

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

NEW YORK has had another financial flurry which other cities have not escaped and numerous failures have resulted. But, as in many of these Wall Street moves, it is a case of "dog eat dog," and between them the "bulls and the bears," have to divide the profits and losses, the general public not being specially concerned.

THE *Halifax Chronicle* says: "There has been unusual activity in the mines office this year. Rights of search have been taken up in the coal mining and iron ore producing countries especially, right and left. Every spot supposed to contain coal or iron has been covered. Many of these have, of course, been taken up at random, in a spirit of speculation."

PREMIER MOWAT'S bill, respecting wage-earners, provides in cases where no contract has been made between employer and employee, that the employer shall be responsible for the union or current rate of wages. Under the law as stands it at present police magistrates are in the habit of refusing to compel employers to pay where no contract has been made. The new law, however, will compel the magistrate to commit the employer in case of default to pay the union scale. The bill also provides that liens for supplies used in the construction of a building shall take precedence over mortgages made after the date of the said liens.

THE Board of Trade banquet in celebration of the completion of their new premises came off at the Driard on Thursday, and was a very successful affair. Among the speakers were President T. B. Hall, U. S. Consul Myers, Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, Capt. Hallett, R.N., Col. Holmes, D. A. G., Col. Prior, Mr. R. P. Rithet, Mr. Earle, M. P., Mr. J. H. Todd, Hon. Theodore Davie, Hon. Robert Beaven, Sir M. B. Begbie, Mr. Bodwell, Mr. Robert Ward, Judge Swan, (Port Townsend), Mr. J. C. Keith, (Vancouver), Mr. T. J. Tripp, (Westminster), Mr. Sheppard, (Toronto), General J. H. Metcalfe, (Seattle), Mr. Frank Bakeman, Mr. Worlock, Mr. W. C. Ward, Mr. Templeman and Ald. H. A. Munn.

MEMBERS of the Government have, according to reports, made considerable progress with the investigation that is making into the tariff requirements of Canada. The tariff has unquestionably to be revised and materially amended, and as far as we can gather the government desire to make as good a job of the work undertaken as is possible. It is for the public to aid them in every convenient way. The Finance Minister in his recent Montreal speech said of this tariff revision "as regards the principle of protection, I say that whatever may happen in the future, the time has not come, in my humble opinion, for this people and this country to change this principle of policy." But a change in details certainly. Should the government make the changes in details which the country requires, that is all which should be reasonably expected, but we hold that the special claims of Victoria must not be lost sight of.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of April, 1893:

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Agricultural implements.....		\$ 104	\$ 11 20
Ale, beer & port w'gls.....	1,851	1,611	671 35
Animals.....		12,520	3,271 90
Books, pamphlets, etc.....		1,113	301 86
Brass & manuf's of.....		165	46 50
Breadstuffs, etc., viz.....			
Grain, of all kinds.....			
bush.....	763	781	100 95
Flour, brls.....	792	2,638	591 37
Meal, ".....	37	205	31 00
Rice and all other breadstuffs.....		3,378	1,382 91
Candles, lbs.....	1,605	150	37 50
Chicory, lbs.....		10,75	107
Coal and coke, tons.....	13,956	2,771	277 10
Coffee, from U.S. lbs.....		337	98 89
Copper and m's of.....		198	55 57
Cordage all kinds.....		10,176	3,175 19
Cotton, manuf's of.....		33,205	12,291 78
Drugs and medicines.....			
Earthen, stone and Chinaware.....		561	195 80
Fancy goods.....		2,963	873 15
Fish.....		868	221 46
Fruit, dried.....		3,212	868 95
Green.....		3,187	655 40
Furs.....		76	19 00
Glass, glassware.....		980	251 78
Gum, exp sub's.....		3,529	1,262 80
Hats, caps, bonnets.....		1,983	591 90
Hops, lbs.....	551	121	33 00
Iron and steel m's of.....		15,502	5,154 42
Jewelry and watches.....			
and m's of gold and silver.....		123	29 70
Lead and manuf's of.....		881	165 63
Leather and m's of.....		3,315	821 36
Marble and stone.....			
and manuf's of.....		506	122 91
Malt, bush.....	1,510	1,061	231 00
Metals, composition and m's of.....		336	108 78
Musical instruments.....		611	212 50
Oil, coal and kero.....			
scene, gals.....	27,003	5,638	1,914 20
All other, gals.....	12,639	2,318	551 31
Paints and colors.....		406	103 95
Paper and m's of.....		2,422	865 92
Perfumery.....		192	57 60
Provisions.....			
Bacon hams, etc.....	10,305	2,491 07	
Salt, not from Great Britain or British possessions, or for fisheries, lbs.....	188,320	667	140 73
Seeds.....		1,200	129 35
Silk, manuf's of.....		3,619	1,031 60
Soap of all kinds.....		319	96 33
Spices of all kinds.....		116	29 20
Starch, lbs.....	2,983	69	50 86

