| Brazil Nuts, per lb. | 0 16 @ 0 00 |
| Filberts (Hazel nuts) per lb. | 0 11 @ 0 12 1/2 |
| Pecans, " " | 0 16 @ 0 00 |
| Chestnuts, " " | 0 16 @ 0 00 |

Canned goods are quoted:

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|---|-----------------|
| Peaches, California 2 1/2 lbs per doz | \$2 25 @ \$2 35 |
| Apricots " " | 1 90 @ 2 25 |
| Tomatoes, 3 lbs per doz | 1 10 @ 1 15 |
| Corn, 2 lbs " " | 0 95 @ 1 00 |
| Peas, " " | 1 10 @ 1 20 |
| Beans " " | 1 00 @ 0 00 |
| Table fruits assorted, 2 1/2 lb per doz | 2 35 @ 0 00 |
| Pie " " galls | 5 75 @ 0 00 |
| Jersey brand Condensed Milk, per ca | 5 75 @ 0 00 |

Jobbers quote as follows:

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|---|---------------|
| Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton | 10 00 @ 10 50 |
| Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton | 16 00 |
| Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl. | 2 85 |
| White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs | 7 75 |
| " quarter boxes | |
| 2 1/2 lbs, per cwt. | 8 00 |
| Malt vinegar English, 25-gal. bbls. | 12 25 |
| " octaves | 6 00 |
| " cases of 3 doz., per ca | 5 80 |
| " in bbls, 16 grain, per gal | 50 |
| " 24 " " | 65 |
| " qts. per doz. | 2 00 |
| Pickles, Crosse & Blackwells, qts. | 6 00 |
| " pts. | 3 40 |
| Matches, block, in tins, California | 1 15 |
| Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs | 80 @ 00 |
| Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs | 80 @ 00 |
| Coal oil, per case | 3 00 @ 3 10 |

NAVAL STORES.

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|--|---------------|
| Rosin, in bbls per 280 lb. | \$4 75 @ 6 00 |
| Coal Tar, standard, bbl. | 5 00 @ 0 00 |
| Pine " " | 4 50 @ 8 00 |
| Oakum, best, per bale | 1 50 @ 5 00 |
| Waste, White Cotton, per lb. | 8 1/2 @ 10 |
| " Colored " " | 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2 |
| Rope, Manila, 1 1/2 inch and upwards | 10 @ 12 |
| " Sisal " " | 8 1/2 @ 10 |
| Linseed Oil, boiled, in bbls, per gal. | 63 @ 70 |
| " Raw, " " | 62 @ 65 |
| White Lead, Genuine Elephant, chemically pure, per lb. | 6 1/2 @ 7 1/2 |
| " No. 1, per lb. | 6 @ 7 |
| Red Oxide Paint, per lbgrnd in oil | 9 @ 10 |

FLOUR AND FEED.

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

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Vic. & Nan. | Van. & Wm |
| Ogilvie's Hungarian | \$1 60 \$1 50 |
| " Strong Bakers | 1 20 1 10 |

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in carload lots at the mills as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Victoria XXX, per bbl | \$3 85 |
| Superfine | 3 50 |
| Graham (whole wheat) | 3 75 |
| Self-raising | 5 25 |

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots as follows: At Victoria in warehouse, at Nanaimo on wharf and at Vancouver and Westminster at railway station.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| VICTORIA. NAN. VAN. & W.N. | |
| Premier, per bbl. | \$ 4 00 \$1 10 \$1 00 |
| XXX, " " | 3 85 3 85 3 75 |
| Strong Bakers, or XX | 3 40 3 40 3 30 |
| Superfine, per bbl | 3 10 3 10 3 00 |
| Iran, per ton | 13 50 14 00 13 00 |
| Shorts, " " | 15 50 15 75 14 75 |

The Hudson Bay Company quote Fort Garry Mills flour in carload lots :

| | Victoria. | Vancouver |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hungarian..... | \$1 60 | \$1 50 |
| Strong Bakers..... | 4 20 | 4 10 |

BRACKMAN & KERR MILLING CO. NATIONAL MILLS.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Oatmeal, Standard, 10 10 lbsks bld | 2 15 @ | 0 00 |
| " Fine, " " | 3 15 @ | 0 01 |
| " Granulated " " | 3 15 @ | 0 00 |
| Rolled oats 90-lb sks..... | 2 90 @ | 0 00 |
| " 45-lb " | 3 00 @ | 0 00 |
| " 4-22 1/2-lb sks, bld | 3 20 @ | 0 00 |
| " 10-7-lb " | 2 40 @ | 0 00 |
| Wheat flakes 12-2s cartons estd... | 1 20 @ | 0 00 |
| Split peas 100-lb sks | 3 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Pearl barley..... | 1 25 @ | 0 00 |
| Chop feed, per ton..... | 19 00 @ | 20 00 |

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are :

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Victoria XXX Victoria mills | \$ 4 10 @ | 0 00 |
| Lion, " " | 1 10 @ | 0 00 |
| Superfine..... | 3 75 @ | 0 00 |
| Promer, shorby mls..... | 4 25 @ | 0 00 |
| XXX, " " | 4 10 @ | 0 00 |
| XX, " " | 3 65 @ | 0 00 |
| Superfine, " " | 3 35 @ | 0 00 |
| Ogilvie's Hungarian..... | 1 75 @ | 1 85 |
| " Strong Bakers..... | 4 35 @ | 4 45 |
| Fort Garry Hungarian..... | 1 75 @ | 1 85 |
| " Strong Bakers..... | 1 35 @ | 0 00 |
| Snowflake..... | 4 20 @ | 0 00 |
| Olympic..... | 4 35 @ | 0 00 |
| Washington Best | 1 10 @ | 0 00 |
| Silver Star..... | 3 85 @ | 0 00 |
| Crown..... | 3 75 @ | 0 01 |
| Big Bend..... | 1 00 @ | 0 00 |
| White Rose..... | 3 80 @ | 0 00 |
| Alliance..... | 3 90 @ | 0 00 |
| White Lily..... | 4 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Drifted Snow..... | 1 25 @ | 0 00 |
| Big Leaf..... | 1 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Gold Drop..... | 3 85 @ | 0 00 |
| Wheat, per ton, feed..... | 28 50 @ | 29 00 |
| Oats..... | 18 00 @ | 25 00 |
| Oil cake meal..... | 27 50 @ | 30 00 |
| Chop feed—California..... | 22 00 @ | 00 00 |
| " Washington..... | 20 00 @ | 25 00 |
| " National Mills..... | 19 00 @ | 20 00 |
| Shorts..... | 20 00 @ | 22 00 |
| Bran..... | 16 00 @ | 18 00 |
| Middlings..... | 22 00 @ | 24 00 |
| California oatmeal..... | 3 85 @ | 0 00 |
| California rolled oats..... | 4 15 @ | 0 00 |
| Cornmeal..... | 2 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Corn, whole..... per ton | 25 00 @ | 00 00 |
| Peas, field..... per ton | 30 00 @ | 40 00 |
| Cornmeal-feed..... per ton | 10 00 @ | 00 00 |
| Cracked corn..... | 35 00 @ | 00 00 |
| Hay, per ton..... | 10 00 @ | 12 00 |
| Straw, per bale..... | 0 75 @ | 1 00 |

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale :

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Japan rice, per ton..... | \$ 80 00 @ | 90 00 |
| " (polished) .. | 90 00 @ | 100 00 |
| Best China rice " .. | 80 00 @ | 100 00 |
| Chinaria, No. 1 " (mats)..... | 65 00 @ | 00 00 |
| Rice flour " .. | 70 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Broken Rice " .. | 39 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Rice Meal " .. | 17 50 @ | 0 00 |

