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VICTORIA.

Local business was slightly disorganized last week on account of the intense interest manifested in the civic elections. That event over, merchants have settled down to regular routine work. A number of the sealing fleet have already sailed, and the remaining schooners are hastening preparations. Large quantities of supplies are being drawn from all lines of business. Capital from the banks is coming into circulation to fit out the fleet, and altogether the season is opening up favorably. The feeling among merchants in all lines is a hopeful one.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts from San Francisco by steamship Walla Walla Jan. 16 comprise 40 cs oranges, 10 sks onions and 6 cs lemons. The market is featureless. Riverside seedlings are slightly lower, and potatoes continue firm. Oregon Silverskin onions are on the market and quoted a little higher than Californians.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Sweet Loretta	\$1 50 @ 3 75
Navels	4 50 @ 0 00
Riverside Seedlings	3 00 @ 0 00
Japanese	0 75 @ 0 00
Lemons—California	5 50 @ 7 50
Stelly	7 00 @ 7 50
Bananas, bunch	2 50 @ 3 50
Apples—Red	1 50 @ 1 75
Green	1 50 @ 0 00
Canadian, bbls.	6 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local	per ton 18 00 @ 20 00
Onions—Red California	1 1 @ 1 1
California Silverskins	1 1 @
Oregon Silverskins	1 1 @

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The advance of 1/2c in the price of sugar is the only noteworthy feature in the market. Syrups remain unchanged.

Wholesale dealers have advanced prices 1/2c in sympathy with the refinery list. Meats are still firm, and breakfast bacon continues scarce. Dealers cannot secure stock to meet the demands upon them. Sealing schooners are laying in supplies for the season and their trade is the important factor this month in the volume of business. Prices general are steady.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 16c per lb; heavy hams, 15 1/2c; choice breakfast bacon, 10 1/2c; short clear sides, 13 1/2c, and dry salt clear sides, 12 1/2c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1c lb. pails, 17 1/2c per lb.

Armour's Gold Band meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 17 1/2c, breakfast bacon, 18 1/2c.

London layer raisins are quoted by Victoria jobbers in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per box; Valentias, 28 lb. boxes, from 7c to 8c per lb.; and sultanas, 10 1/2c to 12c per lb., currants, in bbls., 7 1/2c per lb., half bbls. 7 1/2c, cases 8c to 8 1/2c. Canded peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 26c to 28c. California evaporated fruits are quoted as follows:—Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 12 1/2c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13 1/2c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 18c; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 14c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14 1/2c to 14 3/4c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 16c. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb boxes, 9 1/2c

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their week y price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6 1/2c; Paris lumps, 6 1/2c; granulated 5 1/2c; extra C. 5c; fancy yellow, 4 1/2c; yellow 4 1/2c; golden C., 4 1/2c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, 1/2c; more, boxes 1/2c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bbls. 2 1/2c; ditto, in 10 gal. kegs. 3c; ditto, in 5 gal. kegs, \$2.25 each; ditto, in 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 per case of 10; ditto in 1/2 gal. tins, \$6 per case of 20. Prices cover delivery in Vancouver, and at Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to a discount of 2 1/2 per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27 1/2 @ 30
Manitoba Dairy, choice	22 @ 23
Cheese—Canadian, lb.	12 @ 14 1/2
California	16 @ 00
Eggs, pickled, per doz.	23 @ 25

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15 @ 18
Breakfast bacon	15 @ 17 1/2
Short rolls	13 @ 14
Backs	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear	11 @ 12 1/2
Pure Lard, 50-lb.	14 @ 15
" " 20-lbs.	14 1/2 @ 15 1/2
Lard Compound	12 1/2 @ 13 1/2

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

Dry Granulated	51
Extra C.	53
Fancy Yellow	52
Yellow	5
Golden C.	4 1/2
Syrups, per lb.	3
" 1 gal. tins, American	6 50
" 1/2 " "	6 00
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1 1/2 " "	7 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

Large shipments of Manitoba flour have been received since last week. The local situation remains unchanged.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "While prices of flour have not shown any decided improvement, the prospects are much more favorable for better times for the mills in the near future. Stocks of flour have been much reduced whilst the outside demand is more active and generally things are shaping towards a profitable spring milling season. Receipts are larger and the outgo is increasing, 2,500 bbls., having been shipped to San Francisco per steamer, and the prospects of large shipments to China are flattering. Rail receipts from the Valley the past week were 2,800 bbls., and from Eastern Oregon 9,550 bbls. Quote standard brands \$3.50 per bbl."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots:

Premier	\$5 00
XXX	4 75
Strong Bakers or XX	4 50
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Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 4 75 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	4 75 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 25 @ 0 00
XXX, " "	5 00 @ 0 00
XX, " "	4 75 @ 0 00
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Ogilvie's Hungarian	5 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
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" Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
Lake of the Woods Hungarian	5 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	6 00 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	5 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	5 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	4 85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	4 90 @ 5 00
Snowflake	4 00 @ 0 00
Royal	4 75 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	28 00 @ 35 00
Oats	25 00 @ 30 00
Oil cake meal	40 00 @ 45 00
Chop feed	28 00 @ 30 00
Shorts	26 00 @ 28 00
Bran	23 50 @ 25 00
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats	3 50 @ 0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed	26 00 @ 28 00
California oatmeal	4 25 @ 4 35
California rolled oats	3 75 @ 3 85
Corn, whole	per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed	per ton 40 00 @ 50 00
Cracked corn	40 00 @ 45 00
Hay, per ton	17 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 77 50
Best China rice	100 00
Chinarico No. 1	70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Chit rice	25 00
Rice Meal	17 50

LUMBER.

Since last review, there have been two clearances—the Nor. bark Fritzoe, 1,078 tons, Capt. Rolfsen, sailed Jan. 10 from Vancouver for Valparaiso, with a cargo consisting of 879,200 feet, composed of 850,532 feet rough and 10,728 feet t & g flooring, valued at \$8,031; the Chilean bark India, 958 tons, Capt. Funke, cleared Jan. 14 from Moodyville saw mills for Valpar-

also, with a cargo of 798,782 feet, composed of 746,527 feet rough, 27,255 feet t & g flooring and 15,000 feet laths, valued at \$7,100. The George Thompson sailed again from Vancouver Jan. 13 for Sydney, with her original full cargo. The British bark Sabrina, which arrived on Jan. 0 from London, is under charter to load at Vancouver for Valparaiso f. o., at 37s 0d. The Morayshire, on the way from Java with sugar, is also reported chartered.

There are at present 4 vessels loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—The Br. bark Highlands, 1,235 tons, for Montreal; Br. bktnk Bittern, 300 tons, for Fremantle, Aus; Ger. ship Katharine, 1,030 tons, at Moodyville for West Coast S. A.; Br. bark Sabrina, 747 tons, for Valparaiso f. o. At Cowichan—Am. bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, for Valpar. also for Odors.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber, in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet. \$ 9 00
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Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M. 17 00
Pickets, rough, per M. 9 00
Laths, 4 feet, per M. 00

A TRADE CIRCULAR.

