

# THE VICTORIA PRICES CURRENT AND SHIPPING LIST.

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One of the most exciting political struggles that this Island has ever witnessed, has resulted in the return of both candidates on the Union and Tariff ticket; this doubtless indicates the current of public opinion here, as tending towards a Tariff & Union with the sister Colony; some time must elapse however, before such a measure can change the position of importers; as, should the supporters of a Tariff surmount the numerous difficulties that will be thrown in their way, the various requirements of Government routine will afford the public a sufficient opportunity to reconsider the whole question. In any case the duties here can only be collected from consumers on the Island, three-fourths of the imports being purchased for exportation.

The arguments for and against the imposition of a Tariff, have each their good and bad features; and to attempt anything approaching to an analysis of the various questions under discussion, would be quite out of our province: we trust, nevertheless, that so important a subject as that of the discontinuance of the Free Port system, will have the careful attention of those whose interests are involved in the issue; as the infliction of duties where none have hitherto existed, must at least for a time, retard the advancement of the port.

The late severe weather has considerably moderated; merchants are preparing their shipments in view of an early resumption of traffic on the Fraser; miners are beginning to return to the various auriferous districts to renew their search for the shining treasure; each boat for New Westminster bears away a crowd of hardy adventurers, who in exploring the country in pursuit of their hard earned wealth form the pioneers of our future population.

Late news from Kootenay and the Selkirk mines, lead more and more to the conviction that the newly discovered localities will, if the proper measures are taken by the authorities, be productive of great and lasting benefit to these Colonies in which Victoria must participate to a considerable degree in the event of Union with British Columbia. It is more than probable that our American neighbours will secure the largest portion of the trade this season; but our natural advantages are so strikingly superior to theirs, that in spite of their usual enterprise, and our unaccountable apathy, we must undoubtedly be in future the great source whence supplies will be drawn for that section of the country.

The demand for all descriptions of merchandise although improving, is still without much animation, and goods are freely offered at prices barely remunerative: this in part, is owing to heavy stocks, and the long period of depression through which we have passed; and partly to the wish of some of our merchants, to clear off remnants of invoices preparatory to account sales being sent home; the present anxiety to sell is therefore only temporary; and as renewed supplies can only be looked for in June, a healthy business and better prices may be confidently anticipated.

It is needless to say that the election of Monday, almost entirely absorbed the attention of our commercial men; and beyond the most necessary attention to business, the Tariff was the great object of attraction; hence prices are about the same as at date of our last issue, transactions being comparatively small, no instance of variation in price can be quoted as a criterion. Flour is firm at quotations, the late advices from San Francisco give quotations about same as last, this is in consequence of large supplies on the way from Chili.

The "Princesa Royal" is progressing rapidly with her discharge, and we are happy to say the goods are coming out in first rate order. Arrivals last week are tolerably numerous, and we have considerable additions to our stocks of provisions, and other articles adapted for city consumption, the greatest portion being from San Francisco.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

At the last meeting of the Chamber, held in Smith's Building, Government Street, the following gentlemen were elected

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#### SAILED.

Egeria, for Shanghai.

#### LOADING.

John Stephenson, for Adelaide.

### LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—Ann Adamson, loading.  
From Liverpool—Cyclone, loading.  
To Lee do

## RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London—60 days, \$5 00, £1 sterling.  
do 30 days \$5 10, do  
do Sight, \$5 15, do  
San Francisco—1 per cent. premium.  
Canada—4 per cent. premium.  
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—2½ per cent. premium.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

### PORT OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

#### ENLARGED.

Jan 28—St John Thornton, Warren, Chemannus  
St Cleodonia, Fran, Nantano  
St Fidele, London, New Westminster  
Jan 31—St Royal, Blm San Francisco.  
Sch Matilda, Eversten Spoke  
Sch Growler, Williams Port Angeles  
Sch Parmeter, Hudson Bolder Bay.  
St Fidele, London, New Westminster  
St Cyrus Walker, Port Angeles  
Sch Discovery, Comox  
St Eliza Anderson Port Angeles  
Lip Thornton New Westminster  
Feb. 2—St Cleodonia, Fran, Nantano  
Sch Laurel, Spain, San Juan  
St Eagle, Knight, do  
Sch Eliza, Cuxton, Saanich  
Sch Mrs Merrills, Pamphlet, Nantano  
Feb. 1—St Jimmy Jones, Jones, Port Angeles  
Enterprise, Mount, New Westminster  
Harriet, Duk, San Juan  
Fideler, London, Nantano  
11 Feb J K Thornlyke, Thornton, San Juan  
Eliza Anderson, Puch, Port Angeles

#### CLEARED.

Jan 28—Sch Eliza, Carleton, Saanich  
Sch Goldstream, Coffay, Nantano  
Sip W B Naylor, Waller, Coxichan  
St Fidele, London, New Westminster  
Sch Flying Mist, Thompson, Port Angeles

Jan 29. St Cleodonia, Fran Nantano  
St Fidele, London Comox  
Sch Hartings, Sherman San Francisco  
St Thomas, Henderson Alberdi  
St Jimmy Jones, Port Angeles  
St Eliza Anderson Port Angeles.  
Sip Northern Light Port Angeles  
Sch Alpha Nantano  
Feb. 2—Sch Alpha, George, Nantano  
Winged Racer, Peterson Port Angeles  
Alpha, George, Nantano  
W B Naylor, Waller Cowichan  
Harriet, Fick, San Juan  
A J Webster, Mills, Port Angeles  
Liza, Carleton, Saanich  
14 Feb. J K Thornlyke, Thornton, San Juan  
Eliza Anderson, Puch, Port Angeles  
Ta rton, Warren Lopez Island

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