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Spirits.....			
Of all kinds, gals.....	3,745	5,528	7,992 53
Wine, other than Sparkling, gals.....	1,896	1,356	1,124 01
Winespr'kling doz.....	189	1,495	781 80
Sugar above No 14 lbs.....	52,287	2,141	418 30
Sugar candy, etc, lbs.....	1,039	128	58 03
Molasses..... gals.....	300	61	14 25
Sugar syrups, cane Juice, etc., lbs.....	26,150	866	396 75
Ten, from U.S. lbs.....	361	72	7 20
Tobacco and cigars.....	1,970	2,815	2,698 68
Wood and m's of.....		2,025	565 30
Woolen m's.....		15,117	4,521 40
All other dutiable articles.....		30,678	7,730 21
".....		6	1 20
Total dutiable goods.....		\$200,838	\$68,511 91
Free goods, all other.....		125,201	
Grand total.....		\$326,039	\$68,511 91

EXPORTS.

From the port of Victoria, for the month of April, 1893—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal.....	400	\$ 2,000
Gold dust, nuggets, etc.....		13,414
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions.....		8
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water.....		1,200
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.		
Other animals.....		70
Other articles.....		9,888
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Other articles.....		4
MANUFACTURES.		
Cottons, woollens, etc.....		14
Other articles.....		631
Miscellaneous articles.....		100
Grand total.....		\$ 27,329
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of April, 1893:		
	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Animals and their produce.....		1,025
Other articles.....		601
Manufactures.....		
Cottons, woollens, etc.....		15
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.....		45
Sewing machines.....	2	17
Wood m's of all kinds.....		3,707
Other articles.....		420
Coin—gold.....		306
"silver.....		
Grand total.....		\$ 6,136
Total exports of all kinds.....		\$ 33,465

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 April, 1893:

IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods.....	\$200,838 00	\$ 51,316 00	\$ 21,770 00	\$ 11,781 00	\$285,725 00
Free Goods.....	125,201 00	47,910 00	12,733 00	1,603 00	187,447 00
Total Imports.....	\$326,039 00	\$ 99,226 00	\$ 34,503 00	\$ 13,384 00	\$473,202 00

REVENUE.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Duty Collected.....	\$ 68,511 91	\$ 18,874 85	\$ 8,592 80	\$ 3,114 85	\$ 90,094 41
Other Revenue.....	10,613 43	1,757 12	69 20	237 30	12,677 05
Total Collections.....	\$ 79,125 34	\$ 20,631 97	\$ 8,662 00	\$ 3,352 15	\$111,771 46

EXPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
The Mine.....	\$ 15,411 00	\$ 72 00	\$ 413 00	\$20,810 00	\$23,539 00
The Fisheries.....	1,208 00	1,560 00	1,987 00		7,755 00
The Forest.....		49,416 00	286 00		49,742 00
Animals and their produce.....	10,983 00	1,260 00	161 00	457 00	12,863 00
Agricultural.....	4 00	447 00			451 00
Manufactures.....	5,000 00	26,551 00	421 00	122 00	32,157 00
Miscellaneous.....	826 00	5,131 00	50 00		6,027 00
Total Exports.....	\$ 33,465 00	\$ 33,317 00	\$ 6,364 00	\$21,389 00	\$346,535 00

* \$120 gold coin and \$306 silver coin.