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., limited, in their freight and shipping circular for 1892, say: In spite of some discouraging features and a depression which is shared in common with the entire Pacific Coast, we have to record a year of steady progress in British Columbia. If the movement has not been so rapid as in one or two recent years, it has at least been solid, and the inactivity into which some of our industries have fallen for a time will do good in the end, by exposing weak spots and weeding out the superfluous. The output of coal has fallen off slightly, owing principally to overstocked markets in San Francisco, and the lumber industry during the entire year has suffered from overstocks in almost every foreign market. Prospects for the future are, however, brighter now than for some time past. The unsatisfactory position of the Behring Sea question is well known, so we need not say more than that the closing of the Sea has more or less seriously interfered with sealing operations. The total catch has fallen off and in some instances heavy losses have been made. As 1892 was a fourth, or "off" year a small pack of salmon was anticipated and this has proved to be the case, as there were packed about 80,000 cases less than last year, 181,000 less than in 1891. As the shortage is general along the coast, the salmon market has been entirely relieved from previous excessive stocks and is now in a healthier condition than it has been for a long time, while prices are good and show an upward tendency. The entire pack of the Province has been exported at an unusually early date, and stocks on hand will barely suffice for local consumption. The coming season, therefore, will open with very fair prospects of an adequate pack, and a good market for it, at satisfactory prices.

B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province of British Columbia for the month of December, 1892:

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMINSTER	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods.....	\$158,089 00	\$ 60,626 00	\$ 21,367 00	\$ 14,089 00	\$254,171 00
Free Goods.....	19,691 00	8,975 00	2,469 00	3,632 00	34,767 00
Total Imports.....	\$177,683 00	\$ 69,601 00	\$ 23,736 00	\$ 17,721 00	\$288,741 00

REVENUE.

Duty Collected.....	\$ 56,426 68	\$ 18,019 62	\$ 8,667 27	\$ 4,950 00	\$ 88,063 47
Other Revenue.....	8,313 61	4,620 49	130 10	272 64	13,337 23
Total Collections.....	\$ 64,740 29	\$ 22,640 11	\$ 8,797 37	\$ 5,222 64	\$104,400 41

EXPORTS.

The Mine.....	\$ 25,477 00		\$ 6,812 00	\$220,551 00	\$251,840 00
The Fisheries.....	480,452 00	\$ 4,000 00	1,071 00		491,523 00
The Forest.....	45 00	43,937 00	7,872 00	1,250 00	53,104 00
Animals and their produce	23,503 00	4,177 00	545 00		28,315 00
Agriculture.....	3,751 00	250 00			4,006 00
Manufactures.....	10,102 00	1,808 00	2,012 00		13,970 00
Miscellaneous.....	11,331 00	531 00		81 00	12,943 00
Total Exports.....	\$550,756 00	\$ 55,163 00	\$ 17,312 00	\$221,885 00	\$845,014 00

* \$115 coin or bullion. † \$165 gold coin and \$361 silver coin.

THE SALMON PACK

Of British Columbia for the season of 1892. Compiled by Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

FRASER RIVER—	CASES
Ewen & Co.....	7,800
Bon Accord Fishery Co.....	7,900
Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co.....	31,917
British Columbia Canning Co.....	1,758
Victoria Canning Co.....	14,313
Richmond Canning Co.....	3,483
Beaver Canning Co.....	9,039
Terra Nova Canning Co.....	3,945
SKEENA RIVER—	
British Columbia Canning Co.....	11,680
Inverness Canning Co.....	11,181
Balmoral Canning Co.....	11,255
Victoria Canning Co.....	10,766
Skeena Packing Co.....	11,073
Anglo British Columbia Canning Co.....	22,600
Royal Canadian Packing Co.....	11,325
NAAS RIVER—	
A. J. McLellan.....	11,000
British Columbia Canning Co.....	7,022
Victoria Canning Co.....	7,412
RIVERS INLET—	
British Columbia Canning Co.....	10,218
Wannuck Packing Co.....	4,878
LOWE INLET—	
Lowe Inlet Packing Co.....	8,161
GARDINER'S INLET—	
Price's Packing Co.....	6,156
ALERT BAY—	
Alert Bay Canning Co.....	3,596
Total pack 1892.....	228,470
" " 1891.....	314,893
" " 1890.....	409,461
Fraser River Canneries.....	80,215
Alert Bay.....	3,598
River's Inlet.....	15,126
Skeena River.....	89,780
Gardiner's Inlet.....	6,156
Lowe Inlet.....	8,161
Naas River.....	25,434
Total.....	228,470
Shipped per Glengarry to Liverpool.....	37,352
" " Martha Fisher.....	34,002
" " Chile.....	30,093
" " Frederick to London.....	32,403
" " River Ganges.....	29,461
Total.....	163,311

THE ANNUAL PACK

(Since the beginning of the industry.)

1876.....	9,817
1877.....	6,787
1878.....	113,601
1879.....	61,053
1880.....	11,819
1881.....	17,276
1882.....	255,061
1883.....	196,292
1884.....	141,217
1885.....	108,517
1886.....	161,264
1887.....	204,083
1888.....	184,090
1889.....	414,291
1890.....	409,461
1891.....	314,893
1892.....	228,470

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Carrey & Barrett, butchers, Nelson, sheriff in possession.
Carmichael & Paterson, boots and shoes, Victoria, have assigned.
Fairall & Barry, brewers, Victoria West, Barry's interest attached.
Chas. Eckert, manager of the estate of Wm. Eckert, grocer, is dead.
W. P. Coughlan, photographer, Nanaimo, has sold out to E. P. Larsen.
S. P. Scott, auctioneer and commission agent, Nanaimo, has resumed business.
G. A. McCulloch, confectionery, Victoria, contemplates selling out the business.
A. & D. McLennan, Pullman saloon, Vancouver, have dissolved. A. McLennan continues.
J. R. Seymour, druggist, formerly of St. Catherine's, Ont., contemplates opening in Vancouver.
Macpherson & Thompson, druggists, Westminster, have dissolved. R. G. Macpherson continues.
Leask & Co., merchant tailors have dissolved, W. Barrand retiring. J. C. Leask and D. Randall continue the business.
Bell Irving, Paterson & Co., wholesale commission merchants, Westminster, partnership has expired and firm contemplates closing out.
Alfred and Charles S. McKinnell, of Vancouver, trading as ship chandlers, under the firm name and style of G. A. Fraser & Co., assigned on the 5th inst., to Frank W. Pettit.
It is rumored that the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Co., Ltd., will take over the lighting plant from F. H. Osgoode early in the summer. The capacity will be doubled and the works improved.
The Okanagan Falls Townsite Co., Ltd, has been incorporated, with a capital of \$250,000. Vancouver is the principal place of business. F. S. Barnard, C. D. Rand, A. Holman and Johann Wulfschohn are the trustees.

Duluth!

Situated at the Entrance to Seymour Narrows, the Terminus of the Canada Western Railway, in connection with the Ferry to the Mainland.

LOTS IN THE ORIGINAL
TOWNSITE.

Lots in the Original Townsite can be had at present prices until January 1st. when prices will be raised 25 per cent.

The above statement was made in December last, and in conformity with same prices have been raised 25 per cent.

The first payment of \$100,000 of the subscription to the stock of the Railway Co. has been made.

The Lots owned by the Canada Western Railway Co. in Duluth are **NOT FOR SALE.**

HENRY CROFT, 72 Government St

DEMORALIZING PRICES.

The great obstacle in the way of prosperity encountered by grocers is the ruinous price-cutting of their competitors. Price-cutting of this character simply demoralizes trade, and, while the consumer may be to a certain extent benefitted by it, he does not think any more of the grocer who favors him in this matter. When prices are demoralized it is extremely difficult to re-establish them at former figures, and a customer who buys goods at a certain figure at one time cannot see why he should be charged more when he buys a like quantity of the same goods again.

What is the use of doing business unless a grocer can derive some profit from it? He must live; he must pay his store expenses and meet his obligations when they fall due, and he surely cannot do this if he sells his goods for less than they actually cost him. Ruinous price cutting is the cause of the majority of the failures that occur in the retail grocery trade. Yet, with the benefit of the past experience of thousands of grocers who have failed, almost every new-comer into a town starts out in business by demoralizing prices in the neighborhood and underselling his old and more firmly established competitors.