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows :

| | | |
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| Oranges—Riverside Seedlings..... | 3 00 @ | 3 25 |
| " California navels, 90s..... | 1 15 @ | 0 00 |
| " " 12 1/2s to 150s .. | 4 25 @ | 0 00 |
| " " 175s..... | 4 75 @ | 0 00 |
| " Australian..... | 0 00 @ | 0 00 |
| " Japanese small..... | 0 50 @ | 0 01 |
| " large per bbl of 4, 2 20 @ | 2 25 | |
| Bananas, New Orleans, per buch. | 2 00 @ | 2 50 |
| " Honolulu per crate..... | 0 00 @ | 0 01 |
| Lemons—California (Johnson's) .. | 3 75 @ | 4 00 |
| " Australian..... | 0 00 @ | 0 00 |
| " California, common | 3 00 @ | 3 75 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Apples, Oregon..... | 1 35 @ | 0 00 |
| " Local..... | 0 75 @ | 1 00 |
| Pine Apples, Common per doz..... | 0 00 @ | 0 00 |
| " Sugar..... | 3 50 @ | 0 00 |
| Coconuts per 100 | 8 00 @ | 9 00 |

Vegetables are quoted :

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Onions—Silverskins, per lb..... | 2 @ | 00 |
| " Red..... | 1 @ | 00 |
| Cabbage..... per lb | 2 @ | 2 1/2 |
| Potatoes, per ton..... | 12 00 @ | 14 00 |

BRITISH PACIFIC RAILWAY.

We notice that in the speech from the throne at the opening of the provincial legislature on Thursday, there was no reference to the subject of the British Pacific railway. We find, however, that although the powers that be have for the time being ignored that project there are others who have it in lively remembrance and are giving the subject a considerable amount of prominence. We give the following from the Spokane Spokesman-Review for what it is worth, our object being merely to again direct attention to the subject:—

One of the greatest railroad enterprises projected on the American continent for many years is for a road from Hudson's Bay to Victoria. This enterprise, which is said to be backed up by the Grand Trunk railway, which operates over three thousand miles of road in eastern Canada and the United States, is practically the British Pacific road, for which the Victorians have for several years vainly endeavored to obtain a charter.

From the best sources of information obtainable it is believed the route which will probably be selected is from Winnipeg to Prince Albert, thence to Carleton, Battleford, Fort Pitt and Edmonton, through the Yellowhead Pass and on to Victoria. To reach Vancouver Island from the Mainland it is proposed to use pontoon or swinging bridges. The islands in the narrows are said to be not far apart, and the scheme of pontoons is said to be perfectly feasible.

The Hudson's Bay railway has already been incorporated to run from Winnipeg to a point on Hudson's Bay, and will become a part of this great system, which would give a transcontinental line from ocean to ocean. The road from Winnipeg would practically follow the old Mackenzie survey, and the survey made by the Sanford Fleming expedition which was sent out to find a route for a Canadian Pacific railway.

This road is necessary to Victoria if she expects to regain the commercial supremacy once enjoyed. The road will open up a fine country along the Saskatchewan river, and in northern British Columbia in the Cassiar country. This latter is said to be an ideal spot—a splendid agricultural country, surrounded by mountains, and notwithstanding its distance north, the cereals can be raised successfully. The British Pacific is not a new scheme. There are men in Victoria and the east who have spent several years in promoting it, and every session of the provincial parliament the bill for a charter comes up.

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES.

The report of the committee appointed last November by the British government, to inquire into the amendments necessary to be made in the law of limited liability companies has been circu-

lated. The committee included such authorities upon company law as Lord Davey, Mr. Justice Chitty, Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams, Mr. Buckley, Q. C., Mr. Palmer, Mr. Hollams and Mr. Crisp. The report recommends these most important changes:—1. The public registration of debentures and other charges given by a public company. 2. Provisions for disclosure on definite points in the prospectus, and for making directors personally liable if the prospectus is misleading, or if material information is withheld. 3. A substantial safeguard against going to allotment on insufficient capital. 4. Provision for nullifying all companies formed for defrauding or delaying the creditors of a private firm. 5. Provision for making the balance sheets a true and sufficient account of the position of the company. The report is signed by all the members, and is accompanied by a draft bill containing the legislative changes which it is proposed to make. The committee state, incidentally, that there were in the United Kingdom in April, 1894, companies with a paid-up capital of £1,035,029,825, and that the capital embarked in English companies exceeds that represented by French and German companies together by at least £315,000,000.

ERASTUS WIMAN ACQUITTED.

Erastus Wiman, charged by his late partners, R. G. Dun & Co., with forgery, was acquitted on trial before the superior court of New York, Dec. 19, 1895. This result is most satisfactory to the many friends of a man who must always be ranked among the foremost and most original business men of his day. The charges against him have failed, but the injury received by Mr. Wiman can never be undone. When arrested the press teemed for months with all sorts of charges and innuendoes, but the news of his acquittal is dismissed with a few brief lines. Such is the power for evil of a press, which left unmuzzled in the interests of humanity, and thereby honorably bound to deal fairly by all men, has to-day but little left of that sense of dignity and responsibility which once characterized its representatives.—St. Paul Trade Journal.

PRICES LOW IN ALASKA.

The following advertised prices, in the Juneau Times, of goods sold by the Juneau Trading Company, and bought in Seattle, which gives low freight rates, will disabuse the minds of many who have an idea that goods bring extra high prices in that distant and rich country. The idea is probably due to a recent report of what provisions cost delivered at some of the mining sections far inland. The firm named quotes:

Flour per sack, 75 cents and up; sugar, 16 pounds for a dollar; maple syrup per quart 35 cents; drips per gallon 50 cents; cranberry sauce, three cans for 50 cents; jams per can, 15 cents; coffee in tins, per pound, 25 cents; 26 ounces baking powder for 25 cents; tea, per pound, 30 cents and up; mince meat, 5 pounds for 30 cents; bacon, per pound, 13 cents; beans, per pound, 3 cents; canned fruits, per can, 10 cents and up; three-pound bucket of lard, 30 cents; 20 bars full weight soap, 90 cents; dairy salt, 50 pounds for 60 cents; matches, 6 bunches for 25 cents; tomatoes, 11 cans for \$1 corn, 10 cans for \$1.

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EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER.

In view of the conflicting statements which have been made in connection with the recent cabinet crisis at Ottawa, it is to be hoped that before long the premier will take the opportunity, on his own personal account and in the interests of the country, to afford some further information regarding matters anterior to and in connection with the curious circumstances of the mutiny in the ministerial camp and the return of Sir Charles Tupper happening just about the same time. It will not be forgotten that Tupper the younger was one of the seven bolters, and many who have no sympathy with the Grit opposition are not indisposed to think that Tupper in Ottawa had kept Tupper in London well informed as to the time when it would be opportune for him to suggest that business in connection with the fast Atlantic steamship and Pacific cable matter necessitated his return to Canada. The high commissioner has always been a kind of stormy petrel and the sudden and unexpected announcement of his having sailed for this country aroused the expectations of many that a storm of some kind was brewing.

Few, if any, people, expected at that time that in the cabinet which Hon. Mr. Angers had left there were any Adullamites, yet there were seven, who had been parties to the arrangement by which some months since Sir Adolphe Caron and Hon. Mr. Oulmet had been induced to withdraw their resignations. It can hardly be doubted that it was to no small extent their fear that the conditions of the bargain to which they had been parties would not commend themselves to their constituents which led Messrs. Haggart, Montague, Foster, Diekey, Wood, Tupper and Ives to turn traitors at a time when they supposed they had the premier completely at their mercy. However, the what to them was unexpected, has happened, and they have returned to their posts with a loss of prestige which cannot be explained away as having been occasioned by any patriotic action

upon their part. Neither Hon. Mr. Prior nor the Conservatives of Victoria have any reason for gratitude to the illustrious seven who not only imperilled the election of the new minister, but placed in jeopardy the carrying into effect of the important principle of British Columbia having a representative in the Dominion cabinet.

