

Board of Revisors, who will merely make their levy so as to secure the amounts that the public service actually requires. Our people have all along been boasting of the advances that have taken place in the value of real estate. Why should there be any lying under this head in the official returns? Better have the property entered at its true worth, which is a guarantee that its owners as well as the general public properly appreciate it. How many people, it may be inquired, would have sold their properties at the late valuation, and how many of them are there not who, with the confidence they have in Victoria's future, would prefer to hold on to rather than dispose of their holdings? As far as can be learned the present valuation more nearly approaches correctness than any one that has preceded it.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

The act abolishing imprisonment for debt in Nova Scotia came into force on the first of May last. Still a very stringent provision is made to meet cases where persons who really are in a position to pay will not pay. Under the new law, when a judgment has been obtained against a person, the creditor has to secure an order from a commissioner, judge, magistrate or justice of the peace to have the debtor arraigned. The order is served on the debtor to appear on a certain day. The facts of the judgment are then ascertained, and the financial condition of the debtor is enquired into. The debtor is then ordered to pay the debt in a lump sum or by instalments, according to circumstances. Should the debtor ignore the order to pay, a subsequent order for his arrest is issued, and he is placed in jail until the further order of the court, or until he decides to pay the money. Should the creditor, however, leave the debtor in jail for a period of ten days without seeking to have the matter settled in accordance with the act, the debtor is discharged from custody, and the latter can hold the creditor liable for the amount of money paid for his maintenance in jail.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE *Toronto Globe's* Ottawa correspondent says: it will be proved, when the inquiry before the committee on privileges and elections is completed, that at least \$1,000,000 has been stolen from the people in connection with the harbor works at Levis and Quebec and Esquimaux graving dock.

HARVESTING in Ontario, particularly in the western parts of the Province, is well under way, and threshing has revealed the fact that the yield will be even larger than was anticipated a few weeks ago. Fall wheat promises to yield ten to fifteen bushels per acre more than last year. Peas, barley, oats, and in fact all cereals promise a magnificent return. So far spring wheat promises well. In the eastern part of the province rains have been somewhat excessive, and it is feared barley may be damaged in color. In the west no such complaints are heard, the color being excellent.

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

For the month of July, 1891:

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

Spirits.....	\$ 7,647 17
Malt.....	2,534 50
Tobacco (plug).....	1,078 75
Cigars.....	555 00
Inspection petroleum.....	202 70
Licenses (Brewers, Malsters and Cigar Manufacturers).....	1,375 00
Total.....	\$16,333 12

CUSTOMS' RECEIPTS.

The returns for the month at the Victoria custom house are as follows:

Duties.....	\$ 72,023 74
Other Revenues.....	7,121 81
Total.....	79,145 50
July, 1890.....	67,207 72

Increase.....	\$ 11,937 83
Imports—	
Dutiable.....	\$201,073 00
Free.....	39,046 00
Total.....	\$240,119 00

Exports—	
Produce of Canada.....	\$157,252 00
Not produce of Canada.....	6,914 00
Total.....	\$164,166 00

Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

For the month of July, 1891:

Spirits.....	\$ 3,768 56
Malt.....	88 38
Tobacco.....	1,204 00
Cigars.....	540 30
Licenses.....	900 00
Other Receipts.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 6,102 24

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The following are the customs returns for the port of Vancouver for the month ending July 31st, 1891, and also for the corresponding month in 1890:

	1890.	1891	Increase.
Duties.....	\$17,699 07	\$21,821 06	\$ 4,121 99
Other revenues.....	\$ 3,121 36	\$11,505 02	\$ 8,383 66
Total.....	\$20,820 43	\$33,326 08	\$12,505 65

The exports for the month amounted to \$33,547.

Collections at the port of Nanaimo for the month of July, 1891:

Import duty.....	\$ 5,796 70
Sick mariners' dues.....	347 22
Copyright.....	27 87
Miscellaneous.....	12 30
Total.....	\$6,184 09

The British Board of Trade returns for May show that during the month of May the exports from Great Britain of textile fabrics and yarns had decreased no less than £1,613,777 from a total of £9,344,807 in May of last year; the exports of metals and manufactures thereof, a decline of £23,657, and general manufactures of £48,133, the total falling off, during the month, of exports of British manufactures being £3,196,306, and of foreign and colonial re-exports, £1,021,584. In the imports there was an increase for the month of £1,036,683, as contrasted with these decreases of exports. In the first five months of 1891 the imports into the kingdom were £175,487,916, against £174,084,463 for the corresponding period of the previous year, while the exports were £121,801,311 for the same months in 1891, against £133,836,300 in 1890—a decrease of £11,034,989.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the month ending July 31st:

