

## 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 November, 1892:

## IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMINSTER	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods	\$207,166 00	\$ 61,323 00	\$ 26,161 00	\$ 13,187 00	\$308,740 00
Free Goods	22,341 00	14,951 00	7,169 00	1,768 00	46,230 00
Total Imports	\$229,507 00	\$ 76,274 00	\$ 33,330 00	\$ 14,955 00	\$354,066 00

## REVENUE.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMINSTER	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Duty Collected	\$ 71,077 51	\$ 23,005 52	\$ 8,673 35	\$ 3,606 37	\$106,363 75
Other Revenue	6,300 85	1,305 99	113 72	398 99	11,119 55
Total Collections	\$ 77,378 36	\$ 24,311 51	\$ 8,817 07	\$ 4,005 36	\$114,512 31

## EXPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMINSTER	NANAIMO	TOTAL
The Mine	\$ 35,181 00	\$ 1,815 00	\$ 15,053 00	\$188,338 00	\$240,417 00
The Fisheries	3,393 00	104 00	186,760 00		190,257 00
The Forest		35,693 00			35,693 00
Animals and their produce	36,550 00	8,680 00			45,230 00
Agricultural	5,882 00	1,536 00	15 00		7,433 00
Manufactures	5,566 00	3,331 00	811 00	195 00	9,903 00
Miscellaneous	1,538 00	783 00	314 00		2,635 00
Total Exports	\$ 91,110 00	\$ 51,772 00	\$202,983 00	\$188,533 00	\$334,398 00

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.  
Tuesday Morning, Dec. 20.  
VICTORIA.

Business in the retail line has been fairly active during the past week. All departments have received attention, but the demand has been chiefly for Christmas goods. As the end of the year approaches, bankers, wholesale dealers and merchants generally are concentrating their affairs so as to make as good a showing as possible at the end of the year.

Hong Kong exchange is steady at 67½¢ for the Mexican dollar, while sterling exchange still continues high.

At Vancouver business during the past week has been brisk in all lines. Retail merchants have been busily engaged making preparations for the holiday trade, and business has picked up considerably. Merchants will not have any cause for complaint.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

American cured meats are again down a little in price. The prices of short clear sides and dry salt sides have declined slightly since last week. Others are unchanged.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 16¢ per lb; heavy hams, 15½¢; choice breakfast bacon, 16½¢; short clear sides, 13¢, and dry salt clear sides, 12½¢. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 15½¢ 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, 17½¢, breakfast bacon, 18½¢.

London layer raisins are quoted by Victoria jobbers in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.10 per box; Valencias, 23 lb. boxes, from 7¢ to 8¢ per lb.; and sultanas, 10½¢ to 12¢ per lb., currants, in bbls., 7½¢ per lb., half bbls. 7½¢, cases 8¢ to 8½¢. Candied peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18¢, orange 19¢, and citron 26¢ to 28¢. California evaporated fruits are quoted as

follows:—Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 12½¢ per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13½¢; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 18¢; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 11¢; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14½¢ to 14½¢; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16¢, 25 lb. boxes 16¢. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb boxes, 9½¢.

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6½¢; Paris lumps, 6½¢; granulated 5½¢; extra C. 4½¢; fancy yellow, 4½¢; yellow 4½¢; golden C. 4½¢. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, ½¢ more, boxes ½¢ more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bbls. 2½¢; ditto in 10 gal. kegs. 3¢; ditto in 5 gal. kegs, \$2.25 each; ditto in 1 gal. tins, \$1.50 per case of 10; ditto in ½ 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 2½ per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The features of the butter market are about the same as those reported last week, the demand being confined to the local trade. Factorymen are more anxious to sell, as they want to close the season's business and settle up with their patrons. A round lot of late made creamery was reported sold at 22½¢, but dealers ask 23¢ for round lots. Dairy butter is by no means plentiful, most of the Western having been bought for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. Statistically, the butter situation is stronger than it was at this time last year; but if there is no more export demand, there will undoubtedly be enough for the home trade between now and the new make. We quote prices as follows:—Creamery choice fall, 22½¢ to 23¢; Creamery good to fine, 21½¢ to 22¢; About 1¢ may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. The cheese market remains quiet but firm, with a decidedly upward tendency. The short English which we persisted in claiming during the past two or three months is now an admitted fact, which accounts for the absorption of our heavy make on the

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A 7th Ward:

I shall be a candidate for Alderman at the coming election, and solicit your support.

MUNROE MILLER.

To the Electors of the North  
Ward:

I intend to be a candidate for alderman at the coming municipal election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

A. G. McCANDLESS.

other side, the large surplus having already gone forward. Sales have been made in this market during the past week of finest Western, Septembers and Octobers at 10½¢ to 10½¢, but it is said that no more Septembers can be had under 11¢. Sales of under priced goods are also reported at 10½¢ to 10½¢. The cheese is now all in second hands, with the exception of a few small straggling lots."

The Toronto Empire says: "The butter market is heavily stocked with large rolls, receipts of which have been unusually heavy recently. Prices in consequence are a shade easier, the outside figure for the bulk of the offerings being 17¢. Bakers are taking a good deal of this class of butter and pay about 11 to 15¢. Dairy tub butter is very scarce; it is held at 16 to 18¢, the outside price being occasionally paid for choice packages. The local demand for all kinds of butter is brisk and if receipts moderate at all the market will likely stiffen up again. There is a fair trade doing in cheese at firm prices. Late made cheese is jobbing generally at 11½¢ and early makes at 10½ to 11¢. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 18¢; medium do, 13 to 15¢; large rolls, good to choice 16 to 17¢; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 24 to 25¢. Cheese, choice colored jobbing at 11 to 11½¢."

The Toronto Empire says: "Demand for canned goods has been more active, but there has been no improvements in the prices. Equal quantities of corn, peas and tomatoes have been going at 85¢ to \$1, but the inside price has been reduced to 80¢, in some instances for second quality goods. Packers have been offering rather more freely, but they do not appear to have met any extensive sales. Beans are fairly active at 90¢ to \$1, and pumpkins at 85 to 95¢. Fruits are neglected. Fish firm but quiet. Salmon is selling at \$1.50 to \$1.65 for talls. Stocks of fruits and vegetables in packers' hands are heavier than usual, and holders are endeavoring to make sales in Great Britain. One of the largest western packers is on his way there now. There is some hope for a business being done in tomatoes, as the prices are so high in the States that they cannot export this year, while Canadian prices are the lowest they have yet touched.

The San Francisco Herald of Trade says: "Some shipping trade is in progress but the volume of the movements of dried fruits in the aggregate is not large. There is a very fair demand from the territories and from the Northwest, where California dried fruits are appreciated not alone for their good qualities, but for the facility