

## INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of April, 1897, at port of Victoria were as follows:

*Victoria Division Comprising all of Vancouver Island:*

Spirits .....	\$ 519 86
Malt .....	2 107 09
Tobacco .....	3 161 61
(raw leaf) .....	61 60
Cigars .....	518 10
Petroleum inspection .....	9 80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$11,051 19</b>

## WAREHOUSED, EX-WAREHOUSED

Spirits 1,817.16 pt. gals.	3,035.09 pt. gals
Malt 130,171 lbs.	110,171 lbs.
Tobacco 11,762 lbs.	12,684 lbs.
raw leaf 10,213 lbs.	3,103 lbs.
Cigars 50,800	12,000
Balance in warehouse .....	
Spirits .....	2 241.26 p. gals
Malt .....	1,815 lbs.
Tobacco (Manufactured) .....	5,036 lbs.
(raw) .....	15 035 lbs.
Cigars .....	227,100

## C.P.R. REFRIGERATOR SERVICE.

The traffic manager of the C.P.R. has issued a circular to agents, shippers and consignees as to the refrigerator service during the ensuing summer. The cars in this service are intended for exclusive transportation of butter, eggs, cheese, dressed poultry and other similar high class freight, requiring refrigerator cars. From Winnipeg and intermediate stations east of Brandon for main and branch line stations west of Dunmore, the first car will leave on May 13, and every Thursday thereafter during the season. From Brandon and intermediate stations to and including Moose Jaw, for main and branch line stations west of Dunmore, the West Kootenay and the Pacific coast, the first car will leave Brandon Thursday, May 13, and every Thursday thereafter during the season.

From Edmonton and intermediate stations to and including Calgary, for main and branch line stations west thereof, the West Kootenay and the Pacific coast, the first car will leave Edmonton Tuesday, May 18, and thereafter every alternate Tuesday.

From Napinka and intermediate Pembina branch stations to Winnipeg and all points covered by routes Nos. 1 and 5, the first car will leave Napinka Wednesday, May 19, and thereafter every alternate Wednesday. Shipments in this car for points west of and east of Winnipeg will be held in the company's cold storage warehouse at Winnipeg, and consolidated with cars on routes Nos. 1 and 5 without additional expense to the owner.

From Broadview and intermediate stations to Winnipeg and all points east thereof to and including Port Arthur, the first car will leave Broadview Wednesday, May 19, and thereafter every alternate Wednesday. Shipments in this car for points east of Winnipeg will be consolidated at Winnipeg with shipments out of cars on routes Nos. 4, 6 and 7.

From Alameda and intermediate Sour-

is and Southwestern branch stations to Winnipeg and all points covered by route No. 1, and all points east of Winnipeg route 5, the first car will leave Alameda, Wednesday, May 26, and thereafter every alternate Wednesday. Shipments in this car for points west of and east of Winnipeg will be held in the company's cold storage warehouse at Winnipeg without additional expense to the owner, to await connections with cars on routes 1 and 5.

From Emerson and intermediate station to Winnipeg and all points covered by routes Nos. 1, 2 and 5, the first car will leave Emerson, Monday, May 17, and thereafter every alternate Monday. Shipments in this car for points west and east of Winnipeg without additional expense to the owner, to await connection with cars on routes Nos. 1 and 5.

## MINING NOTES.

Private advices as well as the Nanaimo Free Press bring cheering accounts from Cameron Lake. Development work has proceeded far enough to bring out good ore and give indications of plenty of valuable mineral.

Messrs. L. H. Hill, John McLeod, Grant Jessop and W. Young have obtained fine rich specimens from their claims on Texada island.

The Fire Mountain Company expect to have their mill in place at Harrison Lake on the 15th of June. Their ore assays \$100 a ton in gold.

The Eldorado Company are about to sink a shaft on the lower end of the Cayash Creek.

Free milling quartz has been found on a mountain to the east of Heremos Creek.

The Vernon News says that a very rich specimen of siliceous rock carrying copper and iron pyrites and containing a piece of gold as large as a split pea was taken from the shaft of the Iron Cap claim on Okanagan Lake at a depth of about eleven feet.

The Hall Mines smelter is shut down for repairs, but will soon reopen with increased capacity.

## RICH TEXADA.

When the steamer Maude was in Nanaimo on her south bound trip this week, there were rumors of an important strike having been made on Texada Island, but confirmation was difficult to obtain owing to the characteristic reticence of those interested. It now appears that the facts are even more encouraging for those who look to Texada as a mineral producing district than the rumors current last Tuesday would suggest, and the shipment of two and a half tons of ore from the mines of the Victoria-Texada Mining Company's properties has removed all doubt as to the wonderful resources of the island. The

richness of the samples exhibited in Victoria has surprised everyone, and those who have received with the greatest incredulity previous reports of the richness of the Texada properties are now the most jubilant and enthusiastic.

Large nuggets and splashes of gold are scattered through and over all the pieces of ore, which is a bluish-white quartz, also thickly impregnated with pyrites of iron carrying gold. It is not possible to judge what value the two and a half tons will yield, but it is safe to say that any piece of the samples seen would assay from a thousand to ten thousand dollars per ton. The ledge from which it is taken runs into the sea, and has been traced by a surveyor a distance of 1,650 feet. The ledge is four feet wide at the surface, and at a depth of five feet had widened out to five and a half feet. This rich free gold deposit was only discovered a short time since.

There can be no question that here right at our doors we have a mingral deposit as rich as that which in the Kootenay district has attracted the attention of the civilized world, and it is now but a question of a very short time before the tide of capital and labor will pour into this seaboard mining district, where we have the great natural advantages of water transportation, and no possibility of a gigantic monopoly to hamper the growing industry being set up.—[Nanaimo Free Press.

The governor has signed the Greater New York bill, and the enlarged city will begin its official existence January 1, 1898. It will be the second city in extent of territory and size of population in the world, ranking next to London and ahead of Paris. It will contain 359½ square miles, will be 32 miles long, and 16 miles wide at the points of greatest dimensions, and will contain about 3,000,000 inhabitants under an honestly conducted census.

It would appear from statistics that, in Ontario at any rate, drunkenness is decidedly on the decrease. The report of Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer, on the working of the Tavern and Shop Licenses Acts, includes a table showing the number of commitments for drunkenness for each year since 1875. The total for 1896 is given as 1,307, being much the lowest for any year given, and less than one-half the number for 1887-8-9 or 1890.

A certain Chicago banker has a pretty poor opinion of the men who write books telling how to get rich. "Only a few days ago I made a settlement with a man who has owed me money for years," he remarked. "He paid 7½ cents on the dollar. He is the author of a book entitled 'How to Succeed in Life.'"