

SNOWPEAKS.

British Columbia's principal snowpeak, Mount Brown, is 16,000 feet in height; only one other peak on the Pacific, Mount Elias, in Alaska, is higher, being 19,000 feet. Our own snow-king, Mount Hood, is a mere baby besides these, being but 11,225 feet in height. Mt. Baker rises 10,814 feet, and is seen to greatest advantage from amongst that grand archipelago in the gulf of Georgia, from whence our artist has made his sketch. Mount Baker was named in 1792, after its discoverer, one of the lieutenants of Vancouver's exploring expedition.



MT. BAKER FROM THE GULF OF GEORGIA, B. C.

In the clothing and boot and shoe factories there is a manifest improvement, and some of the proprietors are preparing to enlarge their premises and increase their facilities for manufacturing. There are no important real estate transactions to record; but dealers report numerous inquiries, with sales of a few town lots at advanced figures. Money is easier and cheaper. Eight per cent. per annum is the ruling rate and we have heard of money being offered upon exceptional security as low as seven per cent. The building trade is the only one that is

PROSPEROUS COLUMBIA.

There is a general business revival in British Columbia as the annexed reprint from the *Victoria Colonist* of June 9, 1881, shows:

"The occupation of the habitual croaker, is almost, like Othello's, gone. In spite of the gloomiest forebodings, business interests are surely and steadily reviving. The workshops are nearly all busy. In some branches suitable hands are not obtainable, and the fulfilment of orders is somewhat delayed in consequence. In the wholesale trade there is an active inquiry for goods and ship-

ments to the Mainland are large and daily increasing. In the retail trade an improved demand for many descriptions of goods is reported and milliners and dressmakers have not been as actively employed for many years as now.

not feeling the benefit of the improved condition of affairs; but it must be remembered that the city was largely overbuilt from 1876 to 1879. The town in those three years grew faster than the country and the former is now

having a breathing spell until the country shall have had time to "catch up." The large railway expenditure on the Mainland has caused the gratifying change which it affords us much pleasure to note. It has placed ready money in the hands of the interior producer. It has given the trader the wherewithal to wipe old scores from the slate, and has infused new life into many channels that previously suffered from stagnation.



FELL'S BLOCK VICTORIA.