

claim is 250 feet.

claims are reserved for the Government of Can-

er Mining Regulations is supplied when the li-  
ancouver.

outfitting numbers of Americans who have  
examining Klondike goods in Seattle. Being  
Vancouver and are not slow in stating over their  
ly are the goods in Vancouver cheaper but of a  
to those of Seattle or Tacoma. When the duty  
must be paid) is added to the Seattle prices it  
rices nearly FIFTY PER CENT LOWER than the  
ose but little time letting their friends in Seattle  
the result of their inquiries and so to-day VAN-  
ILLED WITH AMERICANS on their way to

ended outfitting in Seattle have left there and  
l outfitting here that the merchants of Vancouver  
room in Seattle at Hotel Butler Building, 114  
ods and prices can be readily compared.

g men who are talking of going into the Yukon  
well advised to pay heed to the remarks of a man  
in the region. He reports on the climate, mode  
commonly met with, as follows: Miners are a  
ople. Very often they become indolent and care-  
things which are most easily cooked or prepared.  
n Summer, when they are shovelling in, they work  
rs, sparing little time for eating, and much less  
mner of living is quite common among beginners,  
lity and sometimes to scurvy. The diseases met  
e dyspepsia, anaemia, scurvy caused by improperly  
of diet, overwork, want of fresh vegetables, over-  
lated houses; rheumatism, pneumonia, bronchitis,  
ther acute diseases from exposure to wet and cold;  
iseases due to excesses.

was assistant to Collector of Customs Godson at  
that at times there would be as many as thirty  
pants tied up awaiting inspection and collection  
s with Canadian bought goods came floating along  
ely to hand out their papers, have them stamped  
Although time was considered more valuable  
ny instances, yet those who had bought their out-  
tes were obliged to await their turn, have their  
pay the Customs dues, amounting to about 30  
e-third of the original cost. An exemption of 100  
at year, but will not be allowed during 1898.

ustoms officers collected \$22,000 in duties on outfits  
ates and Europe. On his arrival at Lake Bennett  
n took charge of these funds and handed them over

to Major Walsh, to defray the expenses of the Canadian Mounted Police  
going into the Yukon.

As all these goods could be bought in Vancouver, in most instances  
cheeper than in the United States, this \$22,000 might have been saved to  
the prospectors had they outfitted here. Some of them had used all  
their surplus cash getting that far on their journey and were without  
funds to pay their Customs dues. Such persons were allowed to work  
the amount by whipsawing lumber. It was a favor granted by the  
Canadian Customs officers but a serious and vexatious delay of some days  
these and other Canadian and miners. They confessed to having been grossly  
mised in the matter by interested persons and papers in the United  
States.

Foreigners enjoy the same privileges in the Yukon as Canadians  
in all respects and Canadians enjoy no more privileges than foreigners.

Obtain Canadian made mackinaws and woollens. The Canadians  
make honest and serviceable goods. The Alaska trading companies buy  
these and other Canadian goods by the carload, because the goods are  
of the best and they save the duty.

Robt. Kerr says by September the C. P. R. can land passengers at  
Dawson from Vancouver in a week. The Athenian, Tartar, Amoor and  
Pakshan will run from Vancouver every week to Wrangel. On the  
Stiekine there will be a fleet of stern-wheelers; at present pack trains  
will have to be used on the land trail, but a railway will be in operation  
in six months over 120 miles. At Teslin Lake another fleet of steamers  
will be in readiness to take passengers to Dawson.

So many Americans having convinced themselves, after examining the  
Vancouver samples at 114 James Street, Seattle, that they could buy bet-  
ter and cheaper in Vancouver (as well as saving 30 per cent. duty by  
so doing) left Seattle and came over here to outfit, that the merchants  
in Seattle are feeling afraid, knowing the tide has turned strongly  
against them, and that they are losing the outfitting trade.

Jas. Blackburn, of Big Mountain, Montana, arrived in Vancouver Feb.  
4th, with his party of five to outfit, but brought 3 pairs of Gold Seal rub-  
ber boots from Seattle with him as he was told they could not be pur-  
chased in Vancouver. He paid \$9.00 per pair in Seattle—\$27, and \$6.75  
duty on arrival here, being \$33.75, or \$11.25 each. On arrival here he  
discovered he could buy the self-same Gold Seal rubber boots here for  
\$8.50 per pair, or a saving of \$3.25 per pair. This is only one of hund-  
reds of similar instances.

#### OUTFITTING PRICE LIST. VANCOUVER, B. C.

Vancouver merchants are not afraid to publish their prices. The  
hardware and clothing prices are less subject to market fluctuations than  
the groceries. This list is good for February, but is, of course, liable to  
alteration from time to time.

Small parties can save on this list considerably, for hardware for  
one person will in many articles be enough for six. These prices are  
for best quality only. If anyone desiring more information will write to  
the Secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade, his letter will be handed  
on by the Secretary to the Merchants' Committee for reply.