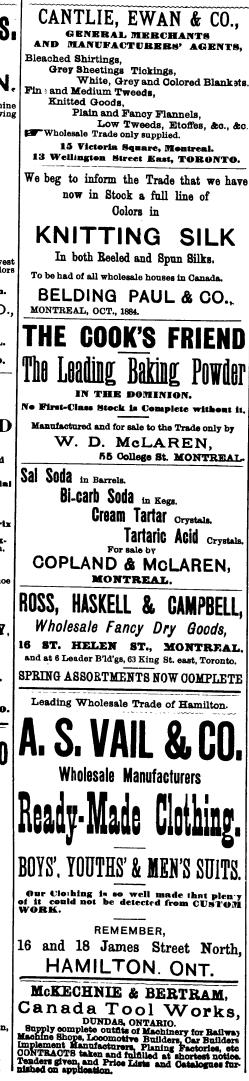


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CUSTOMS collections at the port of Victoria, B. C. for May last were \$71,501 as compared with \$85,726 in April.

THE mail contract between Bermuda and New York, for a further term of two years from 1st January, 1886, has been awarded to the Quebee Steamship Company.

THE Henderson Lumber Co. of Montreal are seeking incorporation as a joint stock concern, with a capital of \$100,000. The principal promoters are Messrs. D. H. Norman and Albert Henderson, C. H. Walters and Selkirk Cross.

YESTERDAY was a busy day at the Board of Trade Rooms. At the noon meeting the extraordinary number of sixty-one new members was elected, making the total number 305. Then, at half-past three a good meeting assembled to hear the delegates from Jamaica give reasons for a commercial convention between that Island and Canada.

DUIBNG the present season, says the Stratford Beacon, "over 800 car loads of square timber have been shipped from points on the Buffalo, Goderich and Lake Erie road, and the Grand Trunk west of Stratford, most of it going to Quebec direct." We are not informed what timber it was, but it speaks well for the peninsula that so much good timber is left in it.

THE thread manufacturers are exerting themselves to accommodate their Canadian custom. ers among the wholesale trade. Mr. George W Moss, of Montreal, Canadian agent for the wellknown firm of Clark & Co., Paisley, has opened a store at No. 52 Yonge street, this city, under the charge of Mr. W. P. Rodger, where a complete stock of Clark's Anchor and Crotchet cotton will be kept.

THE new consul of the United States at St. John is Mr. James Murray, who was a member of the lumber firm of Holyoke & Murray, New York. He is chiefly remembered in St. John as the shipper of a large quantity of piling from St John to New York two years ago, in rafts, or rather cribs, the first attempt at shipping lumber in this way ; many prophesied that the rafts would never reach New York, but they did.

YESTERDAY'S Montreal Gazette says : Our Quebec correspondent telegraphs :--- The timber market has been showing some activity recently and several rafts of square and waney white pine have changed hands, amongst others the British Canadian L. and T. Co. sold 200,000 feet square white pine timber, 45 feet average, at 21c. McLean's raft, 80,000 feet, square white pine, 54 feet average, and 20,000 feet waney do, 20 inches, sold at 27c. all round.

THE Chicago Railway Age recently published a list of twenty railroads that have been placed in the hands of receivers from January 1st to