

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of March, at the port of Victoria, were as follows:

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH.

Spirits.....	\$ 7,171 33
Malt.....	1,107 00
Tobacco.....	2,510 50
Cigars.....	331 50
Petroleum inspection.....	149 80

Total.....\$11,870 13

The customs collections at the port of Victoria for the month of March were as follows:

Duties.....	\$ 78,982 61
Chinese and other revenues.....	13,140 79

Total.....\$ 92,342 40

Imports, dutiable.....258,571 00

Imports, free.....41,038 00

Total.....\$300,269 00

Exports, the produce of Canada.....31,934 00

Exports, not the produce of Canada.....8,390 00

Total.....\$ 40,294 00

Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

For the month of March, 1892:

The statement of Inland Revenue receipts at the port of Vancouver for March, shows the following:

COLLECTIONS.

Spirits.....	\$ 3,847 38
Malt.....	853 40
Tobacco.....	2,500 62
Cigars.....	534 45
License.....	25 00
Petroleum inspection.....	172 50

Total.....\$7,933 35

*License granted to B. L. Wood, North Arm, Fraser River.

The custom returns for the Port of Vancouver for the month of March show:

Duties.....	\$22,200 66
Other revenues.....	3,983 45

Total.....\$26,184 11

The following are the Nanaimo customs returns for March, 1892:

Import Duty.....	\$5,994 68
Sick Mariners' Dues.....	172 18
Miscellaneous.....	52 32

Total.....\$6,219 18

Value of imports for March:

Goods imported free.....	\$ 1,362 00
Goods dutiable.....	22,046 00
Direct imports.....	103 00
Ex-warehouse for removal.....	22 00
Ex-warehouse for export.....	308 00

Total.....\$23,831 00

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Imports and exports for month of March, 1892:

IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

Dutiable.....	\$17,356 00
Free.....	4,826 00

Total imports.....\$22,182 00

Duty collected.....\$ 6,774 13

Other revenues.....122 70

Total collections.....6,896 83

EXPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

The mine.....	\$ 827 00
The fisheries.....	458 00
The forest.....	2 00
Animals and produce.....	8 00
Agriculture produce.....	39 00
Manufactures.....	690 00

Total exports.....\$ 2,024 00

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.

Tuesday Morning, April 5.

VICTORIA.

Trade continues steady with no unusual features. The principal feature of the week is the agreement entered into by the cannery to reduce the salmon pack this season. The weather has been unfavorable to the dry goods business, but it is said that the volume of trade for the last three months is fully equal to the same period last year. Monday 1th was a big settling day for the dry goods, clothing and kindred trades. Collections are reported pretty well taken up.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The arrivals of California fruit and vegetables on Saturday from San Francisco by steamer City of Puebla for Victoria consisted of 225 cases oranges, 50 cases bananas, 38 cases lemons, 20 boxes apples, 65 crates cabbages, 2 sacks coconuts, 6 cases peas, 25 cases rhubarb, 50 cases asparagus, 2 cases celery, and 1 case vegetables; total, 490 cases. For Vancouver—28 cases oranges, 11 cases oranges, 11 cases bananas, 3 cases celery, 4 cases cauliflower, 20 crates cabbages, 18 cases asparagus, 18 cases rhubarb, 2 cases peas, 1 case mint; total, 125 cases. Grand total, 615 cases. The arrivals by the previous steamer were 380 cases. There was also a car of Griffin & Skelly fruit received overland last week, consisting of 250 cases oranges and 50 cases lemons. Bananas have gone up a little price. It is said that Sandwich Island bananas are scarce in San Francisco, and Florida fruit is coming in. Oranges are quoted a little stronger than last week. Potatoes are keeping down in price because of the glutted state of the market. Honey is quoted at 21c in 1 lb. flames. Quotations are:—Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$2.50 to \$3.25; navels, \$4.50 to \$5; Los Angeles, \$2 to \$2.50; California lemons, \$3.75 to \$1.75; Sicily lemons, \$7; bananas, \$3 to \$4; silverskin onions, 2c per lb.; cabbage, 2½c per lb.; asparagus, 10c per lb.; Oregon yellow danver, 1½c; apples, \$1.62½ to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$15 to \$20 per ton. Rhubarb, 5c.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The receipts of California butter from San Francisco by steamer on Saturday consisted of 64 cases for Victoria and 7 cases for Vancouver; total, 71 cases. The receipts last week were 50 cases and 20 kegs. Prices are practically unchanged. Supplies are reported liberal in San Francisco. There is rather a weak feeling in the market, and a further decline in fresh roll is expected. The second carload of creamery butter from the Saanich Creamery arrived by the Isabel on Sunday. It is said to bring the highest prices paid in this market.

Quotations are: California fancy roll 20½c@27c per lb; Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 29½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairv, 18c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c. Cheese is quoted at 1½c. There will probably be an advance in meats shortly. The tendency in the east is upward with both Canadian and American packers. Local prices remain unchanged. Quota-

tions are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½@11½c; lard tins, 12½@13½c. Granulated sugar is quoted by jobbers at 5½c, and yellows at 4½c to 5c.

Cowan & Willson are receiving regular shipments of fresh Havana cigars direct from Cuba. These are of the finest quality and are appreciated by the trade as is evidenced by the 11th al sales that have been made of the same brands.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vine, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom cat-up, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Manitoba flour is being held pretty firm, and a rise in prices is said to be probable. Oats are weak, and the price has dropped to \$30 per ton. Wheat is held firm, \$45 a ton being freely paid for best wheat, which is hard to get. The National Mills chop feed is now on the market and selling at \$30 per ton. A car of Ontario rolled oats was received last week. They are said to be of inferior quality and not up to sample. The rolled oats now being turned out by the National Mills are of the very finest quality. It is said that they are ahead of any of the American brands, which were hitherto imported into this market, and are meeting with a good sale, as they give the best of satisfaction to householders. The *Commercial Review* says that in Portland the flour market is weak and lower in sympathy with the decline in wheat. A reduction of 15c per barrel on standard brands on Monday of last week and the feeling is weak and the tendency downwards. Quote Standard brands at \$4.00 per bbl.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.50; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 85 @ 0 00
XXX., ".....	5 55 @ 0 00
XX., ".....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, ".....	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	6 00 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 00 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	6 10 @ 0 00
Royal.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	\$40 00 @ 45 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Oil cake meal.....	32 50 @ 35 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Brn.....	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 25 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 90 @ 4 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 60 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

SALMON.

The British Columbia cannery have signed an agreement to reduce the pack of