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
1—	Mogul, ss., Port Townsend.....	39
2—	Queen, ss., Port Townsend.....	453
3—	Gov. Ames, schr., San Francisco.....	2,800
3—	Lucy Lowe, ss., Whatcom.....	150
3—	Tacoma, ss., Port Townsend.....	60
4—	Williamette, ss., San Francisco.....	2,505
4—	Mogul, ss., Port Townsend.....	27
7—	West Indian, ss., San Francisco.....	1,680
10—	Danube, ss., Behring Sea.....	601
10—	Lakme, ss., Ounalaska.....	540
11—	San Benito, ss., San Francisco.....	4,805
11—	Tacoma, ss., Port Townsend.....	57
13—	Mogul, ss., Port Townsend.....	15
14—	J. C. Brittain, ss., Whatcom.....	207
14—	Seminole, bk., San Francisco.....	2,337
14—	Discovery, ss., Port Townsend.....	32
15—	Wanderer, ss., Port Townsend.....	70
17—	J. C. Brittain, ss., Whatcom.....	208
17—	Rufus B. Wood, bk., San Francisco.....	2,330
18—	Queen, ss., Port Townsend.....	477
20—	Memnon, bk., Honolulu, H.I.....	1,300
20—	Wanderer, ss., Port Townsend.....	28
20—	Santa Cruz, ss., San Francisco.....	22
21—	Ivy, shp., San Francisco.....	1,927
23—	Haitian Republic, ss., San Francisco.....	1,203
23—	Bundaleer, bk., San Francisco.....	1,487
23—	Mogul, ss., Port Townsend.....	57
23—	J. C. Brittain, ss., Whatcom.....	213
23—	Glory of the Seas, shp., Wilmington, Cal.....	3,519
25—	Tacoma, ss., Port Townsend.....	67
25—	Wanderer, ss., Port Townsend.....	64
29—	Kennebec, shp., San Francisco.....	3,505
30—	Valley Forge, bk., San Diego.....	1,970
31—	Sea Lion, ss., Port Townsend.....	50
31—	Queen, ss., Port Townsend.....	477
31—	Empire, ss., San Francisco.....	1,022
Total.....		37,112

WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
2—	Zambesi, ss., Victoria.....	500
3—	Mexico, ss., Victoria.....	120
4—	City of Topeka, ss., Sitka.....	250
5—	Discovery, ss., Port Townsend.....	36
6—	City of Puebla, ss., Seattle.....	500
6—	Taichow, ss., San Francisco.....	1,650
6—	Santa Cruz, ss., Juneau.....	200
6—	Collis, ss., Port Townsend.....	50
9—	Pioneer, ss., Port Townsend.....	20
9—	Saranac, bk., San Francisco.....	1,700
13—	Batavia, ss., Victoria.....	57
14—	Pioneer, ss., Port Townsend.....	25
15—	Collis, ss., Whatcom.....	44
16—	Wellington, ss., San Diego.....	2,000
18—	R. Transit, ss., Whatcom.....	215
18—	Pioneer, ss., Port Townsend.....	30
19—	Mexico, ss., Sitka.....	400
22—	San Pedro, ss., San Francisco.....	4,000
24—	Discovery, ss., Vancouver.....	21
27—	R. Holyoke, ss., Port Angeles.....	30
27—	Richard III., bk., San Francisco.....	1,700
29—	Levi O'Burgess, sh., Port Town.....	2,450
30—	Pioneer, ss., Port Townsend.....	37
Total.....		16,635

UNION SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
2—	San Mateo, San Francisco.....	4,400
19—	San Mateo, ss., San Francisco.....	4,500
24—	San Benito, ss., San Francisco.....	5,000
Total.....		13,900

EAST WELLINGTON SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
2—	Signal, ss., San Francisco.....	64
18—	Empire, ss., San Francisco.....	940
Total.....		1,584

What is said to be the largest shipment of tea ever made from Japan was brought in by the Upton line steamer *Sussex*, which arrived at Victoria last week. She had 24,000 chests, besides other freight and a large number of passengers.