Of course low prices attract custom. Perhaps no more potent influence can be brought to bear on customers, yet it is suicidal for any merchant to make a practice of selling goods at prices that do not yield him at least a living profit. If he is shrewd enough to buy goods cheaper than his competitors, he can undersell them; but to try to attract custom to his establishment by selling goods at cost, rarely pays in the long run. If he begins to conduct his business upon that basis the probabilities are that he will be compelled to continue it for an indefinite time, with the inevitable result of some day finding the sheriff in possession of his establishment.

A YOUNG MAN'S CHANCES.

A mother who now sends out a son into the business world launches him at a time when the chances are all in favor of a young man, writes Edwin W. Dok in the *Ladies Home Journal*. Business men were never more willing to place large trusts upon the shoulders of young men than they are to-day. "Young blood" as it is called, is the life of the modern business world, and is everywhere sought. In New York the demand for the right kind of young men in all capacities is far greater than the supply, and what is true of New York is true of all large cities. Bear in mind, however, I say the right kind of young men, and by that classification I mean young men who are willing to work and work hard. The day of the young man who works by the clock, eagerly watching for the hour when the office shall close, has gone by, even if it existed. Hundreds of young men are energetic in a new position until its novelty wears off, and then become mere machines, whose places can be filled at a day's notice.

No mother need have undue anxiety for

the success of a son who this winter steps out into the business world, so long as he bears in mind a few essential points.

He must be honest above all things, and allow nothing to convince him that there is a compromise between honesty and dishonesty.

He must be an out and out believer in the homely but forcibly saying that a man cannot drink whiskey and be in business. He must make his life outside the office the same as in it, and not be possessed with the prevalent idea that his employer has no business to question his movements outside of office hours. An employer has every right to expect his employes to be respectable at all times, in the office or out of it.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

Failures in the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland for the year 1902, compiled by the Mercantile Agency of Dun, Wiman & Co.:

	No.	LIABILITIES.
Ontario.....	698	\$ 1,405,758
Quebec.....	511	8,021,214
Nova Scotia.....	177	1,135,120
New Brunswick.....	96	722,540
Prince Edward Island.....	10	160,410
British Columbia.....	38	660,878
Manitoba.....	90	697,494
Newfoundland.....	8	62,517
	1,938	\$13,766,191

Mr. Parmelee, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, was born at Waterloo, Quebec, in August, 1833. He was for some years employed in insurance, railway and banking offices, and was for 15 years manager of the Eastern Townships bank at Waterloo, which position he resigned to enter the civil service as chief accountant of the customs department in January, 1876. He was appointed assistant commissioner of customs in 1885, and about a year ago when Mr. Bowell was leaving the department to become minister of militia he had Mr. Parmelee appointed commissioner of customs. In addition to being deputy-minister of trade and commerce, Mr. Parmelee will also act as chief controller of Chinese immigration, a position which he now fills.

A writer in an exchange discusses the influence of customers on prices, and, in the course of an interesting article, says: "A dealer, opening up his goods, marks a price at which he is willing to sell, having due regard to the probability of its being favorably considered by customers. The public, after examination, if pleased, pay the equivalent asked without remark, which shows that both buyer and seller are agreed. But, after a time, some novelty exhibited there or elsewhere, or a cheapening of manufacture, lessens the demand and consequent sales. The equilibrium of value as to that article is thus changed—the buyer becomes the one to dictate what the price shall be, but in an indirect way, by holding aloof from the market. In order to reduce the stock and stimulate a failing demand, the dealer finds it necessary to make concessions; and thus the prices of all goods not actually staple are alternately determined by the

buyer and seller, as the relative value becomes changed to either party by circumstances."

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THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The result of the civic elections should at least be satisfactory to the Citizens' Association. Considering that the work of organization was decidedly unsatisfactory and vague in so far as the aims and objects of the association were concerned, the election of six nominees out of a possible nine should inspire the members with confidence in their work of purifying municipal politics. The new council is a vast improvement on the old one, both as regards intelligence and executive ability, and this encourages the hope that many needed reforms will be accomplished during the year. It is hard to conceive how a city with the natural advantages and situation of Victoria should not become a great commercial centre, and no doubt it will, if our citizens develop a progressive spirit and work in unity for its advance. Without intense devotion to local interests on the part of the citizens no council can do much. Civic pride has been a characteristic of the cities of the world which have achieved historic renown.

With a council such as the present one, the matter of a presiding officer cuts no figure, therefore we do not regard it in the light of a great calamity that Mr. Beaven was again returned to power. While we strongly advocated the claims of Mr. Dalby, we bow submissively to the will of the majority; and further, if Mr. Beaven will mark his administration this year with a policy of liberality he will receive the hearty support and endorsement of THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL.

It should be borne in mind that, as in all other undertakings the first necessity for municipal improvement, is that most important of the sinews of war—money. When the municipal treasury is full, it is easy to project and carry out sanitary improvements and works of public utility. We trust that the Victoria City Council will have no reason to complain of lack of liberality on the part of the citizens when demands are made for the wherewithal necessary to place the Queen City in the front rank of commercial centres on the Canadian Pacific Coast.

THE TORONTO BANQUET.

The banquet recently given under the auspices of the Toronto Board of Trade at which were present not only the Premier of the Dominion and some of his colleagues, but the leader of the Ottawa Opposition and the Premier of Ontario, seems to have been a very successful affair. The Gov-

ernor General appears to have given his speech an eminently practical turn and to have demonstrated from the figures that the progress of the Dominion has been uniform. For instance, when he took office in 1888, the total imports were \$110,804,000, and in 1892 these imports had risen to \$127,400,000. The exports have, in the same time, risen from \$90,000,000 to \$113,000,000. Besides, during the last five months of the present fiscal year, the exports of the produce of the country were in round numbers \$58,773,000, as against, in the corresponding period of 1891-92, the total of \$53,000,000, an increase during those five months of no less than five and a quarter millions. His Excellency reviewed the bank statements, ship returns, life insurance statistics and concluded that since his advent to the country its progress had been uniform. The premier, Sir John Thompson, said that the government of Canada on the trade question proposed to take advantage and watch the movement of tariff changes in the United States and to adopt that policy which will be best for this country first and for the Empire next. In regard to the national policy, he said "I know of defects both in the frame and in the administration of the present tariff which require remedy, and therefore, sir, we propose to lop the mouldering branch away." Hon. G. E. Foster, Finance Minister, announced increasing outputs in every branch of the industry and products of the country and urged that the true course of Canada was to put itself with undiminished strength, and with what collective wisdom it had to the development of the country as it stands to day, and that power which makes for righteousness would, he believed, surely lead us into the way whereby Canada shall feel the throbbing pulsations of an Imperialism which encircles the world, bounded by no continents, enclosed by no oceans, which was a guarantee of continual peace.

THE FISHERIES' COMMISSION.

It is announced that the government intend to print all the correspondence in connection with the Salmon Fisheries' Commission held here so long since that it has now become a matter of ancient history, together with the evidence taken during the official sessions of the gentlemen composing it. That ought to have been done long ago, in order that the general opinion as to that abortive undertaking in the light of its official record might be in the hands of the members of Parliament during the ensuing session of parliament. Of what practical use can that evidence be if its publication be long delayed? It would, we feel convinced, be a good thing were the correspondence in the local press and the editorial and other criticisms of the proceedings during their continuance, made a part and parcel of the document. Otherwise it will be little more than a one-sided statement prepared under the direction of the obnoxious Mr. Wilmot, with the connivance and concurrence of Mr. Sheriff Armstrong.

