

**THE WORLD'S GOLD.**

A Washington, D.C., report says: The Director of the Mint has nearly completed his estimate of the world's gold production for the year 1898. The data on hand seem to warrant the conclusion that the production amounted to at least \$394,000,000, and possibly \$205,000,000. Africa leads all other countries with \$80,300,000; Australia is second, with \$67,500,000, and the United States is third with \$64,403,000. Russia is credited with \$25,000,000, Mexico with \$10,000,000, and Canada, including the Klondike, with \$14,000,000. Of the \$14,000,000 credited to Canada in 1898, about \$10,000,000 came from the Klondike, and in the report of the production of the United States during the last year \$2,524,000 is reckoned from Alaska. In 1890 and for nearly fifty years before the United States occupied the first place in the world's production of gold. In that year the output of the world was estimated at \$202,682,000. These figures are subject to revision in making up the final estimate, but they are believed to be approximately correct.

**CUSTOMS COLLECTION FOR 1899.**

It appears to us no more true criterion of the solid basis of Cariboo district can be found than that shown by the collection of customs duties.

Lillooet and 150-Mile post offices have lately been appointed to handle customs post office packages.

The returns for year ending 1898 show collections at points near us as follows: Elko, \$10,110; Vernon, \$6,385; Revelstoke, \$58,359; Osoyoos, \$8,798; Kamloops, \$4,843; Grand Forks, \$14,012; Golden, \$8,543; Fort Steele, \$23,381.

Total customs collections in British Columbia, \$2,359,963; total for the Dominion, \$22,421,276. Viewed in the light of population, it would appear this part of the Dominion is a pretty good revenue producer. The cost of collecting customs duties for the Dominion is .437 per cent.

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	August 22.		Aug. 23.		Aug. 24.		Aug. 25.	
\$1.00 Payne x d.....	1.39	1.30	1.40	1.37	1.40	1.35	1.38	1.35
1.00 War Eagle x d.....	3.62	3.54	3.62	3.54	3.62	3.52	3.60	3.50
1.00 Republic x d.....	1.28	1.25	1.27	1.26	1.28	1.26	1.28	1.27
1.00 Virtue.....	.46	.40	.44	.42	.46	.45	.48	.47
.24 Montreal-London x d.....	.62	.58	.59	.56	.60	.57	.59	.58
1.00 Big Three.....	.16	.14	.14	.13	.14	.13	.14	.14
1.00 Brandon & G'd'n Crown	.29	.27	.29	.28	.29	.27	.29	.27
1.00 California.....	.14	.13	.12	.11	.12	.12	.12	.11
.10 Canada Gold Fields Syn..	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08
5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic.....	1.50	1.42	1.50	1.43	1.50	1.45	1.51	1.47
1.00 Evening Star.....	.11	.09	.10	.09	.11	.09	.11	.09
.25 Fern.....	.29	.18	.29	.19	.30	.19	.30	.19
1.00 Gold Hills Developing...	.10	.09	.13	.10	.10	.10	.10	.08
1.00 Iron Volt.....	.11	.09	.10	.09	.09	.09	.09	.08
1.00 Knob Hill.....	.98	.85	.98	.90	.98	.90	.98	.85
1.00 Monte Christo Con.....	.09	.08	.09	.08	.09	.08	.09	.07
.25 Montreal Gold Fields.....	.18	.15	.17	.14	.18	.15	.18	.15
1.00 Noble Five.....	.21	.18	.21	.17	.22	.19	.22	.20
.10 Novelty.....	.03	.02	.03	.02	.03	.02	.03	.02
1.00 Old Ironsides.....	1.15	1.09	1.15	1.08	1.10	1.07	1.15	1.07
1.00 Virginia.....	.20	.17	.17	.12	.11	.15	.20	.15
1.00 Rambler Cariboo.....	.34	.30	.34	.30	.35	.32	.39	.38
1.00 Bullion.....	.60	.49	.60	.49	.59	.49	.60	.40
1.00 Decca.....	.32	.22	.32	.22	.32	.23	.32	.25
1.00 Morrison.....	.18	.17	.18	.17	.18	.17	.18	.17
1.00 Golden Star.....	.42	.40	.42	.39	.42	.40	.43	.41
1.00 Slocan Sov.....	.35	.33	.36	.34	.38	.36	.40	.37
1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co.....	.18	.12	.18	.12	.18	.12	.18	.12
1.00 Rathmullen.....	.10	.07	.09	.07	.09	.07	.08	.07
1.00 Winnipeg.....	.35	.28	.32	.29	.33	.29	.34	.30
1.00 Dardanelles.....	.15	.14	.15	.14	.15	.13	.16	.14
1.00 Deer Trail No. 2.....	.26	.24	.26	.24	.27	.25	.30	.25

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