

## Importations of Vegetables

THE following statement, showing the quantity and value of vegetables imported into Canada from the United States, and entered for consumption at the ports of Montreal and Toronto during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, and the duty collected on each item, has been laid on the table of the House of Commons at Ottawa by the Minister of Customs:

### MONTREAL.

JULY TO DECEMBER, 1903, INCLUSIVE.

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.
Melons ..... No.	17,597	\$ 764	\$ 191.00
Potatoes ..... Bush.	1,641	2,370	446.15
Potatoes, Sweet.. "	3,023	2,400	302.30
Tomatoes, Fresh.. "	15,142	16,938	4,722.20
Tomatoes, Can'd. Lbs.	292,863	10,539	4,392.94
Vegetables, Other \$		14,106	3,526.50
Total, 6 months		\$47,117	\$13,581.09

JANUARY TO JUNE, 1904, INCLUSIVE.

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.
Potatoes ..... Bush.	1,793	\$ 1,815	\$ 268.95
Potatoes, Sweet.. "	433	774	43.30
Tomatoes, Fresh.. "	9,178	23,325	4,368.10
Tomatoes, Cannd. Lbs.	55,772	3,400	836.38
Vegetables, Other. \$		39,477	9,869.25
Total 6 months.		\$70,791	\$15,385.98
Grand total 12 months.		\$117,908	\$28,967.07

### TORONTO.

JULY TO DECEMBER, 1903, INCLUSIVE.

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.
Melons ..... No.	97,522	\$5,627	\$1,409.75
Potatoes ..... Bush.	1,414	1,292	212.10
Potatoes, Sweet.. "	5,178	4,037	517.80
Tomatoes, Fresh.. "	8,726	10,234	2,777.60
Vegetables, Can'd. Lbs.	148,747	7,047	2,281.20
Vegetables, Other \$		10,432	2,608.00
Total 6 months.		\$38,639	\$9,753.45

JANUARY TO JUNE, 1904, INCLUSIVE.

Articles.	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.
Melons ..... No.	7,062	\$ 775	\$ 193.75
Potatoes ..... Bush.	3,279	3,755	491.85
Potatoes, Sweet.. "	337	479	33.70
Tomatoes, Fresh.. "	7,191	17,661	3,204.30
Vegetables, Can'd. Lbs.	55,231	4,156	829.07
Vegetables, Other \$		28,160	7,040.00
Total 6 months.		\$44,986	\$11,792.67
Grand total 12 months		\$92,894	\$21,546.12

## The Vicar Pear

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A GENTLEMAN in the County of Waterloo sends a sample of a pear for identification. The pear, he says, matured in December, and when he wrote early in February, was still in good condition. The tree is a heavy bearer. For an ordinary sized tree, one barrel of fruit would be a fair crop, but in 1903 it bore three barrels of pears, of which 90 per cent were marketable, and in 1904 one barrel of marketable fruit. The Toronto men believe it to be Buerre d'Anjou, but it does not quite correspond with the description. "I hope," he adds, "that you can give me the correct name of the pear."

The pear is a fair sample of the Vicar of Winkfield, which was described and illustrated in my report to the Minister of Agriculture for the year 1901, page 22. It is an old French pear, introduced into cultivation about the year 1760, and now distributed in France under different names. It was introduced into England by the Vicar of Winkfield, hence its English name. I have grown the pear over 30 years in my experimental orchard near Grimsby, and have come to the conclusion that it should not be highly commended. The tree is fairly productive, but inclined to suffer from blight; while the fruit, though large in size and an excellent keeper and shipper, carrying as well as an apple, lacks color to make it a good seller, and has not good enough quality to commend it for the home garden. Its season is December to February.

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association is asking the local legislature to increase its annual grant. It also asks the Department of Agriculture to arrange for a national convention of fruit growers next autumn.