A large quantity of evidence was tendered but rejected by the majority of the commissioners, to which they would not listen, and, as to this, the members of the

House should be informed, if it is desired that they should have a fair statement of the case. The record as it is, however carefully the accepted evidence may have been taken and transcribed, would, without the matter to which we have referred, be nothing short of a fraud and an imposition. Parliament and the country ought to be in possession of the facts and nothing but the facts, Mr. Wilmot's previously formed opinions being rigidly rejected.

A CANADIAN COAL COMBINE.

Latest advices inform us that a syndicate has been formed to buy out a number of the Nova Scotia and Cape Breton coal mines and place them under one management. At first it was announced that it was proposed to form an immense combine, practically a monopoly, whose result would in all certainty have been to raise the price of coal to the consumer. It is understood that at the coming meeting of the legislature application will be made in their behalf for the leases. There are three or four developed properties in Cape Breton, besides mines in Cumberland and Pictou, which the syndicate will not touch. It proposes subscribing about \$17,000,000, and will work the properties on the latest improved plans, putting in electric machinery. They think the output will be increased to two millions and a half tons annually. It is said that Whitney, of Boston, the prime mover in the syndicate, is working hand in glove with the Pennsylvania coal interests by which the coal supply of Eastern North America is monopolized. The Federal Government have, it is said, no power to interfere.

A RAILWAY WAR.

The indications are that we are on the eve of a merry war between the transportation companies having their termini on the Pacific coast, the Panama Railway, the Pacific Mail Steamship and the Southern Pacific Railway companies being most important factors in the controversy. According to the latest advices, it is a case of war to the death between the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railways, President Hill, of the latter, having so manipulated matters as to make him extremely influential, if not in its direct counsels, in forcing the N.P. to carry out his behests. In fact it would seem that the mastery of the situation, as matters stand, is between the presidents of the Canadian Pacific, the Great Northern and the Southern Pacific, and the upshot it is difficult to see, particularly as with regard to the first named, the policy of the Executive of the United States is involved. The President has threatened to repeal the consular seal act, even without consulting congress on the subject in the pursuance of his well nigh unreasoning policy of retaliation. But, as one railway man is reported to have said: "It is not so much what the Canadian Pacific has done as what it is able to do and what it will do in the future if it is given the occasion by the American Government that makes it feared by roads in this country."

PROPERTY OWNERS' GREED.

British Columbia property owners are in no way behind those of other countries when it is a question of public improvements. Many of them care little or nothing for the rights and wrongs of the case, but when a general improvement is under contemplation for what the public have to pay, put on exorbitant valuations on which they insist as strenuously as they can, compelling the authority—municipal or otherwise—to resort to the expensive process of expropriation. Many steps in advance have in this way been prevented, although the owners of the property which has been required, would on their other ownings have been immensely benefited by the works contemplated. It is announced that since Williams Head has been resolved on as the proper place for the Quarantine Station, values in that vicinity have been put up enormously. Doubtless they think they are the masters of the situation and can do as they please. This may be very true, but their action is most reprehensible. Nothing more than fair values should be demanded from the public or any one else.

AN INSOLVENCY BILL.

Dispatches from Ottawa announce that the Insolvency Bill drafted by the Boards of Trade of Toronto, Montreal and Halifax has been received by the Dominion Government. Under its provisions composition settlements are to be done away, and the assets of a debtor, duly placed in the hands of the liquidator appointed by the creditors, called together by a guardian named by the board of trade, in the cities, are to be put up to competition, and sold. In the smaller towns the estate is to pass into the hands of the sheriff. Discharges from bankruptcy are to be granted by the Superior Courts only. It is to be hoped, in view of the failure we have had in securing a proper system of insolvency regulations, that to use the words of a contemporary, the new Act will be framed that it may broaden down from precedent to precedent, as unchanged as possible, until every phrase and clause shall be rooted and plain to all concerned. This can be accomplished only by laying it out on broad lines, and giving due attention as well to the needs of British Columbia as to those of Nova Scotia, to those of Quebec as of Ontario.

SHIP BUILDING.

In the Maritime Provinces last year the gross loss on shipbuilding was 75,000 tons. The vessels built there are of wood, but iron has now largely taken the place of wood as material for the construction of ships. For small vessels wood will be likely to continue to be used; but a further decline in the number of wooden vessels may be counted on as a certainty. The relative economy of the two kinds of vessels is the determining element in the change. The decline in the production of Canadian ships is not a sign of "ruin and decay." It is due to a change of fashion of materials, to economic causes. But for all that the builders of wooden ships find it hard to bear. In the past

we in British Columbia have mainly concerned ourselves with building wooden ships; but the indications point to the fact of our taking a prominent if not the leading place in the construction of iron ships for the Pacific and Oriental trade. We have at numerous points on Vancouver Island, wood, iron and coal, in close proximity to each other, and, indeed, in this respect, occupy an almost unique position. No other people are so well situated in these respects as we are, and as for skilled labor it is a well recognized fact that in British Columbia are some of the best artisans who are to be had.

CANADIAN INSURANCE FOR 1892.

The *Insurance Chronicle* says that from consultation with the representatives of the principal companies it has become tolerably apparent that the year just closed has been a fairly good one. In fire insurance, rates seem to have been quite up to those of the previous year, and the volume of business transacted will, we think, be found to have been somewhat larger than before, while losses will probably not show any marked increase, possibly a decrease. We have escaped any very large fires in the Dominion, and while the St. John's conflagration in Newfoundland has saddled a pretty heavy burden on the British companies, they have no need apparently to put on sack cloth and ashes because of the Canadian losses proper. With the improved regulation of some special hazards made of late by the companies, and the tendency toward still further improvements the prospect for the coming year is, on the whole, promising, we believe. With regard to life insurance, we think the year's record will show an increased business with most of the companies, and in the aggregate a considerable gain in new business over the previous year, and that whatever growth has been achieved is, on the whole, of a healthy kind. We hope very soon, as usual, to lay before our readers the detailed results of the year to all the companies, fire and life.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE announcement is made by Lyman Bros. & Co., the well known drug house of Toronto, that they have formed their business into a joint stock company, under the name of "The Lyman Brothers and Company, Limited," and that the new company has acquired the entire interests of the old firm, and will carry on business with the same staff, manufacturing and importing druggists' wares.

THE Dominion Publishing Company, which published an excellent map of British Columbia a few months ago, is now showing much enterprise in preparing a pocket map which will prove a great convenience to tourists, prospectors and settlers. Its price, 75 cents and \$1, will place it within the reach of everyone and the publishers should receive a large reward for the enterprise they have displayed in the matter.

THE Kootenay Prospecting and Supply Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., have

published a prospectus asking for subscriptions to their stock, which amounts to \$500,000, divided into shares of \$25 each, and announcing their intention of sending out prospectors as early as possible next spring. Another English company is likely to become interested in these mines during the present year. The indications for development in the rich Kootenays are, taking into account what we already know regarding them, most promising.

THE *Insurance and Finance Chronicle*, of Montreal, points out from official figures that, in 1891, the proportion of resisted to paid claims by the level premium companies was 76 cents on each \$100 of claims paid, while the proportion of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association was \$3.54. This is the company which proposed to do insurance so cheaply. It has been amply demonstrated that, everything considered, this claim is fallacious, while even, were not this the case, insurance that has about it so great an element of uncertainty is dear at any price.