AN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION.

The National Association of Manufacturers of the United States has recently been sitting in Chicago and has transacted a considerable amount of business. According to Vice-President Warner Miller, among its various objects are to get the manufacturers of the country in touch with each other and the industrial life of the nation, to endeavor to secure reciprocity of trade, and also to obtain faster and better mail and telegraphic communication with countries whose trade can be got hold of. It also declares the Nicaragua canal to be a necessity for modern commercial intercourse and national defense, moreover, that that enterprise should be owned and operated by the United States and that if congress does not take up the matter this session the association will endeavor to raise the means and obtain the concessions necessary to its establishment. It is the opinion that if United States enterprise does not at once take up the work European capitalists will undertake it, the result being international jealousy and troubles. There could be no question as to the immense value and importance of this vast public work, which, we take it, should be entered upon without the possibility of any petty politician waking up some morning to discover that there has been a serious infringement of the Monroe doctrine.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

On Thursday afternoon the second session of the seventh parliament of the province of British Columbia was opened with due ceremony. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Dowdney reading a more than ordinarily long speech from the throne. That document intimated that there were favorable indications of revival from the recent financial depression, and there was reason to expect that the revenue to June 30 would be equal to the estimate. Success was announced to have attended the season's operations in shipping, sealing, fishing and salmon canning, and although the lumber industry continued depressed there were indications of an improvement in the near future. With respect to the coal mining industry little was said. We all know it to be not as

prosperous as it might have been, but it was mentioned that arrangements are being made for carrying on coking on a large scale. This, we presume, is at Victoria. Our farmers will have been pleased to learn that the government will introduce a measure to promote the establishment of creameries and that the work of settlement will be aided by providing for a system of small holdings. It is stated that the railway land dispute between the province and the Dominion has been settled and the subject of railway communication throughout the province is commended to earnest attention. In regard to mining development, it is the intention to foster the industry as much as possible.

Vancouver's Mining Stock Exchange is, we notice, preparing to commence operations, the committee in charge being Messrs. F. C. Innes, R. G. Tatlow, G. de Wolf, J. W. McFarland and A. G. Ferguson. There is no doubt that the exchange, if properly managed and its membership and business methods rigidly supervised, can do much for the advancement of mining by affording a chance for the purchase and sale of mining stocks and thereby fixing a value upon that class of property.

STICK TO THE FARM.

"Too many students," is an expression which we see mentioned in connection with the vast number of people who, because of their dislike for manual labor or mechanical work, strive by hook or crook to get into the more learned professions, no matter how poor their intellectual or educational outfit may be. No a few who have secured by the skin of their teeth admission to practice the law are no better than mere debt collectors, and in fact are no better qualified than, if indeed they are as competent as are the representatives of some of those agencies which have been the instruments of hauling before and prosecuting at the Small Debts Court some, who, by reason of inability or unwillingness, have failed to pay their debts. Then there are accustomed to ascend to the pulpit Sunday after Sunday not a few professional clergymen who can not hold a candle to the old-fashioned local preacher, while among the medical practitioners there are many who have in no way been sufficiently outfitted, but who are quacks and experimenters on human life, and get along fairly well until they are found out, when they either descend into obscurity or find their way to prison for malpractice—wilful or accidental. We suppose that nowadays architects regard themselves as professionals, but how many of them, at the expense of their clients, have erected monuments of their incapacity?

The list of what are regarded as gentlemanly avocations might be extended at greater length but the result would only be to signalize a greater number of failures by men who, if they had only followed the callings for which God and nature had designed them, would be happy and prosperous members of society instead of as now, an incubus upon it and a disgrace to themselves.

LECTURES ON MINING.

We notice with satisfaction that the entrance fee to the lectures on mining and kindred subjects, which are in course of delivery in Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster, under the auspices of the provincial government, has been reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents. We, however, do not think that the reduction goes far enough. It is announced that the halls in which the lectures are given have been obtained rent free and surely, this being the case, no charge for admission should be exacted. Messrs. Carlyle and Carmichael are paid officials of the government, and Mr. Pellew-Harvey, who delivers certain lectures at Westminster and Vancouver, is a resident of the latter place. Every time he lectures he advertises himself and his business, which is connected with mining, and any little expense to which he might be put for travel from the Terminal to the Royal City might readily be refunded out of the public treasury, without any necessity for a special levy to make up for it. The idea of these lectures is admirable, but to make them still more useful, the miners who are working in Kootenay and elsewhere should be given the advantage either of hearing or reading them in pamphlet form.

It is worthy of note that some of the opposition papers have apparently for political effect been drawing special attention recently to scandals unearthed years ago in connection with, as a Halifax contemporary puts it, "swindles foisted upon the British investing public through the indirect agency of the Dominion government." One of these, the "Three Rivers Meat Company," was floated in London in November, 1880, and lived less than six months. Recently two of the English directors agree to pay £1600 each in discharge of the costs of the liquidation at the time of the bursting of the concern, nearly seven years ago. The entire subject was ventilated in the political papers for all it was worth and more, yet just at the time when we are seeking to enlist outside capital for legitimate enterprises this dirty business is raked up for political effect regardless of its consequences upon our material interests. The swin-

dle was, we admit, a bad one, but there is no use befouling our own nest as is the habit with dirty birds.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST.

It is to be noticed that while the depression in 1895 carried down fewer manufacturers than that which prevailed in 1894, it seems to have affected those doing a larger business, as the average of the liabilities of last year was \$15,310 against \$11,940 in previous year. On the whole, however, the business failures in Canada, though more in number than in 1894, involved liabilities \$1,814,000 less. The total failures of the last ten years were 16,407, the liabilities amounting to \$149,135,000, an average of \$9089 each, the average of 1895 having been \$8351 as against \$9490 in 1894 and \$11,690 in 1887. The following statement gives the number of failures, liabilities and assets during 1895, by provinces:

| | No. | Assets. | Liabilities. |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------|--------------|
| Ontario | 906 | \$4,362,208 | \$5,967,161 |
| Quebec | 678 | 5,386,714 | 7,530,706 |
| Nova Scotia | 108 | 334,942 | 690,138 |
| New Brunswick | 70 | 201,155 | 325,607 |
| B. Columbia | 66 | 701,373 | 763,148 |
| Manitoba | 53 | 473,353 | 505,439 |
| P. E. Island | 9 | 40,500 | 75,700 |

Total, 1895 . . . \$11,500,242 \$15,802,989
Total, 1894 . . . 13,510,656 17,616,215

The percentages of assets available for the payment of creditors were: Ontario, 73.10; Quebec, 71.50; Nova Scotia, 48.50; New Brunswick, 61.80; British Columbia, 99; Manitoba, 93.60; Prince Edward Island, 53.50.

At the head of the lists stands British Columbia, whose insolvents had assets equal to the payment of 99 cents on the dollar, while Nova Scotia stands at the foot, the insolvents in that province having only assets enough to pay 48½ cents on the dollar, which conveys the reverse impression to those of British Columbia, as it seems to show that traders at the last can go on doing business until over one-half of their liabilities are unrepresented by assets. This results, probably, from the insolvency laws of that province being so defective, that the assets of an insolvent may be so placed as not to be available for the general body of creditors. A trader who only closes up when his estate has got into so bad a condition as to leave 48½ cents on the dollar has certainly abused his credit to a reprehensible extent.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Seattle Trade says:—An Oregon lumber firm is sending an agent to Mexico, Central and South America to learn the prospects for doing business there. This is what we have long

urged upon manufacturers and exporters in Seattle to gain foreign trade. It will never do to wait for it to grow." We have in the columns of the B. C. Commercial Journal frequently urged the advisability, nay, necessity, of British Columbia endeavoring to promote trade with Central and South America. Our lumber is ahead of that produced in Oregon and Washington in the matter of quality, while the British Columbia lumber area is probably the largest and most reliable on the North American continent. In other respects, if Seattle can successfully prosecute trade with the countries referred to, surely Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster can do the same.

