

British Columbia.

Nanaimo customs collections for July were \$6,184.

C. H. Bowes & Co. have opened a drug store at Victoria.

Inland revenue collections at Vancouver for July were \$8,102.

Inland revenue collections for Victoria district for July were \$16,393.

Wm. McGirr & Sons, cigars, Vancouver, have sold out to S. Thompson.

Horricks & Co., drugs, Vancouver, are offering to dispose of their business.

Plans for the new Bank of Montreal building at Vancouver have been approved.

J. K. Campbell, of Toronto, will open a tailoring establishment at Vancouver.

W. J. McPherson has secured premises at Vancouver, and will open in boots and shoes.

J. F. Galbraith, wholesale and retail Japan goods, Vancouver, advertises business for sale.

The fine new steamer Victorian, built at Portland, to ply between Victoria and Puget Sound points, has been completed and placed on the route.

The bank of British North America has purchased two lots with a frontage of 52 feet on Hastings street, Vancouver, and will erect a fine block thereon.

A. G. Moir, of Port Arthur has located at Vancouver where he takes the position of superintendent of agencies of the Equitable Life Insurance Company for the province.

Charles E. Tisdale, guns and sporting goods, has just issued his second annual gun catalogue and price list. The book is neatly printed and contains a large number of cuts of guns, revolvers, etc.

Vancouver Island coal exports for July were 76,102 tons, of which the New Vancouver Company shipped 12,400; Wellington, 18,132; East Wellington, 1,580, and the Union Collieries, 13,000 tons.

The sealers are about all out of Behring sea, having been warned by the war ships. The steam sealer Thistle has arrived at Victoria with 82 skins, which were captured before she was overhauled by a war ship. The Sea Lion arrived with 80 skins.

The official census figures give Victoria's population at 16,800 and Vancouver 11,800. This is very much less in each instance than had been counted upon. Either the local figures have been greatly exaggerated or the official figures are far astray.

The following are the Customs returns for the Port of Vancouver for the month ending July 31st, with corresponding month in 1890:

	1890.	1891.	Increase.
Duties	\$17,609.07	\$21,824.06	\$4,214.99
Other Revenues	3,124.36	11,505.02	8,380.66
Total	20,733.43	33,329.08	12,595.65

The exports for the month amounted to \$38,547

The *Ledger* says:—A gentleman from England recently visited Chilliwack for the purpose of selecting a site for a fruit cannery. He represented a large English syndicate who intended going into fruit canning in this province on an extensive scale. The company intends preparing the fruit for the European markets under the new system, viz., putting it up in glass jars manufactured expressly for the purpose by themselves. They intend locating their glass works as convenient as possible to the

cannery. Several tons of fruit will be prepared in this way in Victoria this year as a sample of the firm's production, and in order to establish a market in England for B.C. fruit, this initial step will be taken, which is bound to prove successful.

The following are the customs returns at Victoria for July.

Duties	\$ 72,024.74
Other Revenues	7,121.81
Total	79,146.55
July, 1890	67,207.72
Increase	\$ 11,937.83
Imports—Dutiable	\$201,073.00
" Free	32,916.00
	\$233,989.00

Exports—produce of Canada	\$457,252.00
" not produce of Canada	6,911.00
Total	\$464,163.00

Montreal Markets.

There have been sales of strong bakers at a shade under quoted prices. There have also been sales of Manitoba brands of strong bakers in this city at \$4.90 and \$5, but the regular rate of city strong bakers is quoted at \$5.25. There has been a considerable trade on export account during the month, and a good enquiry is still experienced from the other side. Freights to Liverpool, 10s to 12s 6l. Patent, winter, \$5.10 to 5.30; patent, spring, \$5.25 to 5.50; straight roller, \$4.80 to \$4.90; extra, \$4.40 to 4.70; superfine, \$4.10 to 4.35; Manitoba bakers', \$4.75 to 5.00.

Mill feed.—The market for bran remains quite and easier. Small lots are being delivered at \$15.50 to \$16 here. Shorts are steady at \$19.50 to \$20 here and middlings \$22.50 to \$23.50.

