

NUMBER of persons represented by goods passed free of duty under the head of settlers' effects.

	ADULTS	VALUE OF EFFECTS
1884, ($\frac{1}{2}$ year).....	99 males, 97 females, 134 children.....	\$22,159
1883.....	181 males, 176 females, 207 children.....	35,670
1882.....	137 males, 121 females, 125 children.....	24,211
1881.....	particulars not kept.....	14,150

N. B.—Settlers from eastern provinces are not included in this.

APPENDIX O.

CORRESPONDENCE.

VICTORIA, B.C., July 20th, 1884.

SIR,—In accordance with a suggestion from Mr. Chapleau as to information for the use of the Royal Commission about to sit in Victoria on the Chinese question in a short time, I have the honor to request from your department a return of the convictions against Chinese criminals during the last eight or ten years, with the cost to the Administration of Justice of their prosecution; such return to be as brief as possible, simply stating offence, sentence, cost, year. Also a similar return, but entirely distinct, of conviction of other criminals, stating offence, sentence, cost, year, country. Such returns to be prepared in columnar statements, with totals carried out.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. H. GRAY.

To the Honorable A. B. DAVIE,
Attorney-General.

VICTORIA, B.C., July 20th, 1884.

SIR,—Mr. Chapleau having written me to obtain certain information preparatory to the sitting of the Royal Commission on the Chinese question at Victoria in a short time, I have to request that you will prepare and transmit to me as soon as you possibly can:

1. A return of the number of vessels arriving in British Columbia annually with Chinese immigrants, and the number brought by them, the period to be for the last eight or ten years.
2. A return during the same period of the value of their importations and the duties paid thereon by the Chinese, classifying in general terms the nature and character of the goods imported—for instance, groceries, wearing apparel, rice—with the proportionate amount of duty on each class.
3. If possible, the number of vessels returning to China with Chinese and the number of the latter, and the value of goods or coin they took with them.
4. Similar return to the United States from British Columbia. Also similar returns as to other immigrants during the same period who may have arrived in the Province. In order to avoid complication, please to prepare such returns according to the financial year.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. H. GRAY.

To the Honorable WILLIAM HAMLEY,
Collector of Customs.