The Everett works are, it is said, about to put in five more blocks for drawing wire. In a recent interview, Japanese Consul Nosse, of Vancouver, pointed out numerous directions in which trade with the country which he represents might be promoted, among them the production of iron and steel, and it is to be hoped some of our enterprising people will not allow the suggestions which have been given to be lost sight of.

Mr. M. R. Smith, the well known baker, who died on Friday, came here early in 1878, and like most of the pioneers, tried his luck at the gold fields. Subsequently he established the bakery business, his enterprise having become one of the institutions of the province. He was 64 years of age and succumbed to heart disease at his residence, Dallas road. Mr. Smith left a widow, a daughter and two sons, with whom all who knew him deeply sympathize in their affliction. There was a large attendance of friends at the funeral on Sunday from the family residence, corner of Niagara street and Dallas road, and later from Christ church cathedral, where Rev. Canon Beaulands conducted an impressive service.

Much has been said as well as written in favor of free trade. The country or nation that exports more than they import are gainers. A country or nation that imports more than they export are losers. If some countries or nations gain, it is at the expense or loss of another country or nation. It will be seen, therefore, that free trade cannot be justified, except as to articles the country or nation cannot produce, for it is clear to any mind that the expense of transportation must and does fall on the producer. If a country or nation imports any article that it is capable of producing, it is evident that there is a lack of help, energy or money.

MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The prospects of British Columbia as outlined by the delegates who attended the recent mining convention in this city, certainly appear bright. The mines have attracted foreign capital to a considerable extent already, and there is every reason to believe that the influx of both American and English money for the development of our mineral resources is destined to be large in the immediate future. The greater proportion of this money remains in the country, and thus merchants in Victoria and Vancouver are able to report a steady improvement in business all over the province during the past twelve months, with a promising outlook for the coming year.

The increase in the output of the mines in the Kootenay district is almost as phenomenal as in the case of South Africa. In 1891 the output only amounted to \$800,000 in value. Last year it had risen to over \$3,000,000, and during the present year it will probably reach \$10,000,000. Of course these results have been largely brought about by foreign capital, and hence a large proportion of the profit is taken out of the province; but it is estimated that at least 50 per cent of the returns will be used in new development every year, and thus the proportion going to American railways, smelters and capitalists is not as large as it is sometimes said to be. Indeed it promises to be less this than last year, for smelters are now being built in the province to handle the ore without the necessity of a long railway journey across the lines. A smelter is already in operation at Pilot Bay, on Kootenay Lake, another at Nelson, still another at Trail City, on the Columbia River, and a contract has just been given for two more at Rossland, so that while they are not able to treat all the ore mined in the province, they will be the means of bringing about a large expenditure in the province of British Columbia.

Of course, every mine started with a high-sounding title has not necessarily proved a bonanza. But there are sufficient instances of large dividend-payers to show that well established properties are most profitable investments. For instance, the War Eagle was bought by its present owners in 1891 for \$32,000, and in January, 1895, the mine paid its first dividend of \$34,000. In fact the total dividends for the year amounted to \$234,000, and the mine is down to pay a dividend of \$50,000 per month during the present year. Another property, called the Le Roi mine, which was bought for about the same price, and at the same time, has been paying for some time past a monthly dividend of \$70,000.

In addition, there are fully twenty more mines in the Rossland district, all which are in a position to pay dividends, while in the Kootenay district, which includes Rossland, the number is estimated at fifty at least. The estimated output of the Slocan Star mines is put at \$2,000,000, half of which will be the company's profits for the year. The owners of the Slocan Star claim that they have ore in sight to the value of \$8,000,000. The "Silver King," belonging to the Hall Mining Company, of Nelson, of which Sir John Trutch is president, has completed and blown in a smelter with a capacity of 100 tons a

day, and the last annual report estimates that there is sufficient ore blockaded out in sight to keep the smelter going for five years, and the gross output of the smelter should be \$90,000 per month, half of which will be clear profit.

The Montreal hydraulic mine on the Quesnelle river, Cariboo district, owned chiefly in this city, is now nearing the completion of the development stage. During the past two years nearly 2,000 feet of tunnel and shafts have been made to prove the property, and of this distance over 1,000 feet is through gold-producing gravel, worth 15 cents per cubic yard. The balance is of good richness. This gravel can be washed and the gold extracted at a cost of 2 cents per yard. The equipment of this mine will consist of eight miles of ditch and 4,000 feet of inverted syphon, which will supply the mine with 2,000 inches of water and wash 20,000 cubic yards of gravel each twenty-four hours. The hydraulic season extends over six or seven months, and, when the mine is fully equipped, it is estimated that it will wash during the season 2,500,000 cubic yards of gravel, at a net profit of \$250,000.

British Columbia also possesses the unique distinction of containing the only quicksilver mine under the British flag. It is situated on Kamloops Lake, opposite Savonias, a small station on the Canadian Pacific, and the ore is a cinabar, or native sulphide of mercury. With only two retorts in operation the results have been surprising. From a test lot of twenty tons of crude cinabar 60 flasks of quicksilver, weighing 4,500 pounds, were produced, valued at \$2,130, at a cost of only \$300. This mercury was sold in San Francisco; but in future, when the new retorts are built, the quicksilver will be dispatched to China for the manufacture of vermilion.

These are a few of the plums which British Columbia has to offer to the capitalist and investor. That there are others yet hidden in her mighty mountains, of equal value, can hardly be doubted. There is a great future before the Pacific province, and it looks as if British Columbia were destined to be the Rand of the Dominion. All she needs is greater facilities for the transport of her ores to market. These will come in due time, and when they do, her mineral resources will be exploited as rapidly and profitably as those of South Africa are to-day.—Montreal Trade Review.

COMPARISON OF GRAIN PRICES.

Mr. Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, having a year ago, in an interview made some predictions regarding the market value of wheat, which were fully realized, that gentleman was to-day asked if he was prepared to give his views once more on the same and kindred subjects. "Not the same as last year," was the active business man's reply, "as I have not fully sized up the situation. I can say, however, that Ontario has no wheat to export and I believe that the farmers of that province will receive higher prices for white winter wheat in the near future than the present rates."

Mr. Meighen was then asked if Canadian farmers had been for some time

past receiving as high rates for their wheat as their American brothers, and the president's reply should be read by every farmer and business man in Canada.

"Without going into ancient history," said Mr. Meighen, "I can positively assert that the Canadian farmer from December 1st, 1891, to December 1st, 1895, received on an average a considerably higher price for his wheat than the farmers to the south."

"Does this apply to the whole Dominion?"

"It does, although it has been alleged by professional politicians that after December, 1894, the Manitoba farmer had practically disposed of his crop. In spite, however, of these wild assertions the bulletin issued by the Manitoba department of agriculture, the 25th of November, 1894, claimed that the farmers of that province held at that date 5,561,179 bushels of wheat. Now I am quite aware that this quantity was not forwarded to Fort William, but the bulk of it was purchased by Ontario and Manitoba millers and shipped out in a manufactured state, viz., flour, the farmers having received a very substantial advance over the price paid at that time to American farmers for their wheat."

"Can you give figures?"

"From about the 20th of May to the 1st of July, 1895, the Ontario farmers delivered to the Ontario millers and dealers 1,500,000 bushels of wheat, for which they received from 90c. to \$1.00 over 15c. a bushel in advance of the figure then being paid to the American farmers."

"Then you believe that a protective policy benefits the farmer?"

