

VICTORIA'S TARDE.

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 December, 1891:

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Acids		\$ 16	\$ 3 48
Agricultural implements		161	65 85
Ale, beer & port'rgls	11,993	6,947	2,486 18
Animals		5,008	1,437 20
Books, pamph's, etc.		2,183	471 67
Brass & manu'rs of.		782	210 40
Breadstuffs, etc, viz			
Grain, of all kinds			
bush	1,098	1,034	166 30
Flour, brls	983	4,763	751 14
Meal, "	324	973	163 85
Rice and all other breadstuffs		21,285	4,869 78
Candles, lbs	5,999	573	144 95
Chicory, lbs	2,240	86	89 60
Coal and coke, tons	851,640	560	43 15
Coffee, from U.S, lbs	3,298	651	65 60
Copper and m'fs of.		104	33 00
Cordage all kinds		418	95 17
Cotton, manu'rs of		3,873	1,161 08
Drugs and medicines		25,534	9,474 26
Earthen, stone and Chinaware		1,020	310 30
Fancy goods		2,697	919 45
Fish		2,441	562 17
Fruit, dried		3,904	1,209 12
Green		5,585	1,064 59
Furs		144	38 00
Glass, glassware		2,844	856 90
Gunpdr, exp sub's		1,374	477 75
Hats, caps, bonnets		948	284 40
Hops, lbs	30	5	1 80
Iron and steel m'fs of		22,369	6,778 94
Jewelry and watches and m'fs of gold and silver		530	125 90
Lead and manu'rs of		15	4 50
Leather and m'fs of.		3,294	845 15
Marble and stone and manu'rs of		476	119 60
Malt, bush	280	236	42 00
Metals, composition and m'fs of		939	280 43
Musical instrum'nts		1,355	470 80
Oils, coal and kerosene, gals	16,800	3,715	1,195 20
All other, gals	2,538	1,189	277 85
Paints and colors		947	280 50
Paper and m'fs of		2,303	806 94
Perfumery		117	35 10
Provisions,			
Bacon hams, etc.		3,957	1,072 04
Salt, not from Great Britain or British possessions, or for fisheries, lbs	119,216	519	89 15
Seeds		350	36 65
Silk, manu'rs of		3,830	1,147 40
Soap of all kinds		352	107 58
Spices of all kinds		102	28 75
Starch, lbs	2,827	69	56 98

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Spirits, Of all kinds, gals	6,811	10,618	14,533 74
Wine, other than Sparkling, gals	2,819	4,010	2,377 58
Winesparkling doz	206	1,726	897 30
Sugar above No 14 lbs	44,365	1,681	355 03
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Sugar, syrups, cane juice, etc., lbs			
Molasses			
Tea, from U.S, lbs	624	277	27 70
Tobacco and cigars	3,620 1/2	1,843	1,978 43
Wood and m'fs of.		4,821	1,557 75
Woolen m'fs		4,296	1,474 12
All other dutiable articles		36,356	9,145 02
Total dutiable goods		\$208,295	\$73,603 27
Free goods, all other		102,437	
Grand total		\$310,732	\$73,603 27

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of December, 1891—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal	1,161	5,805
Gold bearing quartz, etc		19,064
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions		59,314
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water		6,240
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.		
Furs, dressed and undressed		5,368
Hides, skins, pelts, horns, etc		6,230
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Fruits, green		39
Flour of wheat and rye, bls	375	1,674
Other articles		605
Indian and other meal, bls	100	45
MANUFACTURES.		
Books		55
Spirits	557	1,382
Wood m'fs of all kinds		150
Miscellaneous Articles		584
Grand total		\$ 108,874
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of December, 1891:		
QUANTITY.	VALUE	
Animals and their produce—		
Horses	1	200
Manufactures—		
Manufactures of leather		184
Liquors	2	17
Sewing machines	2	75
Wood—m'fs of all kinds		999
Other articles		6,939
Miscellaneous articles		6
Coin and gold		5,256
Grand total		\$ 13,676
Total exports of all kinds		\$122,550

TALES OF THE TOWN.



If there is one daily paper in Canada more than another that I like to read it is the Manitoba Free Press. This great disseminator of news and moulder of public opinion always contains something of more than ordinary interest. While Liberal in politics, the Free Press most emphatically refuses to blindly follow the dictates of any party, and expresses itself freely on every subject. In discussing the wonderful change that has taken place within the past few months with regard to the McKinley Bill, the Free Press says that a great many people predicted that this legislation would demoralize the Canadian exports of butter and eggs, and the ruin of those farmers who make their living, or part of their living, by the sale of these articles. The great Bill became law; the duty on butter was raised from four to six cents, and eggs, formerly free, were taxed five cents a dozen. The elections followed shortly afterward, and the people with their markets apparently cut off dreaded the Spring, and annexation was the subject of the hour.

It is curious to sit down and review all that was written and said last March about trade and politics. A few people declared that Canadian trade with Great Britain would increase; others laughed at them, maintaining that all Canadian butter was indifferent, that eggs could not be profitably shipped to Great Britain, because the journey was too long for them to be delivered fresh enough, and the sea was too rough for safe transport. If any man had stood up and said that this trade would be actually benefitted by our tem-

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
Malt 35,037 lbs	35,037 lbs
Tobacco 5,448 lbs	6,073 lbs
Balances remaining in warehouse:	
Spirits	5,345.66 P. gals
Tobacco	520 lbs
Cigars	111,500

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

For the month of December, 1891: Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

WAREHOUSED.	
Spirits	2,943.35 pf gals
Malt	48,594 lbs
Tobacco	7,742 "
Raw Leaf Tobacco	823 "

EX-WAREHOUSED.	
Spirits	2,723.01 pf gals
Malt	47,482 lbs
Tobacco	6,906 1/2 lbs
Raw Leaf Tobacco	823 "

BALANCE IN BOND.	
Spirits	10,485.25 pf gals
Malt	11,658 lbs
Tobacco	4,265 1/2 "

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