It is announced that in view of the impossibility of the position of Managing Director of the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Co., being held at the same time as that of Speaker of the Legislature, particularly during the sessions of the Legislature, Hon. D. W. Higgins has resigned the first named position. This will take effect so soon as a practical and competent railway man can be secured to take personal supervision of the road, the lighting system and the general working of the Company. Mr. Higgins, however, still retains the Presidency of the Company, whose finances will be managed under his direction.

It is no doubt in expectation of the increasing importance of British Columbia's trade and other relations with France that the government of the great European republic has established a consulate here, Mr. N. P. Snowdon having received the appointment. This is one other indication of the increasing importance which is being attached to this province by the people of other countries. After the present excitement is over on the other side the Atlantic and financial matters have settled down into their ordinary channels and the public confidence has been restored, it may be that no small investments may be made, possibly under the auspices of the new consulate, in British Columbian enterprises.

MUCH has been said not only of the establishment of a Canadian steamship line to Australia, but of the completion of what may be described as an Imperial telegraphic system. The various Boards of Trade in Canada have urged upon the Dominion Government the advisability of making complete inquiries on the subject, the result being that the Secretary of State has announced that copies of all the documents have been forwarded to the Imperial authorities with the intimation that the Canadian Government would view with satisfaction the appointment of such a commission, and would send and bear the expense of a delegate to act on such a commission. The estimated cost of a trans-Pacific cable is \$10,000,000.

COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

The property vote is abolished in Western Australia.

The gross cost of all the railway lines in New Zealand, opened and unopened, up to March 31, 1892, is \$77,188,915.

It has been definitely announced that the crack steamers of the Guion line, the Alaska and Arizona, the former of 6,932 tons burthen and the latter of 5,161 tons, have been leased to the Northern Pacific Oriental Steamship Company and will be brought across almost immediately. A similar report obtained currency some time since but was discredited. The announcement, however, is said to have come from the best possible sources.

One hundred and nine thousand locomotives are at present running on the earth. Europe has 66,000, America 40,000, Asia 3,300, Australia 2,000, and Africa 700. In Europe, Great Britain and Ireland take premier position with 17,000 engines, Germany has 15,000, France 11,000, Austria-Hungary, the second largest continental country, has 5,000, Italy 4,000, Russia 3,500, Belgium 2,000, Holland and Spain 1,000 each, Switzerland 900, and the remaining European States, 2,000.

The British man-of-war Curacoa has returned to Sydney after a six months' cruise. She has declared a British protectorate over several groups of islands in the Western Pacific. For the most part these islands have been annexed by Great Britain, says an exchange, in order to prevent them falling into the hands of other nations. From a commercial point of view, the value of some of the islands is nil, but so much trouble has in the past arisen in consequence of divided interests in the islands, as in the case of Samoa, that the annexation of the Gilbert group, the Ellice group, Nassau, Danger and Gardner islands was undertaken with a view to render trouble in the future, with respect to these places at all events, impossible. In some instances the islands visited by the Curacoa were uninhabited, in other instances, five natives were found in possession, and at others there were ten dark-skinned occupiers of the coral islets. In the Ellice group, there are several European resident traders.

The blacksmiths of Western Kings County, Nova Scotia, have associated for the purpose of compelling the payment of spot cash for all work done after the first of the year. And the Berwick Register publishes a list of twenty-six of the craft who have subscribed themselves as determined to work on the cash basis only. This is a move in the right direction, for many of the farmers of the Eastern Provinces are the meanest of the customers with whom the trades people have to deal. As much as possible they dispose of their products to the agents of city dealers for spot cash, which it is their practice to bank, and then it is their habit to run up a long bill with the village trader, whom they keep for as long a time as possible out of his money, while they work off on him as much as they can of their farm stuff, which the agents of the city firms refuse to take. If there were more people who would insist on doing a cash business

it would be much better for themselves and every one else.

An American railroad company admitted its liability to an employe for a personal injury, and verbally agreed to pay him a certain sum and give him steady and remunerative employment in consideration of a written release from him discharging the company from liability for the injury. The appellate court of Indiana held (Pennsylvania company vs. Dolan) that such written release was not the foundation of an action by the employe to recover for a breach of the agreement, and need not be filed with his complaint; that an agreement to give such employe "steady and permanent employment" was not void for uncertainty; that, reasonably construed, it was an agreement to furnish the employe employment as long as he was able, ready and willing to perform such services as the company might have for him to perform; that such contract was not void as against public policy in restricting a quasi public servant in its duties to the public; that it was not objectionable for want of mutuality, and that, though verbal, it was not rendered void by the statute of frauds.

AN INTERESTING PRECEDENT

Patent medicine advertisers who offer to bank on the virtues of their remedies can be compelled to redeem their promises in the English courts. A test case decided last week by the Court of Appeals establishes an interesting precedent. A year ago, when the influenza was prevalent, the Carbolic Smoke Ball Company in an advertisement guaranteed immunity from the disease to everybody who used the remedy three times daily for two weeks, £100 to be the forfeit. Mrs. Carlill used the smoke ball faithfully for three weeks, and then the epidemic seized her. She sent in her claim for £100, but the money wasn't paid. All sorts of excuses were offered. It was argued that the offer was a mere device to attract attention, a wager vague in its terms, that there was not a complete contract, because Mrs. Carlill did not notify the company of her acceptance of the offer. All these excuses have been brushed aside by the courts in which Mrs. Carlill brought suit. Lord Justice Bowen, in the decision, likens the case to the offer of a reward for a lost dog. People do not write letters to the advertiser accepting his offer, but they look for the dog. It is safe to say that the decision will work a sweeping modification of the claims made on behalf of the thousand and one curealls in the public prints.

DISINFECTING FOOD.

Disinfection has been used recently for an unusual, if not novel, purpose in Russia. Owing to the need for food for the starving peasantry, committees were appointed for the purpose of organizing a collection of scraps left after meals in the large cities. Many such scraps were collected from hospitals as well as from social gatherings. Thus arose the alternative of conveying contagious diseases to the peasants whom it was intended to benefit or of destroying the food. In the face of the terrible scarcity in the country, the latter alternative was clearly to be

avoided if possible, so the question was referred to the Bacteriological Institution of Odessa for solution, which came to the rescue with the suggestion that morsels of bread left over by persons infected with contagious diseases should be dried at a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit or be submitted to a current of steam of similar temperature for at least one hour, when they would be thoroughly disinfected.

RUSSIAN FEMALE SPIES.

Females play an important, if not predominant, part in the army of Russian spies, all of them belonging to the so-called educated classes.

The way in which they are recruited is very simple and ingenious; the method was described to me once by one of the pillars of the secret section, and was confirmed later on by a lady spy with whom I had a conversation on the subject, writes a correspondent.

An official dies (99 out of 100 Russians are officials) before he has served long enough to entitle him to a pension. His young widow petitions the Ministry for an allowance, and she receives a sum varying from 100 to 500 roubles.

After the lapse of some months, she petitions again, and is told to call at the police office, where about one fifth of the former sum is given to her, and she is encouraged to hope that in two months time something may be done for her again.

When she next returns she is informed that, as her husband did not earn a pension, she cannot expect to receive any further assistance; that the authorities, in fact, possess no funds for the purpose, but that they are willing to give her a little employment which will entitle her to a monthly allowance, sufficient to save her from social shipwreck.

She generally catches at the straw, and seldom has leisure or calmness enough to discover that it is not even a straw, but a golden chain that drags her down to unfathomable depths.

She is then introduced into various families, visits semi-public halls and places of amusements, and forwards regular reports to the third section, and visits the department periodically to answer questions and take fresh orders.

RUSSIAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The London *Mark Lane Express* says: From Russia large shipments of wheat continue to be made, the State railways reducing the inconvenience of certain ports being ice-blockaded to a minimum. The Government having to keep the railways running for postal, military, and diplomatic purposes, can afford to carry the grain at freights which would make the English farmer wonder. The stock of wheat remaining to export from Russia after the end of 1892, is not expected to exceed 8,000,000 quarters, but this is quite enough to cause apprehension as regards prices in Western Europe. Cheap silver and a rouble depressed 30 per cent. below par are great incentives to the Russian producer to exchange wheat for English, French, and Italian gold.

EASTERN MARKETS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "The butter market is quiet and steady. The bulk of the offerings is of large rolls, which will sell at 15 to 17c for the best grades and 12 to 11c for common to good. There is not much dairy butter on the market and not much coming forward. Very choice grades sell readily at 18 to 19c, but the major part of the offerings are held at 16 to 18c, with bakers paying 13 to 15c. Cheese is unchanged and firm at 11 to 11½c. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 18c; extra choice, 18 to 19c; medium do, 13 to 15c; large rolls, good to choice, 16 to 17c; medium do, 13 to 11c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 24 to 25c. Cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 2,427 pkgs, against 3,553 pkgs for the week previous. The local market is very quiet, but as stocks are in limited compass, prices rule steady. A few lots of Eastern Townships of good quality have been placed at 20c to 20½c, but fine to selected packages bring from 21c to 22c. In creamery, there has been some business for British Columbia account at about 22½c, and for English account at 22c to 22½c. Quite a lot of creamery and Western dairy goes forward this week to England. Sales of round lots of Western have been made for shipment at 19c, and if the British demand continues, there will be none too much butter to last until the new make comes in. We quote: Creamery, choice fall, 22½c to 23c; creamery, good to fine, 21½c to 22c. About 1c to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. Receipts of Western roll butter continue fairly liberal with sales at 17½c to 18c. We again caution shippers not to send rolls to this market except they are properly done up in cloths. Morrisburg in baskets range from 18c to 19½c, and a few fancy baskets have brought 20c. Cheese receipts during the past week were 756 boxes against 1,505 for the week previous. The cheese market continues to strengthen on both sides the Atlantic, sales of finest Western having taken place at 11c on this market, and under grades have sold at 10½c to 10½c. The English markets are firm, finest Canadian September cheese selling in Liverpool at 55s, notwithstanding that the public cable only quotes 53s. Private cables from Liverpool quote finest colored and white 55s to 56s. The New York market continues to gain strength as the season advances, sales of choice full cream having transpired in that market at 11c. The light stocks held in this city are gradually disappearing, and from present appearances their clearance will be effected even earlier than that of last season."

B. C'S MINERAL WEALTH.

Spokane, Wash., *Review*: In wealth of mineral resources no country tributary to Spokane promises more than Southern British Columbia. Here are thousands of prospects, several hundred partially developed mining properties and a few great mines, one of them among the three or four in

the world. And all this in a country which, in a mining sense, is not yet four years old. Indeed, its most promising camps were only discovered 14 months ago, and still the air is ringing with thrilling tales of more wonderful and richer strikes in sections not heretofore penetrated.

During the past year interest has centered chiefly in the now famous Kaslo Slocan mines, whose discovery and development it has been the *Review's* pride to herald to the world. A year ago these pages gave the first description of the new El Dorado from the tales of the adventurous prospectors who had discovered it; this year the *Review* is able to describe the section from the observation of one of its own staff, and meantime the country has been indorsed and the *Review's* prediction substantiated by the best and most experienced mining capitalists of the Cour d'Alene, who have flocked in there and bonded or purchased the cream of the locations in the camp.

Southern British Columbia is divided for governmental purposes into three districts, which correspond to our counties. They are known as East and West Kootenay and Yale districts. East and West Kootenay are composed of that part of the Province lying between the 132nd parallel and the international boundary, bounded on the east by the summit of the Rocky Mountains, and on the west by the summit line of the Gold range. The dividing line between the districts themselves is the summit of the Selkirk range. Yale district adjoins West Kootenay on the west, and has for its boundaries the summit of the Gold range, the South Thompson, the summit of the Cascade range and the international boundary line again on the south. The whole of these districts is not considered tributary to Spokane, but the south half of them undoubtedly is, while the northern portion is supplied from the towns along the Canadian Pacific Railway, which traverses the Province of British Columbia through these districts from east to west.

The most notable feature of the geology of British Columbia in this section is that the country rock consists almost wholly of a basalt granite, which is believed to be quite barren, at least no valuable minerals have yet been discovered in it. Wherever mineral has been found there exists a break in the granite. For instance, Toad Mountain is a basin of Giorite, Hot Springs is a lime or schist interjection. Slocan and Kaslo mines exist in a slate formation, which is cut off by this granite all around, and Trail creek is a basin ten to twelve miles square of syenite. These basins of rock, other than granite, are found to exist all over the country in spots, wherever found, rich mines are usually found too.

A BIG SCHEME.

It is announced and apparently on the best authority that the falls of Montmorenci and the surrounding property have been sold for \$276,000 to the Quebec & Levis Electric Light Company, which has made the acquisition for the sake of the power of the falls, which is to be chiefly employed in producing portable electricity. A new iron flume, 1,200 feet

long and six feet in diameter, is being built to carry the water from above the cataract to the factories below. It is possible that the company will also supply electric power for factories in Quebec and motive power for a street railway, and for trains upon the Montmorenci Railway. This is the next thing to enchaining Niagara, and turning her vast powers to practical account. Montmorenci falls have long been one of the attractions for continental visitors on account of their grandeur and picturesqueness; but if their natural beauties be not altogether destroyed by the appliances used to make them available, the spectacle of their being harnessed and put to work will be an additional novelty to attract travel. Grandeur and utility combined are sure to be most taking features.

A FARMING DEPARTURE.

The question has often been asked why the farmers of Canada's westerly provinces do not go in for farming that is farming and be no longer dependent upon others for the butter and cheese they eat and even for the milk they consume, numbers of them being well known customers for the condensed article. It has been repeatedly answered that they, their wives, their sons and their daughters are too lazy, their ambition being to do the least amount of work so long as they can hold on to their land and obtain the food and the clothing which they require. They are well satisfied with "ranching" in a small way, or of owning wild cattle on the runs which they hold. There are notable exceptions to what we might almost call this rule, and the cultivation of fruits has been adopted by many as a simple yet profitable avocation. In Manitoba, the prairies have been laid to wheat, and although late despatches from the other side the Atlantic show that our cereals are regarded from the point of view of their quality with much more favor than those of the United States, some of the longer headed of them have determined that their pre-eminence cannot last forever and so mixed farming is receiving some attention.

It is announced that three years ago J. A. Crooks, of Totogan, went largely into dairy farming, and, in consequence, reports this to be his most successful year. He made over 16,000 pounds of cheese, which he sold at an average of ten cents a pound, and also made a quantity of butter. His proceeds from these articles and from sales of cattle have been most satisfactory. The Portage la Prairie *Liberal* remarks, "It is about time the Portage plains farmers seriously made up their minds to go in for mixed farming. If they had done so a couple of years ago, there would not be so many writs issued, nor so many chattel mortgages as there have been during the past fifteen months." We commend this experience to the attention of the "farmers" of British Columbia.

