

## B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province of British Columbia for the month of October, 1893:

## IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTMINSTER	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods	\$204,251 00	\$84,736 00	\$47,653 00	\$14,703 00	\$350,343 00
Free Goods	21,017 00	50,953 00	12,710 00	5,032 00	92,712 00
Total Imports	\$225,268 00	\$135,689 00	\$60,363 00	\$19,735 00	\$440,055 00

## REVENUE.

Duty Collected	\$ 70,835 03	\$ 30,986 51	\$ 14,787 63	\$ 4,551 62	\$121,160 81
Other Revenue	1,383 36	3,936 48	70 90	461 62	8,853 36
Total Collections	\$ 72,218 39	\$ 34,922 99	\$ 14,858 53	\$ 5,013 24	\$130,016 20

## EXPORTS.

The Mine	\$ 32,425 00		\$ 75,103 00	\$242,981 00	\$350,511 00
The Fisheries	513,853 00	\$ 77,302 00	176,290 00		1,067,355 00
The Forest	11,763 00	25,711 00	845 00		41,322 00
Animals and their produce	10,267 00	237 00	700 00	10 00	17,250 00
Agricultural	6,495 00	3,606 00	12 00	13 00	12,027 00
Manufactures	12,830 00	1,916 00	2,803 00	205 00	17,754 00
Miscellaneous	66,267 00	103 00			66,370 00
Total Exports	\$662,801 00	\$110,914 00	\$55,665 00	\$243,212 00	\$1,072,622 00

\$100 gold coin and \$130 silver coin.

Santa Rosalia. The Am. schr. Louis, 420 tons, Capt. Hatch, sailed from Vancouver Nov. 7 for Iquiqui with a cargo of lumber. The Salvator has also sailed again from Royal Roads to Port Pirie. There are no new charters to report.

There are at present five vessels aggregating 5,074 tons, loading at British Columbia ports for foreign.

At Victoria—American schooner John D. Lallant, 53 tons, for Australia. At Vancouver—Nor. ship Germanic, 1,269 tons, for Cork, U. K., for orders. Am. bark Reporter, 333 tons, for Japan. Am. ship Benj. Sewell, 1,361 tons, for Cork, U. K. Am. ship Snow & Burgess, 1,578 tons, for Santa Rosalia.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment: Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet. \$ 8 00  
Black plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M ..... 00 00  
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M. .... 00 00  
Pickets, rough per M. .... 9 00  
Laths, 1 foot, per M. .... 00

The following are the current city prices; quotations are at the mill and subject to the usual discounts: Rough, \$7 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$9; flooring and rustic, No. 1, \$14; do., No. 2, \$12; shingles, \$1.50; lath, \$1.50.

James Hartney has contracted to get out 136,000 lineal feet of poles for the copper mines at Santa Rosalia.

It is announced that claims aggregating over a million dollars have been filed by Victoria sealers in the hands of Collector of Customs Milne, the bulk of which have already been forwarded to Ottawa for transmission to Washington. These are for compensation for their exclusion from Behring Sea during 1892 and 1893, pending the arbitration recently concluded between the United States and Great Britain. The claims against the United States have been made out in minute detail, one for each schooner for each year, and it is to be hoped will be considered and settled without undue delays on the part of the Americans who, we, however, expect to see raising all possible objections, as is their custom when called upon to make reparation for damages done to other nations.

## BUSINESS CHANGES.

F. Stirsky, watches, has again opened in Westminster.

John Peterson, hotel, Kamloops, succeeded by M. McCarty.

J. Harling, cigar manufacturer, Vancouver, is out of business.

Cash & Ellery, hotel, Westminster, have sold out to A. Vachon.

J. D. Ross, tannery, Kamloops, advertised for sale by the sheriff.

Geo. J. Kanarek, restaurant, Victoria, sold out to Wm. H. Shjured.

The Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Lumber Co., are seeking incorporation.

Cornell & Burnyeat, civil engineers, are opening a branch at Fairview.