"Most assuredly. Look at this information contained in the Bureau of Industries for the province of Ontario. The total oat crop for 1895 reaches \$4,697,000 bushels. Well, to-day oats are selling in Chicago for 16½c., in New York at 22½c., while the price in the city of Montreal is 30 cents. Now it does not require much skill in mathematics to arrive at the conclusion that the Canadian farmer is receiving 5 cents per bushel more for his oats than he would if American oats could be imported free of duty. In other words, the Ontario oat crop of \$4,000,000 bushels is worth to the producer \$4,000,000 more than if he had free trade with the Americans, who produce the same article."—Correspondence of the Toronto World

Men who have succeeded always desire to see the men they employ make successes.

Japan is reported to be manufacturing cigarettes of the best quality and selling them at one cent per hundred. What a bonanza for the street gamins and velvet-checked dudes!

One of the most wonderful mineral discoveries which has marked the present century is that of a sandstone discovered in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, which is said to burn with great brilliancy.

The New York Journal of Commerce states that the fire loss of the United States and Canada for the year 1895, as compiled from the daily records, amounted to \$129,839,700. The total for 1895 was about \$1,000,000 greater than the 1891 loss, but was merely \$28,000,000 less than the 1892 figures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SEALING FLEET, 1896

| NAME. | T.N. | MASTER. | GRW W. IN | OWNER, MOR. OWNER AND AGENT. | DET NAT'N. | S'LD. | MEMORANDA. |
|--------------------|------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| Agnes McDonald. | 107 | M. F. Cutler. | 23 | J. Tollister—R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 13 | |
| Ainoko. | 75 | Geo. Heater. | 23 | Capt. Wm. Grant. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Allie I. Alger. | 75 | C. E. Locke. | 23 | Thos. Babcock—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Dec. 31 | |
| Annateur. | 18 | C. Jipson. | 23 | C. Jipson. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Annie C. Moore. | 113 | Chas. Hackett. | 23 | Chas. Hackett—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Annie E. Palut. | 82 | A. Bissett. | 27 | E. H. Marvin & Co. | Japan. | Jan. 11 | |
| Ariel. | 92 | G. R. Peroy. | 23 | J. Boscowitz & Son. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Arietta. | 83 | Pat'k. Martin. | 23 | Victoria Sealing & Trading Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 10 | |
| Aurora. | 40 | T. H. Brown. | 18 | Thos. Harold—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 6. | |
| Beatrice. | 66 | Wm. Heater. | 5 | Capt. Wm. Grant. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 21 | |
| Beatrice. | 19 | A. H. Jones. | 23 | A. H. Jones—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Borealis. | 37 | A. Wasberg. | 22 | Thos. Harold. | Japan. | Dec. 20 | |
| C. D. Island. | 51 | J. Townsend. | 23 | J. Boscowitz & Son. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Carlotta G. Cox. | 76 | W. D. Byers. | 23 | E. B. Marvin & Co. | Japan. | Jan. 13 | |
| Carrie C. W. | 92 | Isaac Gould. | 22 | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 6. | |
| Casco. | 63 | C. Le Blanc. | 22 | Geo. Collins. | Japan. | Jan. 6. | |
| City of San Diego. | 46 | W. McDougall. | 6 | Victoria Sealing & Trading Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 15 | |
| Diana. | 50 | A. Nelson. | 19 | Geo. Collins. | Japan. | Dec. 25 | |
| Director. | 87 | F. W. Gilbert. | 24 | F. W. Gilbert—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 10 | |
| Dora Seward. | 93 | H. F. Seward. | 24 | H. F. Seward—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 10 | |
| E. B. Marvin. | 96 | C. J. Harris. | 23 | E. B. Marvin & Co. | Japan. | Dec. 28 | |
| Enterprise. | 69 | | | Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 9. | |
| Elsie. | 57 | Fred. Curry. | 21 | Fred. Curry—R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 9. | |
| Favourite. | 80 | Lach. McLean. | 21 | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 23 | |
| Fawn. | 59 | M. Foley. | 8 | Thos. Earle. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 23 | |
| Fisher Maid. | 21 | C. Chipps. | 24 | Chipps. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 15 | |
| Florence M. Smith. | 99 | L. McGrath. | 27 | C. J. Kelly. | Japan. | Jan. 15 | |
| Fortuna. | 97 | Thos. O'Leary. | 25 | Thos. Forhan & Son—Rithet & Co. | Japan. | Dec. 30 | |
| Geneva. | 92 | W. O'Leary. | 25 | Hall. Goepel & Co. | Japan. | Dec. 25 | |
| Ida Kitta. | 69 | W. O. Hughes. | 22 | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 22 | |
| Kate. | 58 | C. Stormgren. | 8 | Capt. Warren. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 11 | |
| Katharine. | 81 | J. E. Fulton. | 20 | G. N. Fulton—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Dec. 18 | |
| Kilmeny. | 18 | Wm. Halgarn. | 4 | G. A. Nicholson. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 7. | |
| Labrador. | 25 | J. Hann. | 3 | J. Williams. | B. C. Coast | Dec. 31 | |
| Libbie. | 92 | Fred. Hackett. | 23 | Chas. Hackett—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Louis Olsen. | 72 | John Daley. | 23 | Capt. John Daley. | Japan. | Jan. 13 | |
| Mary Ellen. | 67 | David McPhee. | 23 | J. Boscowitz & Son. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Mary Taylor. | 43 | R. O. Lavender. | 19 | A. Bechtel. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 16 | |
| Mascot. | 40 | E. Lorenz. | 9 | H. F. Seward—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Dec. 21 | Via Masset |
| Maud S. | 97 | R. E. McKell. | 12 | J. P. Elford—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 16 | |
| May Belle. | 58 | E. D. Shields. | 22 | Victoria Sealing & Trading Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 18 | |
| Mermanid. | 73 | W. H. Whitley. | 7 | Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 11 | |
| Minnie. | 46 | V. Jacobson. | 8 | V. Jacobsen-Ward & Co. | Japan. | Jan. 13 | |
| Mountain Chief. | 23 | J. Nawassum. | 16 | J. Nawassum. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 13 | |
| Ocean Belle. | 83 | A. B. Whiddon. | 30 | Hall. Goepel & Co. | Japan. | Dec. 21 | Via Quatsino |
| Oscar and Mattie. | 81 | T. Magneson. | 8 | Thos. Earle. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 23 | |
| Otto. | 86 | J. McLeod. | 8 | Victoria Sealing & Trading Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 8. | |
| Packwellis. | 19 | J. Nyctam. | 26 | Jas. Nyctam. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 8. | |
| Penelope. | 70 | D. G. Macaulay. | 6 | Capt. Wm. Grant. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 21 | |
| Pioneer. | 66 | W. F. Baker. | 24 | A. Bechtel. | Japan. | Jan. 17 | |
| Sadie Turpel. | 56 | A. S. Crane. | 6 | Fred. Crane. | Japan. | Jan. 6. | Via Masset |
| Sapphire. | 108 | Wm. Cox. | 21 | E. B. Marvin & Co. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 17 | |
| San Jose. | 32 | Michael Foley. | 6 | C. J. Kelly—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 17 | |
| Saucy Lass. | 38 | Dani. Martin. | 18 | Alex. Ross—R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 18 | |
| Shelby. | 16 | C. Claussen. | 16 | Louis Wille. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 18 | |
| South Bend. | 21 | C. F. Dillon. | 20 | C. F. Dillon—R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 18 | |
| Teresa. | 63 | G. Meyer. | 8 | Thos. Habbington—Rithet & Co. | Japan. | Dec. 13 | Via Quatsino |
| Triumph. | 96 | C. N. Cox. | 25 | E. B. Marvin & Co. | Japan. | Jan. 13 | |
| Umbrina. | 99 | C. Campbell. | 25 | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Dec. 31 | |
| Venture. | 48 | A. Mathieson. | 6 | A. Mathieson—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 18 | |
| Vera. | 60 | Wm. Shields. | 22 | E. B. Marvin & Co. | Japan. | Jan. 14 | |
| Victoria. | 67 | R. Balcam. | 23 | S. Balcam—Marvin & Co. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 14 | |
| Viva. | 32 | M. Pike. | 25 | Victoria Sealing & Trading Co., Ltd. | Japan. | Jan. 10 | |
| Walter L. Rich. | 76 | E. Robbins. | 5 | Geo. E. Munroe—Rithet & Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 17 | |
| Wanderer. | 25 | H. Parsons. | 14 | Victoria Sealing & Trading Co., Ltd. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 17 | |
| W. P. Seward. | 60 | Fred. Griffiths. | 14 | J. Boscowitz & Son. | B. C. Coast | Jan. 17 | |

CYPRESS LUMBER FAMINE.

A somewhat startling statement is that made by the Lumber Trade Journal, of New Orleans, La., to the effect that the stock of dry cypress lumber in the Gulf district will not aggregate 15,000,000 feet. As the daily production of 1,000,000 feet is now barely enough to meet the current consumption, a shut down of thirty days on the part of the mills will suffice to totally absorb the supply. The publication of this fact has already forced an advance, while others are looked for. It is not thought the Atlantic coast has any supply, although accurate statistics are not obtainable. Cypress shingle stocks of all grades on the Gulf aggregate only 41,000,000.

MISCELLANY.

Merchants who advertise regularly always tell purchasers they are in business.

The fable of the bundle of faggots being hard to break should appeal to every line of trade, and they should get together.

Give prompt attention to little details and you won't have to worry about big emergencies.

Business men cannot put in too much time studying to know a good thing when they see it.

If you are not careful of extending credit you will find that business is not that grand, sweet song and dance that somebody said it was.

The Seattle Trade Register says: J. H. Falconer, who has sold his pickle and vinegar works at Victoria, B. C., was in town this week, and may go into business here.

A method of silvering mirrors, producing articles of a much greater brilliancy than those made by the ordinary process, has been discovered by a German chemist.

The philosopher who evolved the sentiment, "He who doubts is damned, and he who dallies is a dastard," must have been weighing in his mental balance the chances of the men who hesitate to advertise.—Ohio Merchant.

Both in individuals and in masses violent excitement is always followed by remission, and often by reaction. We are all inclined to depreciate what we have over-praised; and, on the other hand, to show undue indulgence where we have shown undue rigor.

An Illinois farmer is said to have discovered a substitute for maple sugar that defies the judgment of experts to tell from the genuine article. It is made of corn-cob juice and brown sugar. The cobs are boiled until they are soft and then the liquid is run off, brown sugar added and boiled again. The result is a fine article of syrup that will pass anywhere, even in Vermont, for maple.

"And now, my son," said the loving father, "as you are about to go into business for yourself, it is well for you to remember always that 'honesty is the best policy.'"

"Yes, papa," said the high-browed youth.

"That 'honesty is the best policy,' and," continued the old man, "if you will study up the laws you will be surprised to find how many things you can do in a business way and still be honest."—Grocery World.

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NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

Advices report at the close of business last week as follows:

Bar silver, 67½ to 68 cents per ounce; silver certificates, 67½ to 67½ cents; Mexican dollars, 52½ cents.

Copper—Dull. Brokers price \$9.78, exchange price \$9.75 to \$9.87½

Lead—Steady. Broker's price, \$2.90; exchange price, \$3.02½ to \$3.05.

FREIGHTS

The market shows a declining tendency and quotations for grain ships are lower. The demand for lumber vessels continues good, however, especially from China.

Grain freights from San Francisco to Cork, U. K. Co. are quoted at 24 9d To Sydney, N.S.W., 19s. From Portland 22s and from Tacoma 30s nominal.

Lumber freights from British Columbia or Puget Sound are quoted as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 46s 3d; Sydney, 35s

Melbourne, 42s 6d; Port Pirie 42s 6d; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 65s; Shanghai, 52s 6d; Tientsin 52-6d; South Africa, 65s; San Francisco \$3.25 to \$3.75.

Coal freights from Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$1.75 to \$2.00, to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50, all more or less nominal.

VESSELS IN PORT.

(January 27, 1896)
VICTORIA.

Br. ship Cardiff, 1222 tons, Capt. Kee, arrived Jan. 9, from Liverpool in 143 days with general cargo. Turner, Berton & Co., and H. Bell Irving, consignees. Chartered to load wheat at Tacoma for Cape Town, South Africa.

VANCOUVER.

Br. bark John Gambles, 1027 tons, Capt. Trethewey, arrived Dec. 6, loading lumber for Freemantle, Aust.

Nor. bark Prince Regent, 1332 tons, Capt. Johnsen, arrived Dec. 14, loading lumber for Cork, U. K., f. o.

Br. ship Clan Buchanan, 1066 tons, Capt. Rankine, arrived, loading lumber for South Africa.

Br. ship Mooltan, 1615 tons, Capt. Holmes, arrived Jan. 6, loading lumber for Adelaide.

Br. s.s. Empress of Japan, 3003 tons, Capt. Lee, arrived Jan. 14.

Br. bark Birkdale, 1398 tons, Capt. Plunkett, arrived Jan. 20, loading lumber for Freemantle, Aust.

Br. ship General Gordon, 1551 tons, Capt. Worrall, arrived Jan. 19, loading lumber for Sydney.

Br. bark Altcar, 1,199 tons, Capt. Alleton, arrived Jan. 20, loading lumber for West Coast S. A.

Nor. ship Prince Albert, 1561 tons, Capt. Johnson, arrived Jan. 21, loading lumber for Cork, U. K., for orders.

Ger. ship J. A. Bischoff, 1826 tons, Capt. Kriete, arrived Jan. 21, loading lumber for Cork, for orders.

Am. schr. E. K. Wood, 495 tons, Capt. Hansen, arrived Jan. 21, loading lumber at Modyville for Tientsen, China.

WESTMINSTER.

Br. ship Ardmore, 1092 tons, Capt. White, arrived Nov. 11, loading salmon for London.

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Am. ship America, 1952 tons, Capt. Harding.

Am. ship Levi G. Burges, 1475 tons, Capt. Yunggren.

UNION SHIPPING.

Am. bark Richard III, 918 tons, Capt. Connor.

RECAPITULATION.

| Ports. | No. | Tonnage |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Victoria..... | 1 | 1,222 |
| Vancouver..... | 11 | 16,976 |
| Nanaimo..... | 8 | 10,225 |
| Westminster..... | 1 | 1,092 |
| Total..... | 21 | 29,515 |
| Previous week..... | 16 | 22,791 |
| Correspond'g week last year.16 | | 20,916 |
| " 1894..... | 10 | 14,920 |
| " 1893..... | 15 | 24,727 |
| " 1892..... | 10 | 21,051 |

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Transportation is somewhat disorganized in Southern Kootenay, owing to various causes and shipments of ore do not appear large. The only shipments reported at Nelson since Jan 1st, says the Tribune, are given below :

| | Tons | Value. |
|------------------------------|------|----------|
| Slocan Star mine, Sandon | 75 | 7,500 |
| Northern Belle mine, Slocan | 49 | 4,900 |
| Ruth mine, Slocan | 60 | 6,000 |
| Mountain Chief mine, Slocan | 62 | 6,200 |
| Dardanelles mine, Slocan | 17 | 1,700 |
| Whitewater mine, Slocan | 46 | 4,600 |
| Wellington Mine, Slocan | 30 | 3,000 |
| Noble Five mines, Cody | 30 | 3,000 |
| Deadman mine, Cody | 12 | 1,200 |
| American Boy mine, Slocan | 14 | 1,400 |
| Antelope mine, Slocan | 9 | 900 |
| Atco mine, Sandon via Nakusp | 15 | 1,500 |
| Total | 419 | \$41,900 |

MEMORANDA.

Vessels on the way to British Columbia Ports.

