

of 240,000 dollars, for the production of California during the first six months. If such were really the case, we have beaten California out and out. To make another comparison: all the gold brought to Melbourne in 1851, amounted to 104,454 ounces, or, at 46 dollars per oz., 4,806,464 dollars, whilst New South Wales, which is now so productive, gave for the first six months of 1846 only 43,190 ounces, or 723,000 dollars.

Now for Fraser river. The first gold brought down by the miners before the spring, found its way to San Francisco by the Sound and Washington Territory. I consider it no over evaluation to put it down at \$ 40,000.

From that time to the middle of July, the quantities brought down were small. They were divided between Watcom and the ports of the Sound, and Victoria, where the Hudson's Bay Company at that time bought the greater part of the dust. I put down the amount for the first at the low figure of

5,000,

and for the Company, at the same,

5,000.

Total to the middle of July,

\$ 20,000

From this date we have the sums shipped by Wells, Fargo and Co., and so reluctantly disclosed (1), to which are to be added those sent down or taken away by merchants, miners and private individuals. Their amount relatively to the remittances of Wells, Fargo and Co. have been very variable, especially in the beginning. For instance, Wells, Fargo and Co. only shipped 600 dollars by the Santa Cruz, Aug. 27th, whereas the sum total sent down was probably 42,000 dollars. And again, their shipment by the Northerner, Sept. 21st, was 44,964, when the total amount which was discussed in the papers at the time, probably reached 80,000 dollars. This difference is easily explained by the small distance between Victoria and San Francisco, and the facilities for sending down treasure, which are such that all

(1) When a public establishment or its employees have shown so little sympathy for the country that it has become notorious, it is as well to publish it, if it be only to oblige them, by giving a greater circulation to their opinions.