There is a population of 70,000 in Iceland, yet the only military force employed consists of two policemen, stationed at the capital, Reykjavic, and the only two lawyers in the Island are the State's attorney and another, who is prepared to defend any one who may be put on trial.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FLEET 1892.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS.	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CASES.	VALUR.	ARRIVED.
Br bark	Martha Fisher	811	Meadowcroft.	Oct. 18	Victoria	Liverpool	31,002	\$163,454	
Br bark	Glengarry	802	Davidson.	Nov. 3	Westminster	Liverpool	37,352	186,790	
Br bark	Chill	678	McKenzie.	Dec. 12	Victoria	Liverpool	30,022	163,064	
Br bark	River Ganges	612	Budge.	Dec. 19	Victoria	London	29,461	147,305	
Br bark	The Frederick	812	Simpson.	Dec. 18	Victoria	London	32,403	167,896	

B. C. LUMBER FLEET, 1892.

FLAG.	NAME.	TNS.	MASTER.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CARGO FT.	VALUE.	ARRIVED.	RATE.
Br ship	Athlon	1371	Dexter	Jan. 5	Vancouver	Adelaide	1,495,128	8,265	March 18	47s 6d
Nor ship	Morning Light	1310	Johansen	Jan. 22	Vancouver	Melbourne	1,001,171	9,193	March 25	60s
Am bark	Hesper	664	Sodergren	Feb. 20	Vancouver	Shanghai	751,924	7,781	April 23	50s
Br ship	Angerona	1215	Anderson	Feb. 26	Vancouver	Valparaiso	834,937	7,655	May 20	42s 6d
Nor bark	Czar	1321	Christophers'n	March 4	Vancouver	Adelaide	1,016,611	10,476	June 7	57s 6d
Nor bark	Agnes	844	Hofgaard	Feb. 20	Chemainus	Antofagasta	602,569	6,413	June 11	40s
Nor ship	Kathinka	1463	Klevenberg.	March 12	Vancouver	Melbourne	1,253,925	9,251	May 28	60s
Chil bark	India	453	Funke	Feb. 22	Vancouver	Valparaiso	803,291	7,018	May 10	owners ac
Br bark	Glenberrie	680	Groundwater	March 24	Vancouver	Iquiqui	634,810	7,689	June 9	37s 6d
Br ship	British India	1192	Lines	March 31	Vancouver	Valparaiso	863,406	9,315	July 11	37s 6d
Am schr.	W. H. Talbot	776	Bluhm	March 14	Vancouver	San Pedro	1,024,876	10,272	May 28	67s 6d
Am schr.	Reporter	753	Freyer	March 3	Chemainus	San Pedro	116,380	3,476	March	Private
Br bark	Riversdale	1453	Drayson	April 23	Vancouver	Sydney	1,107,181	9,873	June 28	47s 6d
Br bark	Mistletoe	1321	Smith	April 21	Vancouver	Wilmington	707,753	7,886	Aug. 31	\$16 00
Br bark	Craigend	218	Leathwaite	April 18	Vancouver	Iquiqui-Callao	1,808,000	19,351	July 11	27s 6d & 30s
Br bark	Thoboggan	376	Porter	May 20	Vancouver	Wilmington	629,828	9,330	Sept. 11	\$15 00
Br bark	Thornopylle	948	Winchester	June 2	Vancouver	Yokohama	228,576	8,949	July 22	Private
Nor bark	Burnco	1678	Rolfson	May 29	Chemainus	Melbourne	821,124	8,672	Aug. 9	45s
Br ship	Burnah	1617	Newcombe	June 2	Moodyville	Valparaiso	1,289,359	9,853	Aug. 23	35s
Br ship	Crown of Denmark	2629	Smith	June 24	Vancouver	Melbourne	1,570,725	15,435	Sept. 25	37s 6d
Nor bark	Ursula Minor	345	Johnson	June 1	New West'mr.	Sydney	481,214	4,283	Aug. 3	37s 6d
Br ship	Earl Granville	1419	Flack	June 16	Cowichan	London	853,337	12,306	Nov. 5	62s 6d
Chil bark	Antonietta	960	Stack	June 27	Chemainus	Valparaiso	836,338	9,015	Dec.	owners ac
Ger bark	Palawan	367	Van Heuvel	July 8	Chemainus	Iquiqui	688,831	7,521	Sept. 27	35s 9d
Chil bark	Leonor	801	Jenatsch	July 8	Moodyville	Antofagasta	637,375	6,520	Oct. 13	owners ac
Chil bark	Guinevere	960	Glenie	Aug. 6	Chemainus	Valparaiso	762,062	7,612	Oct. 28	owners ac
Am bktn	Robert Sudden	585	Uhlberg	Aug. 3	Vancouver	Valparaiso	771,110	8,797	Nov. 26	40s
Chil ship	Hindostan	1543	Walsh	Aug. 7	Moodyville	Valparaiso	1,232,386	11,471	Oct. 23	owners ac
Br ship	Zebina Gowdy	1057	Manning	Sept. 5	Vancouver	Wilmington	853,218	10,125	Nov. 11	\$15 00
Chil ship	Azucama	1235	Cahallero	Aug. 24	Moodyville	Valparaiso	904,491	9,089	Nov. 1	owners ac
Br ship	City of Quebec	708	Carnegie	Sept. 6	Vancouver	Adelaide	517,109	4,048	Nov. 30	40s
Br bark	Nineveh	1174	Broadfoot	Sept 3	Vancouver	Sydney	951,900	9,287	Nov. 8	owners ac
Am schr.	Robert Seales	570	Piltz	Sept. 8	Vancouver	Port Pirie	815,321	5,962	Nov. 23	41s 3d
Am ship	George Skoffield	1276	Dunning	Sept. 20	Vancouver	Valparaiso	931,316	81,781		40s
Chil bark	Lake Lemna	1015	Bozzo	Sept. 22	Moodyville	Wilmington	763,839	6,610		owners ac
Br bark	Seammell Bros.	1218	McFarlane	Oct. 15	Vancouver	Wilmington	907,554	11,731		\$11 00
Am schr.	Alice Cook	732	Penhallow	Oct. 5	Vancouver	Sydney	919,800	8,338		30s
Nor ship	Morning Light	1310	Johansen	Nov. 3	Vancouver	Liverpool	939,193	10,000		58s 9d
Br bark	Columbus	621	Melhuish	Nov. 16	Vancouver	Adelaide	565,720	4,539		37s 6d
Am schr.	Lyman D. Foster	730	Dwyer	Nov. 5	Moodyville	Sydney	822,853	7,809		30s
Nor bark	Benj. Bangs	1118	Hinnness	Dec. 20	Vancouver	Halifax	786,085	10,015		48s 3d
Br bark	Ferribank	1338	Boyd	Nov. 25	Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o.	500,300	4,728		36s 3d
Br ship	Gransere	1246	Carter	Dec. 25	Vancouver	Valparaiso f.o.	911,688	10,370		36s d
Am ship	Edward O'Brien	1725	Taylor	Dec. 10	Vancouver	London	1,267,628	15,400		50s
Br bark	Geo. Thompson	1128	Young	Jan. 13	Westminster	Sydney	806,938	7,844		owners ac
Br bark	Mark Curry	1236	Liswell	Jan. 4	Vancouver	Cork, U. K.				52s 6d
Nor bark	Fortuna	1332	Mikelsen	Dec. 17	Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o.	1,265,729	12,688		36s 3d
Br ship	Alcega	979	Black	Dec. 29	Vancouver	Port Pirie	775,110	7,000		37s 6d
Nor bark	Fritze	1078	Rolfson	Jan. 10	Vancouver	Valparaiso	879,230	8,031		36s 3d
Am bark	Colorado	1096	Gibson		Cowichan	Valparaiso f.o.				37s 6d
Br bark	Highlands	1236	Owen		Vancouver	Montreal				Private
Chil bark	India	453	Funke	Jan. 11	Moodyville	Valparaiso	798,782	7,169		owners ac
Br bktn	Bittern	329	Stronach		Vancouver	Fremantle, Au				owners ac
Ger ship	Katharine	1630	Spille		Moodyville	Valparaiso f.o.				owners ac
r. bark	Sabrina	747	Orgau		Vancouver	Valparaiso f.o.				37s 6d

FREIGHTS.

