

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of February, 1891:

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Acids, except oxalic		\$ 60	\$ 12 00
Agricultural imple-			
ments		910	262 55
Alc. beer & port'rgls	2,271	918	268 78
Animals		8,338	2,530 60
Books, pamph's, etc.		1,278	267 97
Brass & manuf's of...		560	156 30
Breadstuffs, etc., viz			
Grain, of all kinds			
Flour, blks.	7,608	4,919	1,130 64
Meal, "	2,175	8,143	1,637 05
" "	293	889	149 70
Ice and all other			
breadstuffs		3,584	1,425 80
Candles, lbs.	13,647	1,304	329 90
Chicory, lbs.		3,808	135
Coal and coke, tons	289.8	1,850	166 85
Coffee, from U.S. lbs	13,508	2,756	290 15
Copper and m's of		1,417	213 90
Cordage all kinds lbs		282	172 67
Cotton, manuf's of		5,418	1,667 14
Drugs & medicines		18,018	7,433 57
Earthen, stone and			
China ware		1,896	657 25
Fancy goods		838	272 50
Fish		1,558	341 45
Fruits, dried		570	182 24
Green		2,184	311 50
Furs		55	13 75
Glass, glassware		2,176	568 35
Gunpowder		782	136 25
Hats, caps, etc.		876	262 80
Iron and steel m's of		25,175	7,551 12
Jewelry & watches			
and m's of gold and			
silver		215	44 20
Lead and manuf's of		506	124 50
Leather and m's of		2,337	568 05
Marble and stone			
and manuf's of...		641	190 88
Malt		861	136 35
Metals, composite			
and m's of...		729	212 90
Musical instruments		592	360 75
Oils, coal and kero-			
sene, gals.	24,675	6,535	1,776 60
All other no's	5,636	3,382	755 57
Paints and colors		494	144 50
Paper and m's of...		1,989	805 82
Perfumery		144	43 20
Provisions			
Bacon & hams, etc		4,771	1,292 84

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING.

It is mentioned that British shipbuilding has not been so busy in some portions of the United Kingdom as it was last year, and that the decrease of production at some points has been very considerable. The following table gives the production and the increase or decrease as compared with 1890:—

	Total tons.	In- crease	De- crease.
Clyde	349,995	14,794	
Tyne	235,567		45,143
Wear	197,182		19,854
Tees	127,741	17,305	
Hartlepool	90,847	13,972	
Belfast	65,783		16,220
Mersey	30,577		5,198
Barrow	24,656		2,182
Punee	24,494	6,183	
Thames	17,000	9,000	

It will be seen that the Clyde, so long prominent in the production of iron and steel tonnage, not only holds its pre-eminence among shipbuilding stations but increased its output of tonnage during the year. It may be interesting to note the production during the series of nine years past, showing the remarkable fluctuations that have taken place in shipbuilding in that period. Following are the figures:—

Tonnage.	Tonnage.
1881	1,000,000
1882	1,200,000
1883	1,250,000
1884	750,000
1885	540,000
1886	1,000,000
1887	578,000
1888	903,687
1889	1,300,933
1890	1,711,110

It will be observed that the tonnage

ARTICLES.

QUAN. VALUE. DUTY.

Salt, not from Great Britain or British possessions, or for fisheries, lbs.	21,000	89	31 50
Seeds		379	39 15
Silk, manuf's of		2,006	600 65
Soap of all kinds		267	105 03
Spices of all kinds		479	102 95
Starch, lbs.	892	31	16 01
Spirits			
Of all kinds, gals.	4,347	6,192	8,705 30
Wine, other than			
Sparkling, gals.	2,453	1,722	1,336 67
Wine sparkling doz	101	960	479 95
Sugar above No 14 lbs	10,510	583	387 79
Not above No 14 lbs	753	20	13 50
Sugar, syrups, cane			
juice, etc., lbs.	13,752	468	283 92
Tea, from U.S. lbs	400	111	11 40
Tobacco and cigars	4,314	1,837	1,989 62
Wood and m's of		2,993	874 50
Woolen m's of		7,321	2,148 20
All other dutiable			
articles		42,284	10,814 01
Total dutiable goods		\$188,657	\$62,996 95
Free goods, all other		46,402	
Grand total		\$235,059	\$62,996 95

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of February, 1891:

