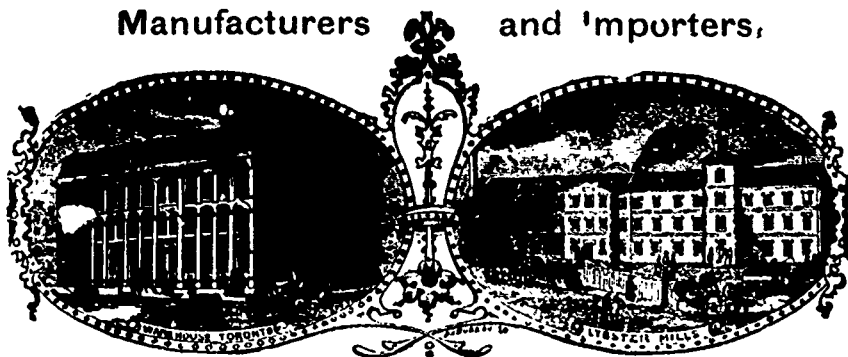


CORDON, MACKAY & CO.

TORONTO.

Manufacturers and Importers,



REPRESENTED BY R. S. NORTON, WINNIPEG.

had an authentic survey of the water here, did not feel justified in having their steamers come in to dock. The Government had taken the action requested by the board, and he (President Hall) hoped very soon to be able to give the C. P. R. in black and white the information, upon the receipt of which they would order the steamers to call.

Sir Astley Cooper wrote the board, through Mr. Robert Ward, inviting the co-operation of the members in the furnishing of correspondence calculated to be of benefit to the province in "Greater Britain," the well-known publication devoted to British colonies and colonists.

The communication under consideration was ordered to be acknowledged, with thanks.

Acton Burrows wrote from Winnipeg in re a special article upon Victoria, contributed by Mr. Jno. F. Norris, of the *Colonist* staff, and illustrated with cuts furnished by Ellis & Co. On motion of Messrs. A. J. McLellan and D. R. Ker, the thanks of the board were tendered to Ellis & Co. and Mr. Norris for their efforts in behalf of Victoria.

Communications were next read from the Boards of Trade of Halifax and St. John, N.B., covering long resolutions, which in effect urged the board to lend its aid in inducing the Dominion Government not to subsidize any Atlantic mail steamers carrying Canadian mails unless such steamers made a Canadian port their terminus.

On the letter head of the St. John N.B. Board, Col. Prior pointed out, with a laugh, that Victoria was not even credited with existing on the railway map of the world, which marked Vancouver in big black letters.

In order that the subject could be discussed, Mr. Boggs introduced the following resolution:—

"Whereas the mail between Canada and Great Britain is now forwarded via a United States port;

"And whereas the establishing of a permanent mail service is of national importance;

"Now therefore be it resolved, that this board unites with the boards of trade of the maritime provinces in their protest

to the Dominion Government, and requests the representatives of this province in the Dominion House of Commons to use their influence and support the granting of a subsidy only to a trans-Atlantic line of steamers having a Canadian port for a terminus."

Mr. Ward hoped that the resolution would be withdrawn. The bulk of trans-Atlantic business was enjoyed by the New York steamers because they gave the best and quickest service. When people travelled, they wanted to go by the fast route; when they sent letters, they wanted them forwarded with best despatch. At present, while Halifax was some six hundred miles nearer Liverpool than was New York, the steamers sailing thence, instead of making the trip in two days less than the New York boats, took three, four, sometimes five days longer. He had no objection to subsidizing the carrying of the mails by steamers sailing out of Halifax, if those steamers were thoroughly modern—which they were not, however, to-day.

Messrs. Todd, McLellan and Leiserspoken briefly on the resolution defining their objections to it, and Mr. Ward introduced the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Davies:

"Be it resolved that this Board requests the representatives of British Columbia in the Dominion House of Commons to use their influence and support the granting of a subsidy only to such trans-Atlantic line of steamers having a Canadian port for a terminus, with speed and accommodation equal to those having established records for the most rapid voyages across the Atlantic."

This resolution was also opposed, principally on the ground that the subject was not one calling for action by the board, and on going to a vote it was lost:

Yeas, six.

Nays, nine.

Mr. H. F. Heisterman introduced the following resolution, which stands as notice of motion to be considered at a special general meeting before Messrs. Earle and Prior leave for Ottawa:

"That this Board of Trade requests the representatives of Victoria in the Dominion Parliament to support any measure of Reciprocity that may be brought before

Parliament by the Dominion Government at its next session, in view of the great importance which reciprocity bears to the development of our natural resources and the isolation of this province from the markets of Eastern Canada."

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of December, were as follows:

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER.

Spirits.....	\$ 5,400 22
Malt.....	789 48
Tobacco.....	1,518 25
Cigars.....	1,155 15
Petroleum inspection.....	200 70

Total.....\$ 9,072 80

WAREHOUSED, EX-WAREHOUSED.

Raw Leaf.....	823 lbs	823 lbs
Cigars.....	25,900	47,650
Spirits....	3,638.17 p. gals	3,606.10 p. gals.
Malt.....	35,037 lbs	35,337 lbs
Tobacco.....	5,448 lbs	6,073 lbs
Balances remaining in warehouse:		
Spirits.....	5,345.00 p. gals	
Tobacco.....	67 lbs	
Cigars.....	111,500	

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

For the month of December, 1891:

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

WAREHOUSED.

Spirits.....	2,913.35 pf gals
Malt.....	48,554 lbs
Tobacco.....	7,742
Raw Leaf Tobacco.....	823

EX-WAREHOUSED.

Spirits.....	2,723.01 pf gals
Malt.....	47,482 lbs
Tobacco.....	6,984 lbs
Raw Leaf Tobacco.....	823

BALANCE IN HAND.

Spirits.....	10,485.25 pf gals
Malt.....	11,658 lbs
Tobacco.....	4,265

COLLECTIONS.

Spirits.....	\$ 4,084 53
Malt.....	980 14
Tobacco.....	1,741 61
Cigars.....	502 36
Petroleum Inspection.....	187 50
Other receipts.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 7,521 13

PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

C. F. Pretty & Co., New Westminster, are erecting a freezing establishment with a capacity for storing 40,000 salmon. They will begin operations in the spring run.

Some evil disposed persons have been placing obstructions on the track of the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway. The company offer a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest of these parties.

The Victoria Brewing and Ice Co., with a capital stock of \$200,000, has been incorporated, Joseph Lowen, Ludwig Erb and Andrew Hensick being the provisional trustees. The new company will erect a large brewery at the corner of Government and Discovery streets, for the manufacture of lager beer, ale and porter.

About \$150,000 of stock in the Victoria Brewing and Ice Company has been subscribed. About \$70,000 will be invested immediately in the erection of works capable of producing 100 barrels daily of lager beer and porter. The building will be commenced in about a fortnight, and will be in operation by the beginning of July.