

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 December, 1891:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, beer and porter	\$ 1,616	\$ 336 61
Animals	1,287	1,228 50
Books, pamphlets, etc	1,813	102 00
Brass and manufactures of	718	221 10
Breadstuffs grain of all kind	2,293	693 86
Flour	1,571	140 75
Meal, corn and oat	136	21 40
Rice	2,251	1,593 93
Other breadstuffs	3,990	855 63
Bicycles, Tricycles, Velocipedes and parts of	80	21 60
Cars—railway and tram		
Coal, bituminous	112	7 72
Copper and manufactures of	71	15 90
Cottons, bleached or unbleached: not dyed, colored, etc	27	8 01
" bleached, dyed, etc.	181	151 43
" clothing	1,113	337 80
" thread not on spools, yarn, warp, etc.	3	75
" thread on spools	258	61 50
" all other manufactures	875	229 00
Drugs and medicines	12,399	5,271 15
Earthen, stone & Chinaware	533	170 25
Fancy goods & embroideries: Bracelets, braids, fringes, etc	391	117 75
Laces, collars, nettings, etc	15	13 50
All other fancy goods	755	263 20
Fish and products of	1,500	361 08
Fruits and nuts dried	7,013	2,313 17
Green, oranges and lemons	3,313	391 10
All other	1,851	177 66
Furs, manufactures of	82	20 50
Glass, manufactures of—		
" Bottles, jars, etc	625	193 80
" Window glass		
" Plate glass	239	82 96
" All other manufactures	139	31 05
Gunpowder & explosive substances	1,768	535 25
Gutta percha, manuf's of	1,350	183 18
Hats, caps, and bonnets, beaver, silk or felt	102	30 60
" All other	192	57 60
Iron and steel and manuf's of		
" Band, hoop, sheet, plate	1,615	276 92
" Bar iron & railway bars	2,420	391 37
" Cutlery, hardware, etc.	3,265	992 39
" Machines, machinery, etc	1,663	536 90
" Stoves and castings	117	112 00
" Tubing	121	125 05
" All other manufactures	3,573	1,078 11
Jewelry & watches & manuf's of gold and silver	507	98 65
Lead and manufactures of	1,083	201 70
Leather, all kinds	581	110 25
" Boots and shoes	1,173	293 25
" All other manuf's of	15	11 25
Marble & stone & manuf's of		
Metals and manufactures of	195	47 10
Musical instruments	796	322 70
Oil, mineral and products of	3,388	1,297 97
" Flaxseed or linseed	91	25 36
" All other	968	237 21
Paints and colors	329	46 15
Paper, envelopes, etc.	3,007	996 78
Pickles, sauces, capers	451	186 60
Provisions, lard, meats, fresh and salt	1,129	1,231 05
" Butter, cheese	1,107	205 50
Seeds and roots	52	5 30
Silk, manufactures of	1,587	565 35
Soap, all kinds	113	163 47
Spices, ground & unground	65	19 35
Spirits, all kinds	6,525	10,216 61
Wines, sparkling	1,380	760 50
" other than sparkling	1,508	1,208 26
Molasses	28	12 50
Tobacco and cigars	2,853	2,818 32
Vegetables	791	321 36
Wood, manufactures of	1,179	390 15
Wollens: Carpets, Brussels and tapestry	251	63 50
" Clothing	551	256 20
" Cloths, worsteds, etc	511	159 20
" Dress goods	614	180 10
" Knitted goods	123	41 85
" Shawls	108	27 60

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
" Yarns	12	3 90
" All other manuf's	304	123 45
All other dutiable goods	20,461	1,911 00
Total dutiable goods	\$126,785	\$18,813 11
" Free goods	33,022	
Grand total	\$159,807	\$18,813 11

The following are the free goods entered at the port of Victoria for the month of December, 1891:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.
Animals for improvement of stock	\$ 5,507 00
Articles for use of Army and Navy	\$ 613 00
Coffee	171 00
Cotton waste	
Dyes, chemicals, etc	
Fish and products of	211 00
Fisheries, articles for, nets, seines, etc.	936 00
Fruits, bananas, olives, pineapples, etc	3,659 00
Fur, skins not dressed	752 00
Metals—Iron and steel, all other	1 00
" Tin and zinc	177 00
" Other	343 00
Oils, vegetable	613 00
Salt	3,031 00
Settlers' effects	159 00
Sugar	1,319 00
Tea	11,810 00
Tobacco leaf	497 00
Wood, cabinetmakers, etc	3,113 00
All other free goods	
Total	\$ 33,022 00

