

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island :

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

INLAND REVENUE.

Spirits.....	\$ 5,786 38
Malt.....	1,573 91
Tobacco.....	2,524 12
Cigars.....	1,106 10
Petroleum Inspection.....	129 90
Total.....	\$11,120 41

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

Duties collected.....	\$ 80,748 97
Chinese revenue.....	16,816 50
Other revenue.....	855 31
Total.....	\$ 98,420 81
Imports, dutiable.....	286,335 00
Imports, free.....	166,078 00
Total.....	\$452,413 00

Exports, the produce of Canada.....	\$61,215 00
Exports, not the produce of Canada.....	5,850 00
Total.....	\$ 72,065 00

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

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

The statement of Inland Revenue returns at the port of Vancouver for May, shows the following :

Spirits.....	\$ 3,683 53
Malt.....	1,280 12
Tobacco.....	2,418 25
Cigars.....	561 90
Licenses.....	25 00
Petroleum Inspection.....	4 50
Total.....	\$7,973 10

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

Duties.....	\$19,968 70
Other revenues.....	4,053 34
Total.....	\$24,022 04

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Imports and exports for month of May, 1892 :

IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

Dutiable.....	\$29,233 00
Free.....	13,301 00
Total Imports.....	\$42,534 00
Duty collected.....	\$ 8,619 31
Other revenues.....	203 45
Total collections.....	8,822 76

The value of the exports for the month was \$8,880.

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

Duty.....	\$1,349 26
Steak Mariners' Dues.....	626 72
Oil Inspection.....	48 00
Total.....	\$5,023 98

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the foreign coal shipments for the month of May :

New V. C. Co.....	28,775
East Wellington.....	3,461
Wellington.....	15,929
Union.....	9,240
Total.....	57,405

Fire clay, of an exceptionally good quality has been found near Nanoose Bay on the beach, in immense quantities. Samples are on view in Capt. Dillon's office, Northfield. A company will be formed to work the new find.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.

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VICTORIA.

There is little change in the general volume of business, and no special developments have occurred during the past week. Business has been of a moderate volume, and there is an encouraging steadiness in the general wholesale trade. There is usually a lessened activity at this time of the year, the early spring demand being satisfied. The trade, for a time, will be principally sorting-up orders. The past season has shown the folly of overstocking and crowding the market, and dealers are becoming quite conservative, especially in the dry goods and clothing lines, and also to a considerable extent in the hardware business. Collections are reported very fair.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of fruit and vegetables from San Francisco by ss. City of Puebla June 1. For Victoria—183 bxs oranges, 30 bxs apricots, 5 pkgs containing 10 bxs strawberries, 133 pkgs containing 520 bxs cherries, 1 bx gooseberries, 1 bx peaches, 1 bx green almonds, 20 crates bananas, 1 pkg containing 2 bxs currants, 20 crates cabbage, 1 cs beans, 3 bxs squash, 23 cs peas, 12 bxs tomatoes, 101 sacks potatoes, 80 sacks onions, 3 cs vegetables; total, 708 packages. For Vancouver—90 bxs oranges, 2 sacks coconuts, 3 cs pineapples, 54 pkgs containing 217 bxs cherries, 21 crates cabbage, 90 sacks potatoes, 120 sacks onions, 6 crates cauliflower, 6 bxs beans, 6 bxs asparagus, 1 cs horseradish, 5 bxs tomatoes; total, 410 pkgs. Grand total, 1,129 packages. The receipts by SS. Walla Walla June 6 for Victoria were, 119 cs oranges, 49 cs apricots, 48 crates bananas, 4 bxs peaches, 1 cs dates, 12 cs pine apples, 4 sacks coconuts, 18 bxs plums, 127 pkgs containing 483 bxs cherries, 1 bx artichokes, 5 cs tomatoes, 2 crates cabbage, 1 cs cauliflower, 2 bxs beans, 16 bxs peas, 311 sacks potatoes, 112 sacks onions; total, 832 pkgs. For Vancouver—27 bxs oranges, 5 bxs lemons, 13 bxs apricots, 1 bx pineapples, 47 crates bananas, 67 pkgs containing 201 bxs cherries, 139 sacks potatoes, 70 sacks onions, 18 crates cabbage, 5 cs cauliflower, 4 bxs asparagus 7 bxs beans, 3 bxs tomatoes, 1 cs horseradish; total, 413 pkgs. Grand total, 1,245 packages.

Fruit business is reported good, by all the dealers. Oranges continue firm, but are not in active demand; sales are dropping of slightly. The small fruits are taking the trade. Cherries are arriving in splendid condition; some of the finest and largest received this season came up on the last boat. Prices have also dropped to \$1 a box, although some of the finest keeping qualities sell at \$1.25. Apricots are coming forward more freely, and the quality is improving, although they are still small. The price has declined 25c. The first plums were received and sold at \$1.50 to \$2 a box. They are not quite ripe. A few boxes of new peaches also came in and sold at \$2.75. Bananas are in good demand, and the price has advanced 25c a crate. Silverskin onions are quoted this week, 2c per lb. being the price asked. There were no old potatoes on the market

toward the end of last week, and consignments of new potatoes received by steamer on Monday found a ready sale at 1½ per lb. Supplies of old potatoes will be received early in the week from the Sound. These potatoes are said to be superior to those grown on the Fraser River, and they can be laid down, duty paid, about as low as the native grown potatoes. The first strawberries from the Sound were received by express from Tacoma last Friday and sold at 18c for lb. boxes, of which there are two dozen in a crate. They are of very fine quality. Local berries have also come on the market, but in small quantities as yet. Quotations are:—Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$4.25; navels, \$5.50 to \$6; Mediterranean sweets, \$4.00; California Highland oranges, \$4; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$4.75; Sicily lemons, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bananas, \$3.75 to \$4; cabbage, 2c per lb.; potatoes, \$17 to \$18 per ton; new potatoes, 1½c per lb.; strawberries, 18c per lb. box; cherries—white, \$1 to \$1.25 per box; black, \$1 per box; Royal Anns, \$1.25; red California onions, 1½c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; pineapples, \$6 a doz.; coconuts, 90c a doz.; peas, 5c per lb.; beans, 20c; apricots, \$2; plums, \$1.50 to \$2; peaches, \$2.75.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Since the last drop in quotations of Oregon flour there are no changes to note. There will be no more Oregon Snowflake on this market for a time, as Isom, Laning & Co. have shut down their mill. It was a popular brand and held a good trade.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.40; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

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

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale :

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice.....	70 00
Rice flour.....	70 00
Chit rice.....	25 00
Rice Meal.....	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter by the SS. City of Puebla, from San Francisco June 1. For Victoria—34 cases, 3,780 lbs, 10 tubs, 500 lbs—total, 4,280 lbs. For Vancouver—10 cases, 1,500