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STATISTICS { Before railways.
 { Since railways began.

Provincial exports from Victoria,	{ Mines	\$467 261
B.C. for one Quarter in 1880..	{ Fisheries.....	101 820
	{ Animals and their products...	139 795

Total of exports for said quarter..\$763 576

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A POEM.

APPENDIX: