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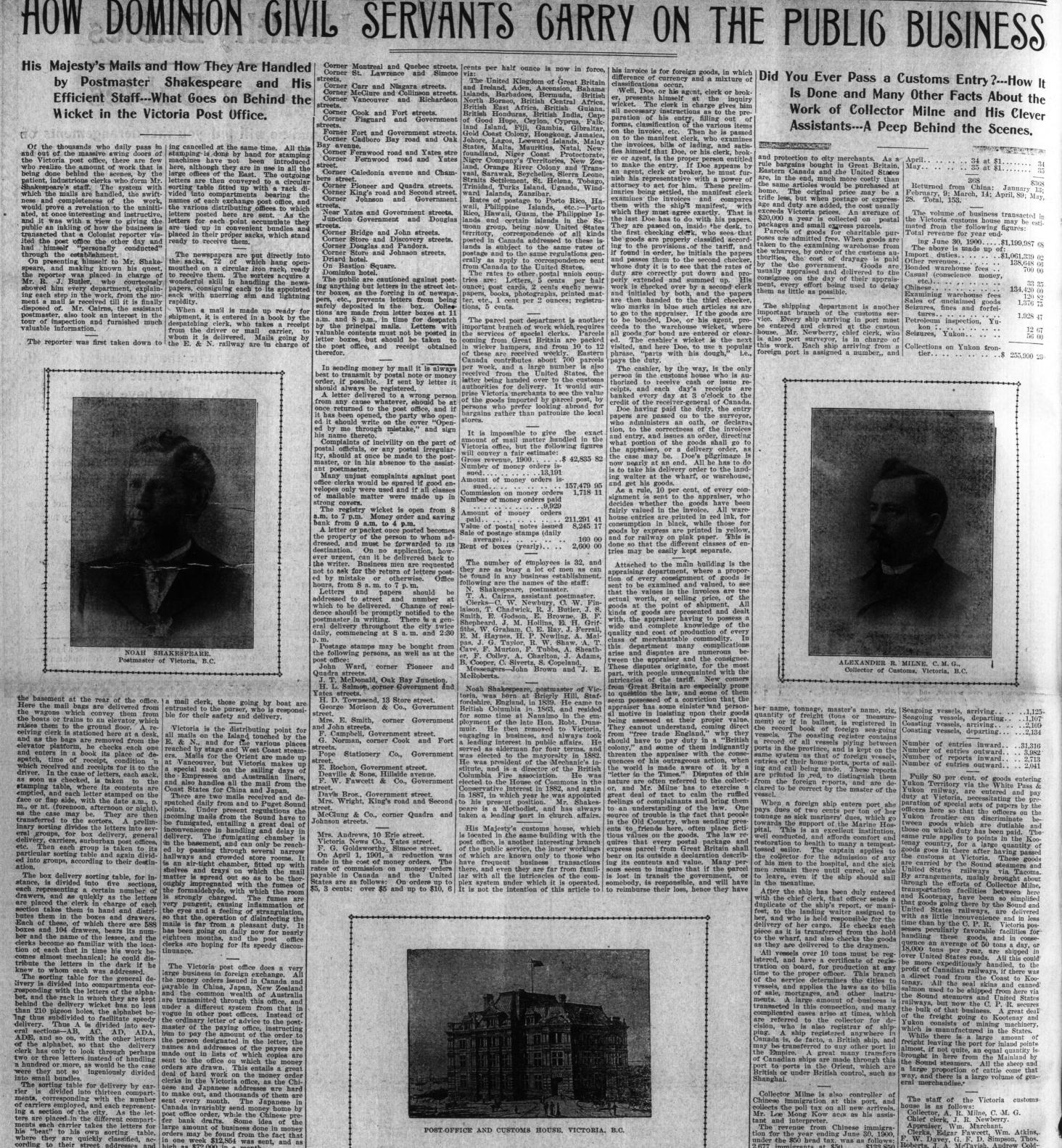
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Collector Milne is also controller of Chinese immigration at this port, and collects the poll tax on all new arrivals, Mr. Lee Mong Kow accs as his assistant and interpreter.

The revenue from Chinese immigration for the year ending June 30, 1900, under the \$50 head tax. was as follows:

2.677 immigrants at \$50....\$133,850 for leave to go

The staff of the Victoria customs house is as follows:
Collector, A. R. Milne, C. M. G. Chief clerk, J. R. Newberry.

Appraiser, Wm. Marchant.
Clerks, Edgar Fawcett, Wm. Atkins, F. W. Davey, G. F. D. Simpson, Thos. Roberts, J. A. McTavish, Andrew Colderwood.

H. E. Beckwith, chief landing waiter.

to China and return.... 570 At Vancouver the figures for 1900 were: 1.203 immigrants at \$50.....\$60,150 532 requisitions at \$1.......532

There are other sundry items which swell the total net revenue from this source to \$154,689.50, of which British Columbia's share was \$47,362.50, or 25 Columbia's share was \$41,362,50, or 25 per cent. of the gross receipts.

Since the new \$100 tax came into force the immigration of Chinese has fallen off considerably. The figures for

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when the simple, commonsense system is seen in actual operation.

The registered letters and parcels are received in separate sealed sacks and great care is taken in handling them. From the moment a letter is registered, till it reaches its destination and is delivered, each clerk who handles it has to sign a receipt so that in case of its being mislaid or lost it can very easily be traced to the person who last had it in charge.

The matter for outgoing mails, of which an average of 15 are despatched daily, is received from three sources, viz., letters, papers and parcels posted at the office, collected from the street boxes, and transient matter passing through this office. The letters dropped into the receiving box on Government street tall down a chute to a large receptacle in the basement, which is emptied every half hour. As quickly as the letters are removed from the chute they are postmarked on the face, or address side, with a name of the office, date and time of stamping, the postage stamp be-

clerks become so familiar with the location of each that in time his work becomes almost mechanical; he could distribute the letters in the dark if he knew to whom each was addressed.

The sorting table for the general delivery is divided into compartments corresponding with the letters of the alphabet, and the rack in which they are kept behind the delivery wicket has no less than 210 pigeon holes, the alphabet being thus subdivided to facilitate speedy delivery. Thus A is divided into several sections—AB, AC, AD, ADA, ADE, and so on, with the other letters of the alphabet, so that the delivery clerk has only to look through perhaps at wo or three letters instead of handling a hundred or more, as would be the case were they not so ingeniously divided into small bundles.

The sorting table for delivery by carrier is divided into thirteen compartments, corresponding with the number of carriers employed, and each representing a section of the city. As the letters are placed in the different compartments each carrier takes the letters for his "beat" to his own sorting table, where they are quickly classified, according to their street addresses and ready to be taken to their destination.

The newspapers are handled in almost precisely the same way, undergoing several sortings before they are ready to be delivered to their owners. The rapsidity and accuracy with which a large mail is assorted seems marvellous to an outsider, but the mystery disappears when the simple, commonsones system is seen in actual operation.

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