

# LOCAL STATISTICS INDICATE PROSPERITY

## Trade of Victoria is on the Increase—Imports of the Past Year—Report of Building Inspector Received.

The probability of a happy New Year for Victorians is immensely increased by the fact that the past year has been so prosperous a one.

At no time during the march of events of the past decade which has caused the present century to be designated Canada's, has there been more noticeable than during the past twelve months. The steady growing time shared alike by the provinces both of the East and West has made itself felt in Victoria particularly, during that time. The statistics obtainable from civic, provincial and Dominion departmental sources are more eloquent than any comment upon them can be.

To the eye of the old resident of Victoria the change is apparent at a casual glance. The pedestrian who a few years ago could pass rows of empty houses, now finds few unoccupied dwellings. Should he go further and question the local letter carriers, he will find not only that every house is occupied, but that entire streets have been added to the city during the recent activity in building affairs.

Mr. Kairns, the deputy postmaster, commenting on the growing time, mentioned that every box at the disposal of the postoffice authorities is rented. The demand for boxes is so great that it is hardly possible that the two hundred additional ones which are to be added will meet it. Most of the applicants are new comers to the city. So noticeable is the increase, the postmaster states, that the recent holiday mails were double those of previous years.

Similarly the number of new faces in the city churches show the growth in population. The ministers of the various local churches find their flocks a greater charge upon them owing to the weekly, indeed almost daily, arrival of newcomers.

In regard to the custom's returns, the important announcement is made that the business of the past exceeds that of a year ago by \$14,691.05. An analysis of the items shows that there is no special factor contributing to this, but that the increase has been general. It is significant that but a few Chinese have paid the \$500 head tax entitling them to entry to the Dominion. A large source of revenue has been the steamers of the China Mutual line, which is responsible for a large increase in the imports via this port.

The imports are greatly in excess of those of a year ago, to the extent, \$840,521.

The returns in detail as furnished by the custom officials are as follows:

	1906	1905	1904	1903
Jan. ....	215,859	198,410	185,133	173,849
Feb. ....	213,324	196,185	181,193	163,849
March ....	297,451	168,019	135,785	128,136
April ....	246,442	215,019	185,735	173,849
May ....	332,482	217,616	186,220	175,589
June ....	225,553	210,567	180,705	164,161
July ....	251,060	146,307	137,375	126,280
Aug. ....	339,469	264,609	151,697	147,726
Sept. ....	234,055	227,729	141,450	135,263
Oct. ....	232,178	181,268	142,316	135,263
Nov. ....	240,196	226,271	145,582	135,263
Dec. ....	225,000	187,151	132,000	125,365
Total .....	\$3,097,511	\$2,470,463	\$1,745,585	\$1,602,872

	1906	Duties, Chinese	Other
January .....	\$5,893,556	\$25,000	\$127,833
February .....	6,511,844	23,000	122,200
March .....	29,451	168,019	135,785
April .....	246,442	215,019	185,735
May .....	332,482	217,616	186,220
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Inland Revenue.

There is an increase of \$11,412.21 in the returns of the inland revenue department during the past year over those for 1905. This highly satisfactory result is constant upon the growth of spirit and tobacco trade, especially, and to a steady improvement in all branches of the departmental business in general. The improvement has been noticeable month by month; the total receipts for the year being given as \$1,187,461.58 as against \$1,170,038.65 for the preceding year.

The returns for the past twelve months in detail are as follows:

	1906	Spirits	Malt, Tobacco	Cigars	bacco, censes	Spirits, Rec's	Totals
Jan. ....	\$9,647.97	\$2,038.42	\$2,381.25	\$65.62	\$38.10	\$2.90	\$15,622.26
Feb. ....	6,367.15	1,770.87	2,034.82	74.57	212.10	1.75	10,417.17
March ....	8,578.36	1,033.13	2,594.39	80.70	383.40	29.60	12,654.77
April ....	7,813.50	1,108.01	2,856.49	1,052.22	273.85	1.50	13,067.64
May ....	8,466.21	1,053.15	2,304.10	52.85	329.90	1.50	12,807.61
June ....	7,944.20	2,386.40	2,410.12	1,132.90	236.40	58.70	14,177.72
July ....	10,829.65	1,262.29	2,708.27	72.20	397.50	80.40	15,838.31
Aug. ....	10,013.94	2,567.21	4,147.90	90.40	377.50	112.20	17,382.14
Sept. ....	13,185.35	1,227.92	2,298.62	73.25	381.96	41.90	17,624.69
Oct. ....	10,621.17	2,844.22	2,743.24	88.72	428.80	83.70	16,646.15
Nov. ....	9,982.30	1,772.51	2,678.63	88.00	220.00	50.60	14,844.80
Dec. ....	9,650.00	1,323.45	1,735.75	88.00	220.00	50.60	14,844.80
Total .....	\$110,571.51	\$23,102.55	\$32,676.03	\$10,754.83	\$5,753.69	\$986.25	\$197,461.86

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Fire Losses.

