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STATISTICS REVEAL A SPLENDID RECORD Over Four Hundred Thousand Dollars is Aggregate—Does Not Include Ship Building.

The building activity in Victoria and its immediate environs during the year which closes today represents an output ranging between four hundred thousand and half a million dollars.

But the total output as estimated above represents only the number of buildings erected and repaired during the year 1903. It is to be added the amount of shipbuilding and repairing done at the various yards for which Victoria is justly celebrated throughout the north-west.

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Mrs. McHardy, two story frame dwelling, corner of Kingston and Montreal streets, \$1,500.

Mrs. E. Palmer, three one story frame houses on Hillside extension, \$700 each, total, \$4,200.

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The Victoria Customs House Returns.

In the customs returns of the year now all but ended probably the figures which will be presented to the legislature in the report of the revenues derived from the Chinese. This possesses a peculiar interest from the fact that at the end of another year no such revenue can be shown for with the increase of the entry tax from \$100 to \$500 per ton, if any Chinese will be entering the country.

Statement of Values of Imports, Dutiable and Free, With Revenues Collected, During 1903.

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INLAND REVENUE.

Returns for the Port of Victoria the Year Ending Thursday.

WAR MAY BE AVERTED.

French Minister Making Strenuous Efforts to Preserve Peace.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Van Home Block Sold—No Trace of Missing Teacher.

The marriage of Mr. William Cammish Coatham, principal of the Boys' school, New Westminster, and Mrs. Margaret Ann Johnston, of the same city, took place on Tuesday at the residence of Mr. J. W. Cameron, 431 Princess street.

Plus IX., 1846-1877, reigned five years longer than Leo XIII., and stands in history alone in the length of his pontificate.

DR. AGNEW'S OINTMENT CURES PILES—itching, Bleeding and Blind Piles. Comfort in one application. It cures all diseases in young and old. A remedy beyond compare, and it never fails. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—43.

AGRICULTURAL

The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause. They seem to be naturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides there are various factors and artificial agencies which assist in their dissemination.

Podder was present in twelve samples of red clover at an average rate of 418 seeds per pound; this is considerably more than was the case a year ago, and no doubt due to more seed being imported from the south, where this parasite is much more common.

Local yachtmen will be pleased to learn that Capt. Williams has brought his famous little yacht along which has taken three firsts at Halifax this year.

TO PRESS HIS SUIT.

A. E. Henry, who has Action Against Victoria Terminal Company, is in City.

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THE ARTILLERYMEN FOR WORK POINT

REACH VICTORIA ON CHARMER LAST NIGHT

Crossed the Continent in Seven Days—Something About Experiment Tried in Transportation.

Regarding the trip overland Major English says: "We had a very good run through, and the P. R., which took charge of every detail of transportation, certainly handled us well."

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