- A—To sail Feb. 11, via Yokohama Feb. 22, due March 7.
- B—To sail in April.
- C—Via Suva, Fiji, Jan. 31 and Honolulu Feb 8, due Feb. 17.
- D—To sail Feb. 19, via Yokohama Feb. 2 due March 19.
- E—Chartered for lumber to Tientsin at 55s.
- F—Spoken Dec. 10, lat. 51 N., long. 6 W.
- G—Sept. 21, passed Anjer.
- H—Chartered to load lumber for Shanghai; 52s
- I—Chartered to load lumber for Australia.
- J—Chartered for grain from Tacoma.
- K—Via Yokohama Jan. 25, due Feb. 8.
- L—Via Yokohama Jan. 31, due Feb. 11.
- M—Via Yokohama, Dec. 6; due Dec. 17.
- N—Cargo of raw sugar.
- O—Via San Francisco with coal. Chartered for lumber to Shanghai at 51s 3d.
- Q—Via San Francisco, chartered for lumber Shanghai at 51s 3d.
- R—Spoken Oct. 27, lat. 50 N., long 10 w. N. 11, lat. 6 n., long. 26 w. Chartered for grain from Tacoma.
- S—Via San Francisco with coal. Chartered load lumber for Australia.
- W—Via Yokohama Jan. 12.
- U—To sail about Feb. 15.
- V—Via Los Angeles. To sail about Feb. 15.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FLEET 1895.

| FLAG. | NAME. | TNS. | MASTER. | SAILED. | FROM. | FOR. | CASES. | VALUE. | RATE. | ARRIVED. |
|------------|-----------|------|---------------|---------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| Dutch bark | Van Galen | 1310 | Marrs | Oct. 12 | Fraser River. | Liverpool | 61,753 | 340,831 | 348 00 | |
| Br bark | Ladins | 1291 | Messonger | Nov. 3 | Victoria | Liverpool | 63,619 | 341,817 | 358 | |
| Dan. bark | Mary Jose | 625 | Ankerson | Nov. 4 | Fraser River. | Liverpool | 27,241 | 128,219 | 368 3d | |
| Br bark | Sardhana | 1119 | Miller | Nov. 3 | Fraser River. | Liverpool | 49,258 | 253,811 | 368 3d | |
| Br bark | Wythop | 1248 | T. P. Edwards | Oct. 10 | Fraser River. | Liverpool | 58,490 | 308,471 | 368 3d | |
| Br ship | Ardmore | 1092 | White | | Fraser R. & Vic | London | | | 368 3d | |
| Br bark | Silverhow | 1177 | Dougall | Jan. 21 | Victoria | Liverpool | 26,785 | 111,325 | 338 00 | |

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER FLEET, 1895.

| FLAG. | NAME. | TNS. | MASTER. | SAILED. | FROM. | FOR. | CARGO FT. | VALUE. | RATE. | ARRIVED. |
|------------|------------------|------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Am. schr. | Aida | 507 | Anderson | Jan. 14 | Moodyville | Shanghai | 620,000 | 6,400 | 43s | Arrived... |
| Br bark | Cadzow Forest | 1068 | McInnes | January 29 | Vancouver | Melbourne | 827,795 | 6,926 | 41s 3d | April 23 |
| Chil. ship | Hudostan | 1542 | Welsh | Feb. 22 | Moodyville | Valparaiso | 1,200,874 | 9,566 | owners ac | May 16 |
| Nic. bark | Bundaleer | 921 | DeCampoe | Feb. 12 | Vancouver | Santa Rosalia | 716,930 | 5,467 | \$3 00 | March 30 |
| Br bark | Carmoney | 1255 | Smyth | March 22 | Vancouver | Rochefort, Fr | 902,230 | 15,000 | 43s 3d | August 25 |
| Haw schr. | Queen City | 175 | Bjorre | Feb. 11 | Vancouver | Kobe, Japan | 169,088 | 2,472 | Private | April 13 |
| Ger bark | Artemis | 1407 | Klock | March 22 | Vancouver | Valparaiso | 988,714 | 9,113 | Private | May 26 |
| Am bark | Molrose | 911 | Peterson | April 12 | Cowichan | Santa Rosalia | 500,000 | 3,500 | Private | Arrived... |
| Br bark | Glanivor | 1084 | Williams | April 23 | Vancouver | Bordeaux | 788,651 | 12,500 | Private | Nov. 2 |
| Br ship | Olivebank | 2047 | Petrie | April 25 | Vancouver | South Africa | 2,324,631 | 15,453 | Private | August 12 |
| Nic bktn. | Westler | 447 | Brigman | July 3 | Westminster | Shanghai | 326,873 | 4,625 | 45s | Sept. 8 |
| Br ship | Earl of Hopetoun | 1770 | Hall | May 21 | Vancouver | Adelaide | 1,468,989 | 11,956 | 43s | Oct. 27 |
| Chil bark | Lake Leman | 1035 | Bozzo | May 23 | Vancouver | Iquique | 798,599 | 6,572 | owners ac | Arrived... |
| Br ship | Blairgowrie | 1501 | Manson | June 29 | Vancouver | South Africa | 1,196,876 | 10,700 | 62s 6d | Arrived... |
| Am schr. | Volunteer | 571 | Morino | May 6 | Moodyville | Shanghai | 741,612 | 7,057 | 47s 6d | July 28 |
| Br ship | City of Florence | 1246 | Leask | July 9 | Vancouver | Antwerp | 338,515 | 11,376 | 63s 9d | Jan. 8 |
| Br ship | Aighurth | 1798 | Jones | June 12 | Vancouver | Valparaiso f.o | 1,120,763 | 11,535 | 41s 3d | Oct. 31 |
| Am schr. | Puritan | 581 | Saxo | June 6 | Moodyville | Tientsin | 751,798 | 6,332 | 55s | Sept. 18 |
| Am schr. | Aida | 507 | Anderson | May 29 | Moodyville | Shanghai | 697,072 | 6,116 | 47s 6d | July 25 |
| Am bark | Arcturus | 1007 | Sloan | June 6 | Vancouver | Santa Rosalia | 822,593 | 6,301 | \$7 00 | June 27 |
| Am bktn. | Jane L. Stanford | 922 | Johnson | June 29 | Cowichan | Santa Rosalia | 243,744 | 5,000 | Private | July 25 |
| Dan bark | Cimbrina | 1158 | Pedersen | Aug. 10 | Vancouver | Fucamp, Fr. | 551,933 | 12,411 | 66s 3d | |
| Nic bark | Bundaleer | 921 | De Campos | July 23 | Moodyville | Sydney | 723,732 | 5,423 | 36s 3d | Oct. 23 |
| Br ship | Duke of Argyll | 960 | Golightly | Aug. 12 | Vancouver | Adelaide | 686,921 | 5,522 | 38s 9d | Dec. 2 |
| Am bark | Newsboy | 559 | Mollested | Aug. 1 | Vancouver | Shanghai | 670,915 | 7,30 | 52s 6d | Oct. 3 |
| Chil ship | Republic | 1237 | Elba | Aug. 26 | Vancouver | Toopilla | 881,880 | 9,506 | 45s | Nov. 25 |
| Am schr. | Allice Cooke | 731 | Penhallow | Aug. 15 | Vancouver | Sydney | 888,828 | 7,610 | 35s | Nov. 2 |
| Am ship | Alameda | 1474 | Otis | Aug. 15 | Moodyville | Sydney | 1,268,702 | 8,000 | 33s 6d | Oct. 20 |
| Haw schr. | Americana | 839 | Smith | Sept. 15 | Vancouver | Est Lnd'n SA | 1,008,697 | 8,379 | 62s 6d | Jan. 7 |
| Nor. ship | Prince Amadeo | 1581 | Steen | Oct. 7 | Vancouver | Halifax, N. S. | 673,950 | 15,610 | Private | |
| Br bark | Shakespeare | 767 | Tod | Oct. 15 | Vancouver | Delagoa Bay | 333,559 | 4,300 | Private | |
| Nor bark | Prince Louis | 1268 | Ellulsen | Nov. 7 | Vancouver | London | 1,000,566 | 9,124 | Private | |
| Am bark | Arcturus | 1007 | Sloan | Oct. 19 | Vesuvius Bay | Santa Rosalia | 700,000 | 3,000 | Private | Nov. 21 |
| Nor. ss | H. W. Jarvis | 1910 | Rohmers | Oct. 6 | Vancouver | Algoa Bay | 2,692,000 | 16,250 | 75s | Dec. 9 |
| Nor. ship | Prince Frederick | 1476 | Cappelin | Nov. 10 | Vancouver | Belfast | 1,177,408 | 10,593 | Private | |
| Am schr. | Aida | 507 | Anderson | Oct. 13 | Moodyville | Shanghai | 687,788 | 5,982 | 47s 6d | Dec. 26 |
| Am bark | Wm. F. Witzemann | 449 | Olsen | Nov. 15 | Cowichan | Santa Rosalia | 510,000 | 5,000 | Private | Dec. 18 |
| Nor bark | Prince Victor | 1134 | Hansen | Dec. 21 | Vancouver | Valparaiso | 803,279 | 6,425 | Private | |
| Nor. ss | Mathilda | 2269 | Isarvig | Dec. 29 | Vancouver | Buenos Ayres | 2,450,880 | 19,457 | 40s | |
| Nor. ss | Florida | 2302 | Hansen | Dec. 21 | Vancouver | Port Elizabeth | 2,433,108 | 21,523 | Private | |
| Am. ship | John C. Potter | 1182 | Meyer | Dec. 28 | Moodyville | Santa Rosalia | 883,855 | 6,233 | Private | |
| Chil. ship | India | 953 | Funko | | Vancouver | Valparaiso | 809,930 | 6,567 | owners ac | |

