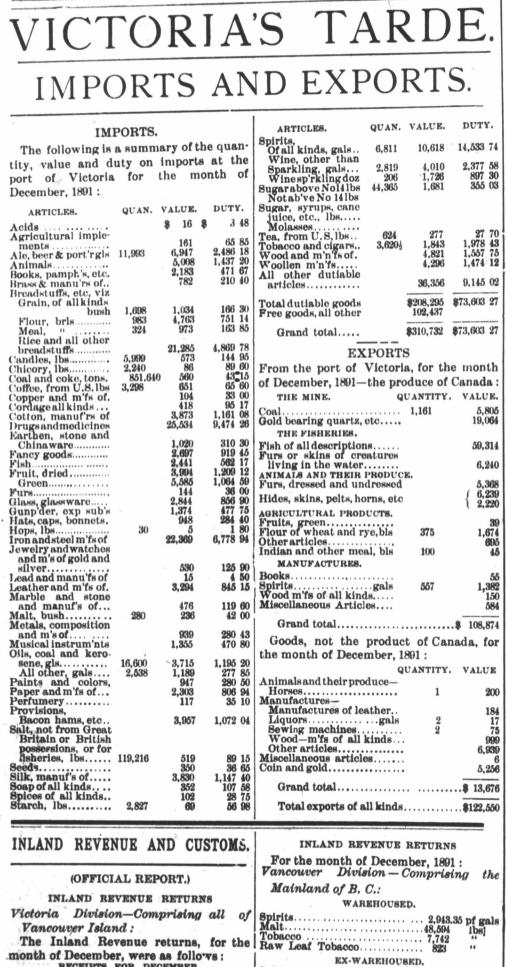
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F there is one daily paper in Cana. da more than another that I lik : to read it is the Manituba Free Press. This great d sseminator of news and moulder of public opinion always contains something of more than ordinary interest. While Liberal in politics, 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

month of December, were as follows: RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER. Raw Leaf 823 lbs

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