The records for the year of the fire losses should prove satisfactory reading to everybody. Only once in the history of the department has the loss been smaller, that being in 1902, the second year of the administration of the present chief.

The total loss by fire for 1905, \$5,657 for 57 alarms, while that for the present year to date is \$6,350.50 for 139 alarms. This too is in face of the fact that several really serious fires have started this year, which if not handled promptly might have developed into serious conflagrations.

	Month	Fire	Loss
January .....	6	\$40.00	
February .....	8	52.00	
March .....	38	757.00	
April .....	3	15.00	
May .....	12	2,864.00	
June .....	3	55.00	
July .....	21	572.50	
August .....	5	650.00	
September .....	8	510.00	
October .....	8	605.00	
November .....	4	605.00	
December .....	4	605.00	
Totals .....	139	\$6,350.50	

Building Returns.

Building operations to the extent of \$53,090 have been carried on during 1906 in this city. The above figures are nearly \$40,000 in advance of those of last year for the city itself, but it is estimated that the buildings erected in the country immediately surrounding Victoria would easily total in value another \$100,000.

Over 100 single story cottages have been built during the past year, while the list shows a goodly showing of houses of two stories. The C. P. R. hotel is responsible for \$250,000 of the above estimates, while the new freight sheds are estimated at \$15,000. Pither and Leiser are spending \$45,000 on the construction of their new building.

The year's returns are as follows:

Mrs. E. J. Allen, one and a half story frame residence, Turner street, \$1,800.  
John T. Arnall, one story, frame, Figgard street, \$1,800.  
Mrs. E. J. Allen, one and a half story frame, Douglas street, \$2,000.  
George Anderson, one and a half story frame, Battery street, \$1,500.  
Thomas Ashe, one and a half story frame, Scoresby street, \$2,500.  
H. A. Allan, one and a half story frame, Government street, \$1,500.  
S. Booth, alterations, \$3,000.  
Electric Railway Company's building, Langley and Fort streets, \$11,000.  
A. H. Bostock, Springfield avenue, \$2,000.  
Blyth, 2 story frame, Maynard street, \$780.  
Bray, one and half brick, Johnson street, \$600.  
Bray, one and half frame, Dallas road and Olympia street, \$2,000.  
Thomas Baker, one frame, St. Lawrence, \$1,500.  
S. Barlett, one and a half frame, Douglas street, \$2,000.  
Mrs. J. Ann Baker, one and a half frame, Douglas street, \$2,000.  
E. C. L. & I. Company, additions, corner Broad and Yates street, \$12,000.  
J. Brown, one and a half frame, Catharine street, \$2,500.  
S. C. Croft, one and a half frame, San Juan avenue, \$1,800.  
Capt. Clarke, one and a half frame, Hillside, \$2,500.  
New freight sheds, \$15,000.  
A. W. Clayhorn, one frame, Third street, \$1,800.  
S. C. Croft, one and a half frame, Blanchard street, \$1,500.  
W. H. Clarke, one and a half frame, Niagara street, \$1,500.  
S. C. Croft, one and a half frame, Burdette street, \$2,300.  
Mrs. Ann McConnell, one and a half frame, Gore street, \$2,000.  
E. C. Croft, one and a half frame, Hillside, \$1,800.  
J. B. Cornwall, one and a half frame, Chatham street, \$1,200.  
W. C. Croft, one and a half frame, Hillside avenue, \$1,500.  
James H. Campbell, one and a half frame, St. Croft, one and a half frame, Turner street, \$2,800.  
H. Davie, one and a half frame, Clarence street, \$1,800.  
P. Finch, two story frame, Yates street, \$2,500.  
H. Findley, two story frame, Rock Bay avenue, \$1,500.  
A. A. Cleopon, two story frame, Queen's avenue, \$2,200.  
Fuller, one and a half frame, Elford street, \$2,400.  
Capt. Gray, \$1,000.  
Mrs. Fairall, one and a half frame, Esquimalt road, \$1,500.  
Mary G. Cranes, one and half story frame, Stanley avenue, \$1,200.  
Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Cossair, one story frame, Blanchard avenue, \$1,000.

