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nish ed on application. Cor. Bannatyne and Albert Sts.
Winnipeg.**British Columbia Trade.**W. H. S. Perkins has embarked in the dry
goods business at Nanaimo.Samuel Clay is erecting a store at Victoria,
which will be used as a grocery and saloon.The firm of Grant & Dawson, the lessees of
the Gold House, Vancouver, have dissolved
partnership. Grant has formed a partnership
with Johnson, formerly of the Retreat saloon,
and Grant & Johnson will in future carry on the
hotel business.The Vancouver Real Estate Company, Lim-
ited, was registered in London, England, on
the 28th June with a capital of £20,000 in £1
shares, the object being to acquire real estate
in the city of Vancouver or in any part of the
province, or certain other named districts in
Canada and the United States.C. N. Westwood & Co., dealers in furniture,
glassware, crockery, etc., Nanaimo, have dis-
posed of their furniture business, together with
their entire stock in trade, to Jacob Sehl, of
Victoria. Sehl is the proprietor of an extensive
furniture manufactory in Victoria. J. Sehl, jr.
will have charge of the business.The anthracite coal mine on Queen Charlotte
Island, the property of the Queen Charlotte
Coal Co., has been bonded by an English com-
pany with a view to purchase. The party
under Mr. Fawcett it is reported has struck a
larger vein and the prospects have greatly im-
proved. The mine is undoubtedly one of the
most valuable on the coast.Columbian: M. Ross, of Westminster, has
received a consignment of apples, pears and
peach-plums grown at Chilliwack, all of which
are ripe and in prime condition for table use.
The pears are not a large variety but are well
flavored and very juicy. The peach-plums are
beauties and compare favorably with the Cal-
ifornia product now on the market. Reports
from Chilliwack say that hay, grain and root
crops are the best ever known; the fruit crop
is also very promising, and unless something
unexpected happens the amount for export will
be large.Westminster Columbian: The run of sock-
eye salmon is gradually growing less and pack-
ers on the Fraser river have given up all hope
of a fair pack for this season. This is known
as an "off year," and though a few packers ex-
pected a big run the majority were exceedingly
doubtful of any such luck. The run of cohoes
may help the cannery out if it is as good as last
year, but experienced fishermen say that when
the sockeye is bad the coho run is likewise.
Others say there is no particular rule governing
the coho run and they are quite liable to be
numerous this year.A meeting of the Bank of British Columbia
was held in London, England, recently. The
chairman said they had been able to conduct
the six months business without any loss what-
ever. A half-yearly dividend at the rate of
6 per cent. per annum, with a bonus of one
per cent., for the half-year, was declared. The
chairman said: "We shall be able to place
£5,000 to the reserve fund, raising that to
£105,000, and, so far as we can judge, I believe
we shall be able to carry forward a larger bal-
ance than we did last year. It would probablybe something like £7,000. There is no doubt
that British Columbia is rapidly progressing.
It is steadily developing its resources, and I
may tell you that we constantly and carefully
watch its progress so as to avail ourselves of new
ground whenever we have a fair and reasonable
opportunity of business."

Customs collections at Victoria for July were:

Duties	\$69,695 45
Miscellaneous	938 99
Chinese Immigration Act	458 50

\$71,092 94

Collections, July, 1887. 54,693 97

Increase

The following are the inland revenue col-
lections for July at Victoria were:

License	\$1,705 00
Tobacco	2,612 70
Cigars	837 00
Spirits	5,315 07
Malt	1,052 14

\$11,521 91

Vancouver Customs collections for the month
of July were:

Duties, Imports	\$6,287 13
Bonded Warehouse Fees	20 00
Export Duties	32 00
Chinese Revenue	6,533 00
Sick Mariner's Fund	313 98

Total revenue

Total tonnage of foreign vessels cleared	31,385 tons.
Do do entered	34,626 "

Inland revenue collections for the same
period amounted to

Official returns of the Nanaimo customs
house for the month ending July 31st were:—

Import duty	\$2,599 58
Sick Mariner's dues	110 78
Petroleum inspection	7 80

Total

Dakota Crops.

The territorial crop report of Aug. 1 is full and
complete. June and the first half of July were
very favorable to the growing crops and the
indications were of an unusually large crop,
but from the 15th to the 23rd were hot days
and very drying. Some parts of the territory
have had sufficient rainfall, while other parts
have been very dry. The Red River country
will have more than an average yield. The
James river valley will show good crops as far
south as Spink county. South Dakota will fall
short from 15 to 25 per cent for an average
yield. Take the territory as a whole it will
fall short 15 to 20 per cent of what was expect-
ed from conditions of the report of July 1.
Since July 15th there has been no general rains,
all showers being local. Early sown grain will
be fit to cut about Aug. 1, while late sown grain
will be about ten days later. Nearly all corres-
pondents report blight to some extent, and in
many places it is very bad. Oats and barley
will yield well. The hay crop is generally of
good quality and a large crop has been secured.
Grasshoppers are reported as doing some damage
in Tutsman and Griggs counties. Gophers are
reported as doing considerable damage in var-
ious parts of the territory. Cut worms have
also done much damage in different counties.—
Market Record.