The situation is practically unchanged since last week, and lifeless markets have to be reported all round. Grain vessels in San Francisco are in some instances being loaded on owners' account, as the only means of getting them away.

Lumber freights from British Columbia or Puget Sound are quoted as follows:—Valparaiso for orders, 35s; direct port on

West coast, South America 32s 6d; Sydney 30s; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 35s; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 50s; Shanghai, 50s; Yokohama, nominal.

Grain freights from San Francisco to U. K., Cork for orders, 20s to 21s 3d; from Portland, 30s; Tacoma, 27s 6d.

Coal freights are quoted: Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$1.75 to \$2; to San Diego or San Pedro, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending January 14:—

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
10.	Haytian Republic, str., Portland	100
10.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend	51
12.	Sea Lion, str., Port Townsend	37
12.	Romulus, str., San Francisco	4,050
14.	L. Walsh, shp., San Francisco	2,233
14.	Occidental, shp., San Francisco	2,435
Total		8,906

Mr. N. P. Snowden, of Victoria, has been appointed French Consul.

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VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS

FLAG.	NAME.	T'S	MASTR.	SAILED.	FROM.	FOR.	CONSIGNEES OR AGENTS.	DAYS OUT.
Chil. bark	Eritrea	1063	Serra	.....	P Callao	Moodyville	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.	.....
Br bark	Assel	795	Gilmour	Aug. 19	S London	Victoria	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.	151
Br bark	Mary Low	813	Robertson	Oct. 5	B Liverpool	Victoria	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.	104
Br ship	Kinkora	1723	Lawrence	Nov. 15	B Liverpool	Victoria & Van	R. Ward & Co. & Bell-Irving & Paterson	63
Br ship	Merayshiru	1128	Mowatt	Oct. 21	Q Java	Vancouver	.....	88
Br schr.	Americum (new)	840	Denny	Nov. 5	L Liverpool	Victoria & Van	Furner, Beeton & Co. & Baker Bros. & Co	73
Br str	Salado	1405	Crouch	Sept. 13	S Nowport, Eng.	Victoria	.....	123
Br ship	Blair Athole	1837	Taylor	.....	R Java	Vancouver	.....	.....
Br bark	Java	837	McGregor	Oct. 3	R Cardiff	Esquimalt	Naval Storekeeper	105
Br bark	Doehra	1016	Scott	Dec. 19	G Liverpool	Victoria	Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.	31
Chil. bark	Entella	623	Mangini	.....	W Callao	Moodyville	Moodyville Sawmill	.....
Br ship	Gryfe	1029	Roberts	Nov. 21	W Cardiff	Esquimalt	Naval Storekeeper	57
Br. ss.	Empress of Japan	3005	Lee	Dec. 28	D Hong Kong	Vancouver	C. P. S. S. Co	20
Br. ss.	Flint-hire	1871	Dwyer	Dec. 30	E Hong Kong	Victoria	N. P. S. S. Co	17
Br. ship	County of Yarmouth	2151	Cain	.....	E San Francisco	Vancouver	.....	.....
Br. ss.	Empress of China	3003	Tillet	.....	E Hong Kong	Vancouver	C. P. S. S. Co	.....
Chil. ship	Hindustan	1512	Welsh	Dec. 26	A	Moodyville	R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd.	21

P—To load lumber for Valparaiso on owners' account. S Aug. 21 passed Beechy Head. Spoken Sept. 21, lat. 8° N., long. 29° W.; Sept. 23, lat. 5° N., long. 28° W. K—Chartered to load lumber for United Kingdom for orders at 50s. B—Spoken Oct. 11, lat. 41° N., long. 15° W. Q—Cargo of 2,100 tons raw sugar. Chartered to load lumber at Vancouver. R—To sail in February with 2,300 tons raw sugar. W—To load lumber for West Coast of S. A. D—Via Yokohama Jan. 6. A—To load a return cargo of lumber on owners account.

VESSELS IN PORT.

(January 10, 1881.)
VICTORIA.

Br. bark Thermopylae, 948 tons, Capt. Winchester, arrived from Hong Kong Nov. 21 in 44 days, with a cargo of rice paddy, Victoria Rice Mills, consignees.

Br. ship Crown of England, 1,753 tons, Capt. Milman, arrived Dec. 5 from Hiogo, seeking.

VANCOUVER.

Br. bark Highlands, 1,230 tons, Capt. Owen, arrived Dec. 6, loading lumber for Montreal.

Br. barkentine Bittern, 390 tons, Capt. Stronach, arrived Dec. 14 from Hong Kong, loading lumber for Fremantle, Australia, on owners account.

Ger. ship Katharine, 1,630 tons, Capt. Spille, arrived Dec. 27, loading lumber at Moodyville for West Coast S. A.

Br. bark Sabrina, 747 tons, Capt. Organ, arrived Jan. 9 from London, discharging general cargo, chartered to load lumber.

COWICHAN.

Am. bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, Capt. Gibson, arrived Oct. 12, loading lumber for Valparaiso f. o.

NANAIMO.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO'S SHIPPING.

Am. ship J. B. Brown, 1,473 tons, Capt. Magune.

Haw. ship Hawaiian Isles, 2,027 tons, Capt. Kustel.
Am. ship Wachusett, 1,519 tons, Capt. Williams.
Am. ship Rufus E. Wood, 1,406 tons, Capt. Ryder.
Am. bark Oregon, 1,361 tons, Capt. McCartney.

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Am. ship Invincible, 1,391 tons, Capt. Howland.
Am. bark Highland Light, 1,265 tons, Capt. Herriman.
Am. ship Columbia, 1,399 tons, Capt. Nelson.

COMOX SHIPPING.

Am. ship John C. Potter, 1,182 tons, Capt. Meyer.

RECAPITULATION.

Ports.	No.	Tonnage.
Victoria	2	2,701
Vancouver	4	4,012
Cowichan	1	1,036
Nanaimo	8	11,847
Comox	1	1,182
Total	16	20,778
Previous week	24	31,375
Correspond'g week last year	14	14,659

W. J. Inodgrass, of Okanagan Falls, contemplates erecting a sawmill, and intends opening a general jobbing business.

The Eastern Canadian brass manufacturers have formed a combination and the advance in prices is fully 20 per cent.

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John Earsman & Co., have lately secured the agency for British Columbia for "Chocolat Menier." Considerable orders have already been placed, for the goods are of such a quality as to command the best trade.

The British Columbia Gazette announces applications for a considerable number of Bills to incorporate railway companies having for their effect the opening up of important and promising mining and other districts capable of being developed into sources of realizable wealth at no distant day.

The British Columbia Coal Petroleum and Mineral Company, Ltd., has been incorporated, capital \$4,000,000. The company is formed to acquire by purchase from the Crow's Nest Coal and Mineral Co., Ltd., all their real and personal property. Victoria is the principle place of business. J. D. Pemberton, E. G. Prior, and Wm. Fernie are the trustees.

E. A. McEachern, fruits, etc., Victoria, closed by sheriff, in debt, it is said, about \$1,600 and not sufficient stock in the store to pay rent and expenses. Of late he has not attempted to pay anything and when threatened with the execution of judgment, stated that he would claim his exemption of \$500. The business was started a little over a year ago without any capital.



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