

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The Commercial Journal says:

"The other evening in the Legislature the Premier introduced a sweeping amendment to the Municipal Act. It was, he explained, to prohibit Sunday trading, or Sunday labor, except in specified works of necessity or charity, and was in accordance with the generally expressed wish in Victoria at any rate, where a large number of stores are kept open on Sunday, not because their proprietors want to, but because some of their neighbors do so, and those who closed would be put at a disadvantage. He instanced the petition of the barbers for a municipal by-law to compel Sunday closing, which failed of result because one proprietor would not sign. The exceptions include railways and tramways, hack drivers, livery stables, drug stores and such places which from their nature are required to be kept open at all times.

This amendment was agreed to and among others the newspapers published on Sunday morning are beginning to ask how they will be affected. If they are not to be allowed to publish as at present on Sunday morning and must be bound by the strict letter of the law they will be obliged to stop composition or presses precisely at the hour of midnight on Saturday, and not resume operations until the midnight hour has sounded and Monday morning has begun."

THERE is a great probability, it is said, that existing differences as to traffic arrangements between Victoria and the Mainland will be satisfactorily adjusted between the Canadian Pacific Railway and Navigation Companies respectively. Captain Irving said that personally he did not favor the terms proposed by the great railway corporation, but he was inclined to think that more satisfactory terms could be arranged by a conference between representatives of the companies the more immediately concerned.

ALTHOUGH the Australian steamship Warrimoo had but a comparatively small passenger list when she sailed for the South on Friday, she had one of the best cargoes that have so far been taken from this Province by vessels belonging to this line. Her cargo was miscellaneous and ought to be an attractive one for the various ports at which she calls, not a few of the shipments being of an experimental character in the hope that their attractiveness and suitability for the market to which they are consigned will generally commend them.

LATEST advices from the English fur sales will be satisfactory to the British Columbia sealing interest. A private telegram from London, dated March 15, announces that sealskins had on that day's sales advanced 7 per cent. over January. This makes seal skins worth about \$12, and leaves about \$4 a skin for the owners. The majority of the British Columbia sealers are beginning this season's operations in Japanese waters, and, it is announced, the naval department of the Government of that country having heard that in February and March every year a number of British and American "poaching" vessels visit the Islands and ship crews of natives, has decided to despatch a man-of-war to the Bonins to make a demonstration against the "poachers," as they are termed, and to protect the islanders.

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 February, 1894:

IMPORTS.					
	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods.....	\$142,889 00	\$176,395 00	\$ 28,746 00	\$ 10,899 00	\$358,929 00
Free Goods.....	33,694 00	43,640 00	5,175 00	832 00	83,341 00
Total Imports.....	\$176,583 00	\$220,035 00	\$ 33,921 00	\$ 11,731 00	\$442,270 00
REVENUE.					
Duty Collected.....	\$ 48,812 70	\$ 16,090 43	\$ 9,295 06	\$ 3,279 33	\$ 77,477 52
Other Revenue.....	6,068 30	3,602 88	57 96	309 39	10,038 53
Total Collections.....	\$ 54,881 00	\$ 19,693 31	\$ 9,353 02	\$ 3,588 72	\$ 87,516 05
EXPORTS.					
The Mine.....	\$ 11,812 00	\$ 150 00	\$239,259 00	\$194,365 00	\$445,586 00
The Fisheries.....	565 00	7,217 00	7,847 00		15,629 00
The Forest.....	1,148 00	15,155 00			16,303 00
Animals and their produce.....	8,566 00	723 00	752 00		10,041 00
Agricultural.....	41 00				41 00
Manufactures.....	5,694 00	2,493 00	3,778 00	289 00	12,254 00
Miscellaneous.....	2,361 00	385 00			2,746 00
Total Exports.....	\$ 30,187 00	\$ 26,123 00	\$251,636 00	\$194,654 00	\$602,600 00

*\$1.935 gold coin and \$362 silver coin.

EYESIGHT—HOW TO PRESERVE IT.—Everyday you hear some one say that his eyes are bad—he can't see as well as you can at a distance, or he can't read unless he holds his paper at arm's length from him. You ask him, why don't he get glasses? He answers: "If I start to wear glasses I will always have to? Such people do not realize the fact that their eyesight is always getting worse, which they could prevent with proper glasses. They would rather worry their eyes and wince than wear glasses which would do away with all the trouble. To do without glasses as long as possible is wrong. You should wear them as soon as your eyes feel strained or tired. Of course, it is very important that your glasses should be the proper ones to secure comfort and ease. Such glasses can only be obtained from a skilled optician, and the only place where such can be had is at F. W. Nolte & Co.'s, 37 Fort street.



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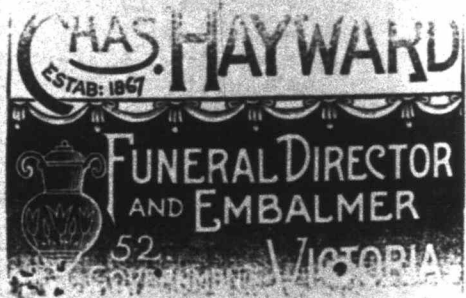
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