

night and day and there is no chance for the necessary number to reach the spawning ground. At the Skeena it is different. They can only fish there at a certain stage of the tide so that there is plenty of opportunity while the boats are drawn off for the salmon to go up and lay the foundations for a future supply. No doubt many of the theories which seek to account for poor runs are all wrong, but at the same time the history of all rivers is that they get fished out and how to prevent it is the question to consider. The salmon industry is too great a source of wealth to the province to allow it to be destroyed.—Victoria Times.

The following are customs returns for the month ending August 31st, at Vancouver:

COLLECTIONS.

Import duties.....	\$6,790 51
Export Duties.....	2 90
Sick Mariner's Fund.....	252 34
Chinese Revenue	2,866 50

Total.....	\$9,912 25
Total for corresponding period, 1887	4,785 71

Increase.....	\$5,126 54
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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

Exports.....	\$41,587 00
Imports, free	\$15,935
Imports, dutiable	19,317
	\$35,272 00

The Inland Revenue collections at Vancouver for the same period, amount to \$1,447.69.

In noticing the arrival of the steamer Sardonyx from the Northern canneries, the Victoria, B. C., Times of the 7th makes the following estimate of her cargo, and what remained for shipment at the points she had left: From the Balmoral Company, Skeena, 6,981 cases, of which 6,432 cases will be shipped to Australia by the Mexico to San Francisco, thence by the Oceanic line, and the remainder to eastern points. From B. A. P. Co., 4,000 cases for eastern Canadian points via the C. P. R. From the Skeena Packing Company, 1,000 cases for Australia by the Mexico and Oceanic line. From the Wharlock Packing Company, 1,219 cases, which with the shipment by the Boscowitz, will also be forwarded to Australia. When the Sardonyx left the canneries the following remained to be shipped from the Skeena: Balmoral, 2,000; Aberdeen, 7,000; Innerness, 8,000; British American, 2,080; Cunningham's, 8,000. At the two canneries at River's Inlet there was probably 15,000.

It seems as if there is likely to be a fight between two sugar combines, in which the consumer of that article will hope for both parties getting well smashed. The following from the Vancouver News-Advertiser indicates that the first blows have been struck:—"Amongst the freight that the steamship Mexico took out was a quantity of sugar from New York which was being shipped to San Francisco. This is 'carrying the war into Africa' with a vengeance. Spreckels, the California Sugar King, virtually controls the market on the Pacific coast and has lately decided to extend his operations to the East. He is now erecting the largest sugar refinery in the world at Philadelphia and the sugar combine, of which Messrs. Harrison, Havemeyer & Co. are the main stays, determined accordingly to fight

Spreckels for his invasion of what they deemed their territory. Hence the recent fluctuations in the sugar market. Now the combine are shipping sugar to San Francisco to fight Spreckels on his own ground.

The Corn and Wheat Crops.

The past week has not been all that could be desired in hastening the maturity of corn in West, but fair progress has been made in this respect. Light frosts have occurred in the northern districts, and in Michigan injury to corn has been apprehended, but has not resulted in any important degree. The general situation is unimpaired as to prospect for the largest production of corn on record, but there is yet considerable of the crop which would be seriously injured by hard frosts within the next ten days or two weeks. Should favorable weather continue during this period there would remain but a small proportion of the crop liable to important injury from freezing.

The advance of the season tends to a moderate reduction of estimates of the spring wheat production, although it is yet difficult to reach satisfactory conclusions, owing to the irregularity of the yield and condition of the grain. In regard to the winter crop there is nothing new to report. The statement to the Department of Agriculture, due next week, will include estimates of the condition of wheat when harvested, both winter and spring production. Last year the average for the entire crop on September 1 was 82, and it is likely that the official estimate this month will not be above 77. Should it be equal this, or closely approach this point, the indicated production would be from 400,000,000 to 420,000,000 bushels, on the measured bushel basis, and materially below 400,000,000 on the 60 pound basis. The situation justifies a promise of not more than 70,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels of wheat in this country during the year, in excess of domestic requirements, by reducing reserves at the close to a very low point, say 15,000,000 bushels below the position at the opening of the current year.—Cincinnati Price Current.

It is reported that the Alberta mills at Red Deer have changed hands.

A new mill is now in operation on the Belly river above Macleod by McLaren, of Ottawa. The logs are floated down from the mountains.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of the 7th inst. contains the following:—"The latest private despatch from a Winnipeg grain merchant states that careful enquiries reveal the fact that 25 per cent. of the crop will be unmerchantable, 50 per cent. grading No. 1, 2 and 3 frosted, and 25 per cent. No. 1 hard. We trust that the party sending this message has been mistaken, as he is likely to be, as the exact per centage of damage cannot be ascertained until threshing gives the real cue to the situation. Old wheat is likely to sell at a big premium this fall, owing to the unusually large demand that must spring up for mixing purposes. On Tuesday last \$1.15 was bid for 105,000 bushels of No. 1 northern and refused. Sales to Ontario and Montreal millers have taken place at \$1.20." The Bulletin with commendable caution does not care to swallow that one without salt.

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