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS

| FLAG. | NAME. | TNS. | MASTER. | SAILED. | FROM | FOR. | CONSIGNEES OR AGENTS. | DAY OUT |
|-----------|--------------------|------|--------------|----------|-------------|----------------|---|---------|
| Br bark | Howth | 2166 | Nicholson | Oct. 25 | J Liverpool | Victoria & Van | R. Ward & Co., Ltd., & Evans, C. & E. | 85 |
| Br ship | Glendyon | 2146 | Andrews | Oct. 25 | R Liverpool | Victoria & Van | R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd. H. Bell Irving & Co | 95 |
| Br bark | Lech Keith | 1192 | Rankin | Sept. 19 | G Java | Vancouver | B. C. Sugar Refinery | 132 |
| Br ship | Ilja | 1329 | Davies | Dec. 31 | F Liverpool | Victoria & Van | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | 28 |
| Br ship | Kvance (new) | 1799 | Murphy | Nov. 26 | G Glasgow | Victoria, f. o | F. C. Davidge & Co. | 63 |
| Br ship | Ca. n. s. d. (new) | 1522 | Macdonald | Jan. 2 | N Java | Vancouver | B. C. Sugar Refinery | 26 |
| Br schr. | E. B. | 81 | Anderson | | F Halifax | Victoria | | |
| Br ship | Des. n. s. n. a | 1490 | Evans | Dec. 7 | F Cardiff | Esquimalt | Naval Storekeeper | 52 |
| Br. ss. | ... | 1267 | Watson | | V Hong Kong | Victoria & Por | F. C. Davidge & Co. | 27 |
| Br. ss. | Tacoma | 1662 | Hill | Jan. 11 | K Hong Kong | Victoria & Tac | Dodwell, Carill & Co. | 14 |
| Br. ss. | Empress of China | 3003 | Tillet | Jan. 22 | L Hong Kong | Victoria & Van | C. P. S. S. Co. | 6 |
| Am. schr. | King Cyrus | 667 | Christiansen | Oct. 26 | O Newcastle | Moodyville | Moodyville Saw Mill | 94 |
| Am. schr. | W. H. Talbot | 743 | Bluhm | Dec. 6 | Q Hong Kong | Moodyville | Moodyville Saw Mill | 52 |
| Am. bark | Empire | 1075 | Krubs | Dec. 4 | S Newcastle | Moodyville | Moodyville Saw Mill | 55 |
| Br. ss. | Mlowera | 1911 | Stott | Jan. 25 | C Sydney | Victoria & Van | C. A. S. S. Co. | 3 |
| Br. ss. | Victoria | 1922 | Panton | | A Hong Kong | Victoria & Tac | Dodwell, Carill & Co | |
| Br. ss. | Empress of India | 3937 | Marshall | | D Hong Kong | Victoria & Van | C. P. S. S. Co. | |
| Br. ship | Drumrock | 2918 | Bailey | | U London | Victoria | tt. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | |
| Br. ship | Drumcliff | 2468 | Davies | | V London | Victoria | Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd. | |
| Br. ship | St. Pierre | 275 | Scars | | B Liverpool | Victoria | R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. | |
| Br. ss. | ... | 275 | Scars | | Halifax | Victoria | Canadian Pacific Nav. Co. | |
| Am. bktn. | Jane L. Stanford | 922 | Johnson | | H Melbourne | Moodyville | Moodyville Saw Mill | |

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER FLEET, 1896.

| FLAG. | NAME. | TNS. | MASTER. | SAILED. | FROM. | FOR. | CARGO FT. | VALUE. | RATE. | ARRIVED. |
|------------|----------------|------|------------|---------|------------|----------------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Nor. bark | Crown Prince | 972 | Olsen | Jan. 10 | Vancouver | Volgaster | 776,772 | 13,181 | Private | |
| Chil. ship | Hindostan | 1542 | Welsh | Jan. 21 | Vancouver | Iquique | 1,200,000 | 10,000 | owners ac | |
| Br. ship | Nineveh | 1174 | Broadfoot | Jan. 17 | Moodyville | Esquimalt | 827,500 | 7,800 | owners ac | |
| Nor. bark | Prince Regent | 1332 | Johnnassen | | Vancouver | Cork, f. o | | | Private | |
| Br. ship | Clan Buchanan | 1906 | Rankine | | Vancouver | Delagoa Bay | | | 65s | |
| Br. ship | Mooltan | 1615 | Holmes | | Vancouver | Adelaide | | | 46s 3d | |
| Br. bark | John Gambles | 1027 | Trethowan | | Vancouver | Freemantle | | | Private | |
| Br. bark | Birkdale | 1389 | Piunkett | | Vancouver | Freemantle | | | 52s 6d | |
| Nor. ship | Altcar | 1190 | Ailcston | | Vancouver | Valparaiso f.o | | | 47s 6d | |
| Br. ship | General Gordon | 1551 | Worrall | | Moodyville | Sydney | | | Private | |
| Nor. ship | Prince Albert | 1564 | Johnson | | Vancouver | Cork, f. o | | | Private | |
| Ger. ship | J. A. Bischoff | 1826 | Kriete | | Vancouver | Cork, f. o | | | Private | |
| Am. schr. | E. K. Wood | 495 | Hansen | | Moodyville | Tientsen | | | 55s | |

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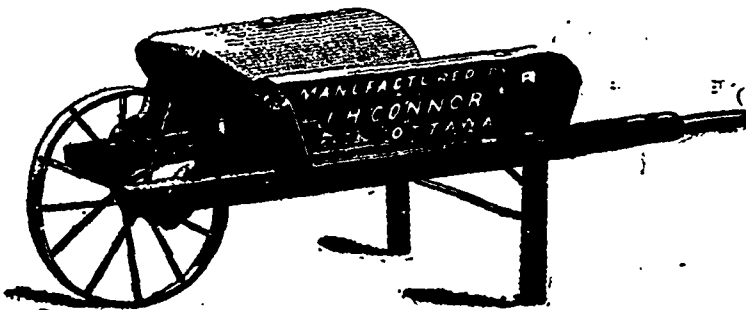
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