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of December, 1891—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal	tons 368	1,810
Gold dust, nuggets, etc.		13,711
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions		101,060
Fish oil	gals 2,322	699
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water		50
THE FOREST.		
Lumber—planks, boards, etc		
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.		
Other animals		115
Other articles		18,216
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Fruits—green		
Other articles		
MANUFACTURES.		
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc		8
Liquors—spirituous and malt of all kinds		
Sewing machines		
Wood—m's of all kinds		113
Other articles		1,551
Grand total		\$ 410,126

Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of December, 1891:

QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Animals and their produce—	
Other animals	40
Meat of all kinds	20
Agricultural products—	
Fruits—green	703
Malt	12
Manufactures—	
Cottons, woollens, etc	209
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc	
Sewing machines	170
Tobacco, snuff and cigars	30
Wood m's of all kinds	95
Other articles	1,780
Miscellaneous articles	1,916
Total	\$ 7,978
Coin—gold	65
"—silver	328
Grand total	\$ 8,371
Total exports of all kinds	\$118,797

reduced their rate to 5 per cent., which certainly indicates in some degree an easier money market. Bank rate to customers is, however, held at the old figures. Dun's Review reports 1,278 failures for the past year in Canada with assets of \$8,051,695 and liabilities of \$12,456,126. Of this number 828 were manufacturing concerns with assets of \$1,149,613, and liabilities of \$6,686,191; 432 trading with assets of \$3,350,452, and liabilities of \$4,525,119, and 17 miscellaneous with assets of \$515,600 and liabilities of \$1,150,691.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "As is very natural after the rush at Christmas time, business is now a little quiet, though merchants expect that it will pick up during the next few weeks. Collections, too, are reported as being a little better this week. Interviews on trade matters with the leading merchants in this city, were published in yesterday's issue of the News-Advertiser, and from this it will be seen that despite the continual growling of some, the volume of business transacted during the year was far greater than that of the preceding one. Merchants too, are very hopeful for the future, and all agree that the prospects for trade in this year are good. Though it is true that custom collections during the past year show a slight decrease as compared with the collections during 1892, that is accounted for by the falling off in the Chinese revenue. As a matter of fact, the collections on imports exceed those of 1892 so that really the trade of the port has increased. The Inland Revenue and Post Office returns both show a satisfactory increase, thus testifying to the advance made during the year. The large fleet of lumber vessels that were here but a short time ago, have now all sailed with the exception of two, which will not be loaded for some little time. Arrangements are being made for the charter of a couple of vessels which should arrive here this month. The prospects ahead for the lumber trade are not, however, very bright. The shingle manufacturers are now organizing an association to keep up prices, which through competition have been brought down to a ruinous figure. Wholesale business has been fairly steady during the past week, and there is very little to note."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Quotations in California oranges have been again reduced. The supply of both navals and seedlings is becoming more plentiful, Japanese oranges are nearly out of jobbers' hands only a few remain in stock which are held at 75c per box. Some shipments are expected on the ss. Tacoma, but it is not generally known what is the quantity. The cold weather has stiffened the price of potatoes.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Australian	0 00 @ 0 00
California navals	3 00 @ 3 50
" seedlings	2 50 @ 3 00
Japanese	75 @ 00
Lemons—California	3 50 @ 4 50
Australian	0 00 @ 0 00
Bananas	1 25 @ 1 50
Apples	1 25 @ 1 35
" Canadian	5 75 @ 0 00
Cocoanuts	per 100 8 00 @ 9 00
Pineapples	per doz 3 50 @ 4 00

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

Business houses are getting through with straightening up the affairs of the

old year and making arrangements for the new. Business has been quiet since the holidays in nearly all lines. Money is still reported tight, although there appears to be a little easing in certain directions. Some of the savings banks that have been for some little time paying 6 per cent. for time deposits have recently