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W. J. Hanna, one and a half story frame, Burdette street, \$1,500.  
Hickman-Tye Co., additions, \$800.  
Robert Holmes, one and a half frame, Quadra street, \$3,000.  
Gibbs & Homer, one and a half frame, Gore street, \$2,000.  
Col. J. Hall, additions, \$2,000.  
Chas. Hentyre, one story frame, Amphion street, \$1,500.  
Mrs. H. J. Hartnell, two story frame, Yates street, \$3,000.  
G. R. P. Hull, one and a half frame, Dallas road, \$1,000.  
Dr. O. M. Jones, additions, \$4,000.  
J. K. J. K. Jones, one and a half story frame, Cross street, \$2,000.  
Capt. John Kirkendale, one story frame, on Stanley avenue, and a one story frame on Schoof street, \$3,800.  
Mrs. Grace Ann Kayton, one story frame, \$1,000.  
Mr. Kirby, two and a half story frame, Gore street, \$3,000.  
William Leung, two and a half story frame, Chatham street, \$2,200.  
Lee Mong Kow, additions, \$300.  
John Lefere, two one story frame houses, Chamber street, \$2,200.  
S. M. Lamb, one and a half frame, Bost street, \$2,000.  
L. T. Locke, two story frame, Cook street, \$2,500.  
Thomas Lumsden, one and a half frame, \$1,500.  
B. F. Light, one and a half frame, Esquimalt road, \$1,800.  
Lee Mong Kow, two story brick, Rockland avenue, \$2,000.  
Mr. Moffatt, two story frame, Richmond avenue, \$2,000.  
James H. M. Middleton, one story frame, Graham street, \$1,200.  
G. T. Mitchell, two story frame, Jesse street, \$2,500.  
L. T. Locke, additions, Government street, \$2,400.  
Mrs. M. Lee, Queen's avenue, two story frame, \$2,500.  
Moore & Whittington, one and a half frame, Niagara street, \$1,800.  
Thomas Moffat, one and a half frame, Heywood avenue, \$1,800.  
G. M. Matheson, one and a half frame, Cook street, \$2,200.  
Mr. Moffatt, one and a half frame, Richmond avenue, \$2,000.  
Mr. Means, one and a half frame, Elford street, \$2,200.  
W. McConnell, one story frame, Beacon street, \$1,400.  
G. McConnan, one story frame, Grave street, \$2,000.  
Marten & Drysdale, one and a half story frame, on Gore street, and one and a half story frame on Pemberton road, \$7,500.  
Peter McLean, one and a half story frame, Washington street, \$1,800.  
Oliver & Townsend, \$600.  
W. J. Patterson, two story frame, Fort street, \$2,500.  
W. J. Pendray, alterations and additions to factory, \$10,000.  
Pemberton & Son, Broad street, \$1,500.  
Mrs. M. A. Pearson, Turner street, \$1,000.  
W. Poole, alterations, \$400.  
Henry Pike, concrete block building, \$2,000.  
Pither & Leiser, six story brick and stone block, Wharf street, \$4,000.  
S. J. Pitts, two story brick, Rockland avenue, \$1,000.  
William Pigott, one and a half frame, Belmont avenue, \$2,000.  
Col. Prior, iron warehouse, \$2,000.  
Quong Nam Tung, one story brick building, \$500.  
R. M. Riddell, one and a half story frame, \$2,000.  
Royal Jubilee hospital, \$6,000.  
Ritter & Co., additions, \$4,000.  
S. J. Redcourt, one story frame, Kingston street, \$1,500.  
G. A. Richardson, two story frame, Pandora street, \$2,500.  
Oliver Richards, one and a half story frame, \$2,000.  
F. Rudin, one story frame, Pandora street, \$500.  
P. M. Rutland, one and a half story frame, Oak Bay avenue, \$1,800.  
Mrs. Rounding, one and a half frame, Gore road, \$1,500.  
J. E. Redcourt, alterations, \$500.  
William Ross, one and a half story frame, Rothwell street, \$1,800.  
Oliver Richards, one and a half story frame, \$2,000.  
Otho Ruffer, one story frame, Dallas road, \$1,000.  
Savoy theatre, alterations, \$10,000.  
G. Spencer additions, \$1,000.  
Simmons & Coker three story brick, \$2,800.  
Mrs. F. St. Clair, one story frame, Third street, \$2,200.  
Mr. Stephens, Boyd street, \$2,000.  
Mrs. Seabrook, one story frame, Superior street, \$2,000.  
D. Spencer & Co. Ltd., additions, \$5,000.  
Smith, one story frame, Dallas road, \$2,200.  
F. C. Stevens, one and a half story frame, Dallas road, \$2,200.  
G. Shakespeare, one and a half story frame, East avenue, \$2,000.  
Wendrick Sharpe, one and a half frame, Linden avenue, \$1,500.  
J. Sears, two story frame, Cadboro Bay roads, \$2,200.  
A. R. Shirk, one story frame, Chatham street, \$300.  
H. Stokes, one story frame, Belcher street, \$600.  
Mrs. Florence St. Clair, one and a half story frame, Third street, \$2,200.  
F. W. Slack, one and a half story frame, Walker street, \$500.  
Taylor Mill Co., stables, \$500.  
E. Temple, one and a half frame, McClure street, \$2,500.

R-E, Toneride, one and a half frame, Princess street, \$1,500.  
A. J. Woodward, greenhouses, \$3,400.  
Walters, one story frame, Kingston street, \$1,500.  
James Walker one story frame, Ontario street, \$700.  
Mr. Wright, stables, \$600.  
John Wren, one story frame, Dallas road, \$800.  
Additional alterations and improvements, \$75,000.

Dry Dock Returns.

Capt. Gould, superintendent of the dry dock at Esquimalt, reports that during the year the dock was occupied 189 days, a record that compares very favorably with other years. The total receipts from the vessels accommodated was \$25,786.12. There were 27 vessels on the blocks during the year, with a total tonnage of \$3,298.

The returns as prepared by Capt. Gould are as follows:

Name of Vessel.

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