Spink & Atkinson, hotel, Blaine, have dissolved. J. B. Atkinson continues.

Rahy Bros., fancy goods, have opened in Victoria, at 160 Government street.

Stradthagen & Garland, grocers, have opened in Victoria at 165½ Douglas street.

Verdeau & Co., fish peddlers, Victoria, have dissolved. John Anestaew continues.

The furniture and fittings of the Colonial Metropole hotel are advertised for sale by auction.

H. V. Wier and E. W. Bremner, produce and fruits, have opened in Victoria, at 19 Yates street.

Joseph McAllan, shoemaker, from Marysville, Cal., has opened in Victoria, at 81½ Yates street.

J. W. Creighton, tailor, Victoria, has bought the stock of J. C. Leask, who was closed by mortgagee.

A. R. Exley, & Co., grocers, Nanaimo, have sold out to John Nicholson, who is closing out the business.

J. D. Pemberton, of Pemberton & Son, Victoria, is dead. The firm are owners of a large block of land in Victoria city and district.

W. R. Megaw, has sold out his interest in the Vernon News to John A. McKelvie. The publishers are now Henderson & McKelvie.

George Cooper has purchased C. M.

## INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of October at the port of Victoria, were as follows:

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

Spirits	\$ 8,391 01
Malt	2,380 80
Tobacco	4,562 63
Cigars	915 90
Petroleum Inspection	103 28
Total	\$16,416 62

## WAREHOUSED, EX-WAREHOUSED.

Spirits	5,682.84	p. gals	5,595.89
Malt	155,010	lbs	119,040
Tobacco	12,889	lbs	18,250
Raw	2,069	lbs	2,069
Cigars	21,450		16,250

Balance in warehouse:

Spirits	16,127.72	P. gals
Malt	62,000	lbs
Tobacco	12,389	lbs
Cigars	92,850	

Page's interest in the firm of Page & Winnett. The firm will hereafter be known as Winnett & Cooper.

The Hotel Mission, Mission City, has been completely destroyed by fire. Loss on building \$11,000, furniture \$4,000. John Morrison was manager of the house, which was owned by H. B. French.

The Albion Iron Works have secured the contract for the repairs to the damaged collier, San Mateo, which are to be completed in 21 days.

S. M. Okell, of the Okell & Morris Fruit Preserving Co., Victoria, has been appointed the delegate of the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association to the Pacific Northwest Fruit Growers' Convention, which will be held at Spokane Feb. 7, 1894.

D. W. Gillies, formerly book-keeper for the B. C. Cattle Co. at Vancouver, has been promoted to be manager of the company at Victoria and Vancouver. R. L. Cawson will confine his attention to the companies ranches in the Okanagan district.

The barks Formosa and City of Carlisle have almost completed their cargoes of salmon for England, and will probably sail this week. The Steveston Canning Co. shipped 7,300 cases of salmon to Tacoma on Nov. 9 for transshipment to Liverpool, via sailing ship.

Scotland has a bank, or branch bank, to about every 4,000 population, the depositors who have not more than \$500 to their credit on deposit receipt or current account number 25 per cent. of the total, yet the aggregate deposits amount to \$460,000,000, which is \$120 per head of the whole population.

The ss. Warrimoo, Capt. Arundell, arrived Nov. 8, from Sydney, and Honolulu with the following cargo for Victoria: 1,300 crates, 400 bunches bananas, 15 crates pines, 11 cases honey, 24 cases wine, 60 cases of fruit, 7 cases meats and 27 bundles skins. For Vancouver—500 cases of meat, 145 cases fruit, 20 carcasses mutton, 8 bales skins, 172 bales wool, 29 cases wine, 187 bunches of bananas, 362 boxes do, 18 boxes pines, 12 boxes honey, 150 bags sugar, 2,000 bags rice and 85 sacks bran. In this list there is included the perishable cargo of the stranded Miowera, taken on at Honolulu,