

## 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 December, 1893:

## IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMIN'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods	\$126,785 00	\$ 57,030 00	\$ 19,115 00	\$ 20,786 00	\$233,716 00
Free Goods	33,022 00	32,310 00	119,892 00	3,192 00	176 00
Total Imports	\$159,807 00	\$ 89,370 00	\$169,037 00	\$ 24,278 00	\$412,492 00

## REVENUE.

Duty Collected	\$ 18,813 11	\$ 21,926 92	\$ 15,127 61	\$ 6,581 97	\$ 63,459 61
Other Revenue	1,616 21	2,727 27	18 13	51 68	7,476 29
Total Collections	\$ 19,429 32	\$ 24,654 19	\$ 15,145 74	\$ 6,633 65	\$101,713 29

## EXPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMIN'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
The Mine	\$ 15,581 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 12,599 00	\$208,131 00	\$266,674 00
The Fisheries	101,809 00	7,210 00	3,513 00		115,562 00
The Forest		19,071 00	28 00		19,102 00
Animals and their produce	18,103 00	1,153 00	2,159 00	18 00	21,733 00
Agricultural	715 00	111 00			856 00
Manufacture	6,917 00	3,911 00	7,475 00	117 00	18,753 00
Miscellaneous	2,339 00	7 00	298 00		2,511 00
Total Exports	\$118,797 00	\$ 61,559 00	\$ 56,102 00	\$208,866 00	\$775,324 00

\*\$65 gold coin and \$328 silver coin.

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### TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.  
Tuesday Morning, Jan 16.

#### VICTORIA.

The past week has been considerably broken up by the municipal elections. There is now considerable speculation as to what kind of a spring we are going to have, and opinions widely differ. Should the city council make necessary improvements this year it will mean a large sum of money expended in the community.

Rumors are rife respecting the revival of the transcontinental railway scheme, with Victoria as its western terminus.

The volume of business for the last year has been fairly satisfactory with most established business houses, but all acknowledge that profits are down to a very fine margin. It is said that stocks of goods have decreased and need replenishing in nearly all lines. With the prospect of money being easier this year and the consequent development of natural resources the outlook is certainly favorable for this Province.

The Vancouver *News Advertiser* says: "The municipal elections held during the past week had but little effect on business as but slight interest was manifested in politics by business men.

Trade generally shows a slight improvement, as the usual stagnation after the holidays is beginning to wear off. Though collections have been a little better during the last few days, they are still unsatisfactory, and generally reported as slow. The wet weather of the past few days has put a stop to all building operations, though from every indication, the present season will see a large amount of building done. The wholesale business has shown an improvement during the week. Quotations are for the most part steady and unchanged."

#### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Butter is still firm at quotations. Dairy is about out of the market and there is but little procurable. The American cured meat market is reported steady. Prices, it is said, are about as low as they can go, and any change will probably be toward higher prices. Canadian cheese is reported a little firmer.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 932 pkgs., against 1,477 pkgs., for the week previous. The market remains very firm, choice creamery selling at 23½c to 24c in a jobbing way, while nice late made fall Western dairy brings 21c. There is very little Eastern Townships to be had, and the few packages of choice late fall made offering command 22c. The lower grades are also scarce. Although it is maintained by some in the trade that the supply of butter will run very short before the spring, it should be remembered that there is quite a lot of creamery yet to be disposed of, and this, together with the product of the winter creameries now in operation, will no doubt tide us over till the new make and save us from anything approaching a famine. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, early made, 22c to 22½c; Creamery, late made, 23c to 23½. For single tubs of selected, 1c per lb. may be added to the above. Rolls have been going off fairly well at 20c to 21c for anything fine, although large rolls loosely packed have

sold at 19c. Quite a lot of rolls are coming in just now, but they seem to find a pretty ready sale, especially the best lots. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 500 boxes against 773 boxes for the week previous. The market is healthy and firm, with a tendency to advance, sales of finest in good sized quantities having been made at 11½c, while sales have been made over the cable at 58s 3d to 58s 6d in London. English buyers are beginning to manifest a little more interest, judging from the nature of the cables that have been received during the past few days, and now that the paucity of supplies on this side are beginning to be appreciated, a more active enquiry may set in at any moment."

Valencia raisins.....	per lb	\$ 6 @ \$ 7
Malaga raisins.....	per box	3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels)....	per lb	5 @ 5 1/2
" half bbls.....	per lb	5 @ 6
" (cases).....	per lb	5 1/2 @ 7 1/2
Sultana raisins.....	per lb	8 @ 10
Taragona almonds.....	per lb	11 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts.....	per lb	14 @ 18
Filberts.....	per lb	11 1/2 @ 11

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	27 @ 29
Manitoba dairy.....	00 @ 00
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 1/2 @ 14
California.....	16 @ 18
Eggs, case, per doz.....	00 @ 23

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15 @ 16 1/2
Breakfast bacon.....	16 @ 17
Short rolls.....	13 @ 14 1/2
Dry Salt, long clear.....	12 1/2 @ 13
Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails.....	11 @ 11 1/2
" " 10lbs, tins.....	11 1/2 @ 12
" " 5lbs ".....	11 1/2 @ 12
" " 3lbs ".....	11 1/2 @ 12
Lard Compound, 10lbs.....	12 1/2 @ 00
" " 20lbs.....	12 1/2 @ 00

Sugar—Jobber's prices 1/2-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/4c higher:

Dry Granulated (China).....	5 1/2
Extra C, China.....	5
Dry Granulated.....	5 1/2
Extra C.....	5
Fancy Yellow.....	11
Yellow.....	11
Golden C.....	11
Cubes.....	6 1/2
Powdered.....	7
Syrups, per lb.....	5
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" 1/2 " " (16).....	5 35
" 1 " Vancouver.....	5 50
" 1 1/2 " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmct brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " " heavy.....	0 15 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 16 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 17 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 18 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0 11
" " " 50-lb tins.....	0 11 1/2
" " " 20-lb ".....	0 11 1/2
" " " 10-lb ".....	0 11 1/2
" " " 5-lb ".....	0 11 1/2
" " " 3-lb ".....	0 11 1/2
Lard compound (tierces).....	0 11 1/2

#### FLOUR AND FEED.

Oil cake meal has been reduced \$2.50 per ton. Bran and shorts are also down 50c per ton, all other quotations are steady. The export of flour from Portland, Oregon, to British Columbia during the year 1893 amounted to 16,510 cents, valued at \$52,155.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "Flour remains very dull, with possibly