

In our last issue we showed the number and value of eggs imported, and in them one source of wealth which our farmers should appropriate to themselves. In this article will be given the amount of bacon, hams and lard imported, amount consumed, (showing to what extent we drew on last year's surplus) value of the article at place of purchase, and the protection given in the shape of duty to any who may be willing to embark in the enterprise of pig raising. Stock-raisers, generally, in British Columbia—especially during the last ten years—have been prosperous, and in some instances gained a competency and retired; yet few have ventured into raising and curing pork. The following table will give an idea of the extent to which this enterprise may be carried:

IMPORTS INTO BRITISH COLUMBIA, YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1883.

TOTAL IMPORTS.			ENTER'D FOR HOME CONSUMPTION		
	Quantity lbs.	Value.	Quantity lbs.	Value.	Duty Paid.
Ham and Bacon	413,559	\$65,385.00	414,590	\$65,245.00	\$8,291.81
Lard	144,936	22,373.00	145,716	22,482.00	12,914.32
Totals	558,592	\$87,758.00	560,306	\$87,727.00	\$11,206.13

Of course, we all want corn-fed pork. We have it sold to us by the packer, but at the same time we should like very much to have some one figure out, and see, after the various commodities into which corn is manufactured for the use of man how far the remainder would go towards fattening swine. Many a shoit gets softer feed than corn. Statistics show and experiments confirm, that peas and artichokes are about as good as any other food for pigs and we also know that in the production of those vegetables British Columbia can hold her own with the balance of the Dominion. Here we have a market, a country in which the provender may be abundantly raised and a protective tariff. If our farmers will be wise in their generation they will gradually work into this trade before it is too late. For many valuable hints, to persons not already experts, we recommend the perusal of a hand-book published by Wm. Niles, of Los Angeles, Cal., to whom we are indebted for the engraving of Berkshire swine.

### REAL ESTATE.

Real estate in British Columbia has still an upward tendency, and although the number of transfers for February are but little over half that of January, the average price obtained is in favor of the month just passed—that is to say, in January there were 128 transfers made in consideration of \$260,862, or an average price of \$2,038; whilst for February we have seventy-five sales, yielding \$177,224, or an average of \$2,363, giving February an advance over January of about \$325 per sale.

The following table shows the amount of business in each month of the respective years, 1882-3-4:

1882—January	35 sales	\$ 31,256
February	31 sales	30,778
1883—January	51 sales	125,000
February	57 sales	53,309
1884—January	128 sales	266,862
February	75 sales	177,224

### VICTORIA CITY.

Some few sales have taken place during the month, the most notable being the purchase of Mr. C. E. Redfern on Government St., who has now in hand plans for a brick building to be erected on this property. Property on James Bay shows some activity—the extreme end of this locality can be quoted at \$350 for a town lot. Less than four years ago it was difficult to obtain that price for an acre.

### DISTRICT LANDS

Are being eagerly enquired for and those adjacent to the city on the Burnside Road, Victoria Arm, Gorge road, and extension of Douglas St. are selling at from two hundred and fifty to six hundred dollars per acre, in from one to five acre plots.

### PORT HAMMOND JUNCTION.

There are numerous enquiries for lots at Port Hammond owing to the arrangements referred to in the advertising columns of the daily papers by which the C. P. N. Co. forward passengers and freight direct to their wharf at this place, making connection with trains running nearly to Lytton.

The siding, extending over a thousand feet along the bank of the river, is completed, and a Y has been laid so that the locomotives can be turned here without going to Port Moody for that purpose. The building of the freight sheds will shortly be completed, and in the course of a few days Victoria will be connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway by the splendid steamers of the C. P. N. Co. The Yosemite can make the trip in six hours.

Whether real estate in any one point of the Province is more active than in another, we are not prepared to say, inasmuch as it is hard to obtain information from brokers, but we have been told that in New Westminster the leading agents are doing a thriving business in Port Moody lots, as high as twelve sales a day having been made, and that one speculator secured over 300 per cent. on his investment at the expiration of seventy days.

New Orleans is the first city in the Union to erect a statue to a woman. This in honor of Margaret Houghery, the benefactress of the orphan asylum in that city. The new school-house in ward four is to be called the "Tarbell School," in recognition of the merit and long services of Mary A. Tarbell.

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