

**Progress of Vancouver.** The proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Trade, Vancouver, B.C., afford gratifying evidences of the progress of that young city. The imports in 1899 were valued at \$3,373,966, and in 1900 at \$4,264,385, an increase of \$890,419. The bank clearings at Vancouver in 1899 were \$42,333,975, and in 1900, \$46,644,098, the increase last year being \$4,310,123. The new buildings erected last year cost \$1,500,000; the assessed value of property is \$15,210,000, and the population is from 30,000 to 35,000 souls. The report of the Board of Trade gives the value of the gold received at Seattle from the Canadian Yukon district as \$16,374,448, and from Atlin, \$493,116. Vancouver desires a Government Assay office to be established in that city for the purchase of gold, instead of its being shipped to the United States. The C. P. R. hotel at Vancouver is one of the finest on the Pacific Coast.

#### PUBLIC REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1897-1900.

The advances made in the public revenue since business became more prosperous have been very large from Customs, Excise and Railways. The Post Office in 1899-1900 only showed an increase of \$2,597 over 1897; the natural increase that would have occurred from the expansion of business having been set off by the reduction in rate of postage. The gross increase in revenues passed into Consolidated Fund between 1897 and 1900 was \$13,200,216, of which the increase in Customs contributed \$8,895,900; the enlarged receipts from Excise, \$697,697; from Railways, \$1,571,228; Dominion lands, \$1,215,510; Interest on Investments, \$240,047. The increases from these five sources aggregated \$12,622,382; the balance of \$577,834 required to make up the gross increase of \$13,200,216 being made up of small amounts of no significance. A complete list of the sources of the Public Revenue in 1897 and 1900 is given below, with the amount of increase or decrease for each item:

#### Receipts on Consolidated Fund Account.

	1899-1900	1896-1897	Inc. or Dec.	
	\$	\$		\$
Customs.....	28,374,147	19,478,247	I	8,895,900
Excise.....	9,868,076	9,170,378	I	697,697
Post Office.....	3,205,535	3,202,938	I	02,597
Public Works.....	123,610	709,766	I	13,844
Minor ".....	14,124	25,935	D	11,711
Railways.....	4,774,162	3,066,784	I	1,707,378
Canals.....	320,562	3,478,000	D	64,218
Investment int.....	1,683,050	1,443,003	I	240,047
Patent Fees.....	121,430	110,009	I	11,421
Casual.....	469,568	119,210	I	350,358
Ordnance Lands.....	11,003	9,831	I	1,172
Fines and Forfeitures..	25,981	21,037	I	4,944
Premium Discount				
and Exchange.....	162,187	34,853	I	27,334
Mariners Fund.....	59,945	54,294	I	5,651
Electric Light Insp'n..	14,366	6,805	I	7,561
Steamboat ".....	34,839	25,933	I	9,806
Gas ".....	21,081	17,256	I	3,825
Weights and Measures	53,523	36,772	I	16,751
Cullers Fees.....	8,154	10,428	D	2,274
Law Stamps.....	4,754	4,302	I	452
Penitentiaries.....	68,830	83,807	D	14,977
Insurance Insp'n.....	10,901	10,183	I	718
Fisheries.....	79,788	98,884	D	19,096
Modus Vivendi.....	8,607	7,585	I	1,022

Canada Gazette.....	5,029	5,291	D	262
Superannuation.....	51,574	59,218	D	7,644
Lighthouse and Coast				
Service.....	2,851	2,774	I	77
Dominion Steamers...	13,467	9,982	I	3,485
Military College.....	21,464	16,522	I	4,942
Militia.....	26,290	23,839	I	2,451
Civil Service Examina-				
tion Fees.....	1,748	3,386	D	1,638
Law Courts Reports...	1,307	4,219	D	2,912
Dominion Lands.....	1,388,023	172,613	I	1,215,510
Totals.....	51,029,994	37,829,778	Inc.	13,200,516

The table of expenditures is a marked contrast to that of revenue, the increase since 1897 having been only \$4,625,520, as compared with an increase in revenue of \$13,200,216. The following is a complete schedule of the payments made in years 1896-7, and 1899-1900, which were charged to Consolidated Fund, which represents the section of the public accounts appropriated to current, ordinary revenues and expenditures also so classified:

#### Payments, in Consolidated Fund Account.

	1899-1900	1896-1897	Inc. or Dec.	
	\$	\$		\$
Interest on Debt.....	10,699,645	10,645,663	I	53,982
Management charges...	174,028	196,220	D	22,192
Sinking Funds.....	2,465,639	2,101,813	I	363,826
Premium, Disc. and Exc.	58,165	119,093	D	65,928
Civil Government.....	1,420,997	1,418,086	I	2,911
Adm'n of Justice.....	827,560	774,761	I	52,799
Dominion Police.....	28,276	23,788	I	4,488
Legislation.....	830,301	1,134,772	D	304,471
Penitentiaries.....	438,421	409,528	I	28,893
Arts, Agric'e and Stat-				
istics.....	461,560	224,389	I	237,171
Immigration.....	435,562	127,438	I	308,124
Quarantine.....	136,067	120,161	I	15,906
Pensions.....	93,453	90,881	I	2,572
Superannuation.....	323,928	207,792	I	116,136
Militia.....	1,846,178	1,667,588	I	178,590
Mounted Police.....	843,989	526,162	I	317,827
Public Works, Consol F'd	2,289,888	1,463,718	I	826,170
Railways and Canals "	188,826	134,405	I	54,421
Mail Subsidies &c.....	599,831	553,812	I	46,019
Ocean and River Service	247,784	183,257	I	64,527
Lighthouse and Coast.	523,485	445,742	I	77,743
Marine Hospitals.....	37,741	38,130	D	389
Steamboat Inspection..	27,965	26,837	I	1,128
Insurance ".....	11,223	10,611	I	612
Fisheries.....	411,469	443,586	D	32,117
Geological Survey.....	62,174	67,000	D	4,826
Scientific Institutions..	83,265	79,994	I	3,261
Subsidies to Provinces..	4,250,607	4,238,059	I	12,548
Indians.....	1,037,435	908,063	I	129,372
Govt. N. W. Territories	354,209	329,535	I	33,674
Miscellaneous.....	395,753	210,113	I	185,640
Yukon.....	331,850		I	331,850
Customs.....	1,071,222	945,245	I	125,977
Excise.....	468,993	464,426	I	4,567
Weights, M's and Gas..	91,411	85,081	I	6,330
Culling Timber.....	17,403	16,018	I	1,385
Inspection of Staples...	18,508	2,921	I	15,587
Adulteration of Food..	24,577	24,008	I	569
Post Office.....	3,758,014	3,789,478	D	31,464
Public Works Collection	182,859	147,567	I	35,292
Railways and Canals "	5,244,300	3,725,689	I	1,518,611
Minor revenues.....	1,986	859	I	1,127
Dominion Lands.....	104,879	111,415	D	6,536
Trade and Commerce...	55,591	14,604	I	40,987
Electric Light Insp'n...	4,677	8,998	D	4,321
Totals.....	42,975,279	38,349,759	Inc.	4,625,520

In both receipts and outlays, the Yukon figures in the 1900 statements, but not in the 1897, we find in 1900 that the Yukon accounts stood as follows:

Yukon.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	\$	\$
Customs.....	613,192	
Post Office.....	21,550	
Public Works.....	33,716	
Fisheries.....	4,601	