	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
MINERALS.		
Gold dust, nuggets, etc.		\$13,126
FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions		65,536
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.		
Miscellaneous		12,950
MANUFACTURES.		
Wood, m's all kinds		51
Other manuf's		432
Miscellaneous		388
Total		\$92,492
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of February, 1891:		
	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Agricultural products		\$ 5
Cottons, etc.		100
Iron		488
Sewing machines		50
Wood manuf's all kinds		479
Other manufactures		1,779
Total		\$ 2,901
Total exports of all kinds		95,393

placed in the water in 1890 falls but a trifle short of the previous year, which was the largest in the history of British shipbuilding. The output of last year is in another respect remarkable. While almost exclusively of iron and steel, and in very large measure made up of steam vessels, the production of the year considerably exceeded the total registered tonnage of Canada, the latter being mainly built of wood.

It is to be observed that the outlook for the current year in shipbuilding in the United Kingdom is not so good as during the past two years owing to the depression in freights. But nearly 1,000,000 tons of shipping are on the stocks, mainly to be completed during the year. It is truly remarkable that in a comparatively dull year there should be almost as much iron tonnage building in England as all that Canada owns of wooden ships. Our respective populations are about in the proportion of one to seven.

Hughitt & McIntyre's new mill is situated at Genoa, on Cowichan Bay, B. C. The mill is about completed and will be running in a few days. The capacity will be 125,000 feet per day. There are six million feet of logs in river and boom, and the company have just completed contracts for the putting in of 16,000,000 feet of logs at Cowichan Lake for the coming season.

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

For the month of February, 1891:
Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

	WAREHOUSED.	EX-WAREHOUSED.
Tobacco	1,050 lbs	1,050 lbs
Malt	31,974 "	31,974 "
Spirits	3,447.98 P. gals	1,720.63 P. gals

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

	WAREHOUSED.	EX-WAREHOUSED.
Tobacco	7,786 lbs	8,374 lbs
Cigars	30,250 "	479 95
Malt	53,917 "	53,917 lbs
Spirits	4,066.62 P. gals	2,900.53 P. gals

Cigars manufactured	135,709
Cigars warehoused	90,250

Paid duty ex-factory	105,450
Raw leaf tobacco, imported, lbs.	5,539
Malt, manufactured in Victoria, lbs.	9,126
Malt, imported from San Francisco, lbs.	53,974
Malt, from Toronto, duty paid, lbs.	40,000

Total, lbs.	103,100
Imported petroleum, cans.	5,922
Exported for H. M. Navy, beer gals.	1,500
Beer manufactured, gals.	22,086

NEW INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Among the memoranda of association in the B. C. Gazette are that of the Pacific Traders and Navigation Company, of Vancouver, with a capital stock of \$20,000, and the Nelson City Land and Improvement Co., the incorporators being Messrs. W. P. Sayward, C. T. Dupont, Joshua Davies, Edward Crow Baker and Edward Mahon. The memorandum of the Victoria Canning Company of British Columbia is also published. The trustees are Messrs. R. P. Rithet, James A. Laidlaw, Thomas E. Ladner, Henry E. Harlock, Francis Page, John Irving and Mouritz Strouss. Their object is to acquire and take over the several fishing stations and canneries, and the business thereof respectively, known as follows, viz: The Laidlaw & Company, Fraser River, Dominion brand; The Delta Canning Company, Fraser River, Maple Leaf brand; The Harlock Packing Company, Fraser River, H. P. Brand; The Wellington Packing Company, Fraser River, Wellington brand; The Standard Packing Company, Skeena river, Standard brand; The Cascade Packing Company, Naas River, Cascade brand; the land, wharves, buildings, etc., etc.

MINE LIGHTING.

As an outcome of the recent mine disasters in western Pennsylvania, one of which was about the most terrible happening of the kind on record, a good deal of discussion is taking place with regard to the proper method of lighting mines. The latest scheme is electric illuminating, and it is likely that a bill will be presented to the present Pennsylvania State Legislature providing for the use of incandescent lamps in all mines. Several Pittsburg gentlemen, well qualified to speak, are firmly of the belief that electrical illumination offers the only satisfactory solution of the difficulties at present existing.—The Mining and Scientific Review.

The Revelstoke Lumber Company is busily engaged in enlarging its mills for the reception of new machinery expected in a few weeks.