Oatmeal, etc.—The shading of prices referred to last week has resulted in a general decline of about 25c per bbl, although one buyer says he can buy on still better terms. We quote:—granulated and rolled oats, \$5.75 per bbl, \$2.82½ per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$5.60 to \$5.65 per barrel.

Wheat—Manitoba No. 2 hard quoted at \$1.04 to \$1.05, No. 2 Northern at 98c and No. 3 hard at 93c to 94c.

Oats.—The market is again weak and lower, with prices very irregular, and nominally quoted at 45 to 47c for Manitoba mixed and 50 to 52c for choice No. 2 Ontario. A lot of Ontario oats was offered at 50c delivered here but the dealer here stated that he could not use them. The crop in this province promises to be very fine, and a small lot of new oats is expected here to-morrow.

Butter.—The market keeps fairly steady at about last week's prices, sales of creamery having transpired in round lots at 19c to 19½c for English account, a fancy factory having possibly commanded a fraction higher, but 19c to 19½c is the range of shippers' views, and at these figures it is said, holders might get rid of all their July goods. In eastern townships there have been sales of round lots of fine shipping stock at 16½ to 16¾c, but western drags, as prices asked are too high for exporters to handle to any extent.

Cheese.—The "boom" in cheese has been succeeded by a decidedly easier feeling. Sales have been reported here this week of 800 boxes finest colored at 8½ to 8¾c and 1,500 boxes finest white 8½ to 8¾c and about 2,000 boxes of underpriced goods at 8 to 8¾c. The cost of cheese shipped by this week's steamers ranges from 84

to 9c for finest colored, and 8½ to 8¾c for finest white; but the market closes weak with out side rates unobtainable.

Eggs.—A steady business has been transacted on the basis of 13c to 13½c for candle stock, straight lots having been placed at 12½c. Advances from England report a better market for Canadian eggs, and further orders have been received in this city.

Hides.—No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; No. 3, 3½c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 30c to 35; calfskins, 7c.—*Trade Bulletin*, July 31.

Grain and Milling.

The Farmers' Elevator Company have begun the erection of their elevator at Neepawa, Man.

The *Regina Leader*, with commendable enterprise, secured a telegraphic report of the condition of the crops throughout Assiniboia territory, for its last issue. All the reports were exceedingly favorable as to prospects, and indicated that harvest would commence about August 20, in most districts.

Reports of the coming wheat crop in India have been of a more favorable nature recently, and the latest estimate, according to the *Liverpool Corn Trade News*, is for a yield of 264,000,000 bushels. Of this the exportable surplus is placed at 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels, which would indicate India's ability to make up considerable of the shortage that is prospective in European crops.

At the Dominion Millers' Association, on motion of C. B. Watts, seconded by John Brown, it was resolved that the matter of complaints of Port Arthur inspection be brought before the Dominion Government by a communication from the executive and that the executive committee be authorized to take steps to push to survey the first car, in which it is clear that the wheat is not of the grade represented in the certificate, and to take any other steps they may deem necessary.

A new milling and grain buying company is seeking incorporation at Regina, Assa., the applicants being Spring Rice, of Pense, J. D. Sibbald and C. B. Paget. The corporate name will be "The Western Milling Company, (Limited)." It is intended to build a flour mill near the present elevator, in time for this crop. The capacity will be about 100. A very good mill and elevator were erected at Regina some years ago, but the mill was burnt down, leaving the elevator standing alone.

The Dominion Millers' Association met at Toronto on Aug 4. There was a large attendance, and Manitoba and the Northwest were well represented. The annual report of the association estimated the wheat crop for the Dominion at 55,160,000 bushels of wheat, of which Ontario is to supply 29,160,000 bushels, Manitoba 20,000,000, and the territories 5,000,000. This would allow 22,130,000 bushels for export. Thomas Goldie, of Guelph was elected president. The new president delivered an address on the subject of selling flour on time and giving up bills of lading without payment of drafts, a system which he strongly objected to. A committee was appointed to deal with the subject.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* of July 31st, had a very reliable and fair article upon the Manitoba crop situation, stating the facts just about as they were at that date.