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 June, 1893:

IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUV'R	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods	$201,712 00	$ 79,265 00	$ 10,875 00	$ 12,238 00	$337,120 00
Free Goods	68,000 00	13,660 00	10,070 00	1,911 00	123,641 00
Total Imports	$272,712 00	$122,925 00	$ 50,945 00	$ 14,149 00	$460,761 00

REVENUE.

Duty Collected	$ 66,112 57	$ 26,663 70	$ 12,032 55	$ 4,115 26	$109,529 08
Other Revenue	8,571 40	2,306 72	571 97	267 58	11,720 67
Total Collections	$ 74,686 97	$ 28,975 42	$ 13,204 52	$ 4,382 84	$121,249 75

EXPORTS.

The Mine	$ 15,432 00	$ 836 00		$339,776 00	$356,044 00
The Fisheries	2,451 00	627 00	$ 321 00		3,399 00
The Forest	4,380 00	30,150 00	2,877 00	910 00	38,317 00
Animals and their produce	21,190 00	2,106 00	6 00	1,100 00	28,302 00
Agricultural	9 00	2,219 00			2,228 00
Manufactures	3,514 00	3,637 00	527 00		7,678 00
Miscellaneous	*70,330 00				70,330 00
Total Exports	$120,606 00	$ 39,875 00	$ 3,731 00	$342,086 00	$506,298 00

*$69,500 gold coin and $105 silver coin.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

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

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

Spirits	$ 6,371 63
Malt	2,382 44
Tobacco	2,625 64
Cigars	1,077 90
Petroleum inspection	100 50
Rent of land	50 00
Other receipts	175 10
Total	$12,683 21

	WAREHOUSED.		EX-WAREHOUSED.	
Spirits	9,663.85	p. gals	4,247.63	
Malt	103,122	lbs	119,122	lbs
Tobacco	4,799	lbs	10,502½	lbs
Raw	497	lbs	497	lbs
Cigars	21,950		13,000	

Balance in warehouse:

Spirits	17,286.59 P. gals
Malt	59,000 lbs
Tobacco	5,506½ lbs
Cigars	101,400

The receipts for Vancouver, Inland Revenue Division No. 38 for June were as follows:

Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

Spirits warehoused during month	5,602.03 p gals
" ex-warehsd for cons'mptn.	3,933.74 p gals
Balance in warehouse	12,082.19 p gals
Malt warehoused during month	82,627 lbs
" ex-warehoused for consumption	69,717 lbs
" balance in warehouse	58,620 lbs
Tobacco warehoused during month	9,239 lbs
" ex-warehoused for cons'mptn	11,815 lbs
" balance in warehouse	7,789½ lbs
" raw leaf wareh'd during m'nth	651 lbs
" " ex-wareh'd for cons'mptn	651 lbs
Cigars warehoused during month	10,000
" ex-warehoused during month.	20,000
" balance in warehouse	10,000

COLLECTIONS.

Spirits	$ 5,900 39
Tobacco	2,953 75
Malt	1,374 34
Cigars	699 30
Petroleum Ins	99 00
Other receipts	25 00
Total	$11,051 78

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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Tuesday Morning, July 18.

VICTORIA.

Trade is fairly steady for this season of the year, when business generally is slack. The dry goods houses report business quiet. Australian trade has been one of the liveliest features of the week. Sealskins are arriving and find a good market. They are immediately packed and forwarded to London. It is generally estimated that the sealskin catch of the British Columbia fleet this year will cause over one million dollars to be circulated this fall, which should liquidate numerous accounts and directly benefit a considerable proportion of the city's population.

During the week just closed, according to the *News-Advertiser* business at Vancouver has picked up somewhat, and merchants report that trade continues steady. Collections are still slow and money tight. There have been several additions to the lumber fleet during the week, four vessels having arrived. The mills there will thus be kept running for some time, while the local trade shows an improvement and some of the mills are running overtime. The fine weather has also helped trade, as outdoor work, which has been seriously hindered, is now well under way. Business continues steady, the chief feature being the arrival of a large shipment of Australia fruit.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The principal feature of the past week has been the Australian fruit trade. Bananas are quoted a little lower than last week. Quite a number of bananas received ex Warrimoo were received over ripe and were not fit to reship to the Sound, so they were disposed of at a sacrifice and were retailed at $1.00 and 50c a bunch. Wilson Bros., agents for Campbell, Marshall & Co., have a good stock in warehouse which are ripening gradually, just about fast enough to meet the demands of the trade. Hawaiian pineapples are lower this week; sugars being quoted from $5.00 to $6.00 and ordinary at $2.00 to $2.50. A consignment of apricots in crates was received from the Sound, last week, slightly overripe; they found a ready at sale at 75c, and were in good demand for preserving. Receipts of California fruit continue large, and prices for small fruits are easier. Apples, apricots, plums, peaches and tomatoes are all cheaper this week. Strawberries are about over, and the demand is falling off. Cherries are now coming in plentifully, although it is believed that the local crop will not be as large this year as last.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Riverside Seedlings		2 50 @	2 75
" " fancy		2 90 @	3 00
Mediterranean sweets		2 75 @	3 25
Australian		2 50 @	0 00
Lemons—California		4 00 @	4 50
Sicily		5 50 @	5 75
Australian		2 50 @	0 00
Bananas		1 75 @	2 25
Local strawberries	per lb	7½	
Apples, Red Astrakan	bxs	1 50 @	1 75
Cherries		90 @	1 00
Apricots		75 @	1 15
Plums		85 @	1 00
Peaches		1 00 @	1 25
Cocoanuts	per 100	7 50 @	7 75
Currants		1 00 @	0 00
Watermelons	per doz	5 50 @	7 50
Pineapples—sugar	per doz	5 00 @	6 00
Hawaiian	per doz	2 00 @	2 50

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local	per lb	2½ @	
New California	per lb	1½ @	
Onions—Silverskins		2½ @	
Cabbage		1½ @	2
Beans—string	per lb	7 @	
Peas—green	per lb	2½ @	
Tomatoes	per box	1 25 @	
Cucumbers	per box	1 75 @	

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The British Columbia Refinery have advanced their quotations ½c per lb., and jobbers prices are up in sympathy. The American meat market is lower this week. Quotations are about 1c per lb., lower all round.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 6,109 pkgs., against 4,420 pkgs., for the week previous. The market for creamery butter is called a trifle less firm by some dealers, while others find that in order to buy they have to pay 20½c. several parties having bid 20¼c for a certain Eastern Townships creamery at the factory, without getting it. The shipments of butter will be considerably larger this week. Eastern Townships dairy is still scarce, and choice lots have changed hands at 18c to 18½c. In Western there is not much here, and holders west of Toronto are trying to prevent it coming here by asking too high prices. They want 16c f.o.b. there, and one lot of 350 pkgs., was placed at 15½c. Creamery, 19c to 20½c; Eastern Townships, 17c to 19c. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 69,359 boxes, against 72,697 boxes for the week previous. The market is more active than would appear on the face of it, with sales of finest Western colored at 9¼c to 9⅜c, and finest Western white at 9c to 9¼c, although it is said by some that the outside figures would not now be paid. We know that 9c has been paid for finest French colored, and 8⅞c for finest French white, despite the statement that these figures would not be repeated. Underpriced goods have been placed at 8⅞c to 8¾c."

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., $1.00; do. 2's per doz., $1.75; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. $3.10; do. 2's, $6.00. Ar-