In the clothing and boot and shoe fac-

tories there is a

manifest improve-

ment, and some of

the proprietors are

preparing to en-

large their premises and increase

their facilities for

manufacturing. There are no im-

portant real estate

transactions to re-

cord; 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 of-

tered upon excep-

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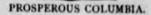
low as seven per

cent. The build-

ing trade is the

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, afterits discoverer, one of the lieutenants of Vancouver's exploring expedition.



There is a general business revival in British Columbia as the annexed re-9, 1881, shows :

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



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

only one that is ments to the Mainland are large and not feeling the benefit of the improved daily increasing. In the retail trade an condition of affairs; but it must be reimproved demand for many descrip- membered that the city was largely tions of goods is reported and milliners overbuilt from 1876 to 1879. The and dressmakers have not been as ac- town in those three years grew faster print from the Victoria Colonist of June tively employed for many years as now. 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 siste, and has infused new life into many channels that previously suffered from stagnation.



FELL'S BLOCK VICTORIA.