NEW COMPANIES.

Record for the Year of Joint Stock Companies Formed in the Province.

Foreign Institutions Registered for the Purpose of Doing Business in British Columbia.

THE resources of British Columbia attracted their full share of attention from the financial world during 1894, as is seen by the number of joint stock companies incorporated and the number of foreign companies that registered in the province for the purpose of doing business here. Mining, fishing and other industries drew capital for investment, mining taking the largest amount. It is gratifying, too, to notice that the halibut fisheries have opened up well and have taken quite a considerable sum of money in their development. Then, too, as proving that financial men consider the Province a safe and profitable field, a number of foreign companies with a combined capital of over $21,000,000 have registered here for the purpose of investing money and doing business. Below are named the companies incorporated during the year just past:

Name of Company.	Place of Business.	Date Incorp.	Capital Stock
Stanley House Co. Ltd	Victoria	Jan. 2	$ 200,000
Victoria Athletic Grounds Association, Ltd	"	" 3	10,000
Pacific Brick Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 5	20,000
Granville Cigar Co. Ltd	"	" 9	50,000
Golden Hospital Co. Ltd	Golden	" 9	.....
Miner Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd	Victoria	" 9	10,000
Duncan Lodge No. 17, I.O.O.F	Duncan	" 15	.....
Gulf of Georgia Canning Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 17	100 000
Bear Lake Consol. Mining Co. Ltd	Victoria	" 18	500,000
Montreal Canning Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 19	200,000
Thos. Dunn & Co. Ltd	"	" 22	250,000
Cariboo & Kootenay Prospecting & Mining Co. Ltd	"	Mar. 3	100,000
Centennial Lodge No 30, I.O.O.F	Nanaimo	" 5	.....
Nanaimo Poultry Society Ltd	"	" 5	25 000
Thorpe & Co. Ltd	Victoria	" 6	25,000
Granville Club Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 8	100,000
Steveston Gold & Platinum Hydraulic Mining Co. Ltd	"	" 17	1,000,000
B.C. Tug Co. Ltd	Victoria	" 20	15,000
Progress Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd	Chilliwack	" 30	2 500
Christ Church Building Co. Ltd	Vancouver	Apr. 18	60,000
Steyne Creek Gold Mining Co. Ltd	"	" 23	200,000
Fraser River Fish Co. Ltd	Westminster	" 27	25,000
North Star Mining Co. Ltd	Vancouver	May 10	100 000
H. McDowell & Co. Ltd	"	June 6	100,000
Victoria Lodge No. 17, K of P	Victoria	" 21	.....
Fraser River Mining & Dredging Co. Ltd	Vancouver	July 3	2,500,000
Fraser Valley Land Co. Ltd	"	" 5	100,000
Olivet Baptist Church Property Co Ltd	Westminster	" 6	30,000
Vancouver Sash & Door Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 11	25,000
Golden Era Mining Co. Ltd	"	" 18	8,000
Waverley House Co. Ltd	Cumberland, Comox	" 18	10,000
B.C. Automatic Stamping & Oil Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 21	250,000
New Denver Theatre Co. Ltd	New Denver	" 28	6,000
Quesnelle River Hydraulic Gold Mining Co. Ltd	Westminster	Aug. 14	600 000
Amity Lodge No. 27, I.O.O.F	"	" 16	.....
Pacific Lodge No. 26, I.O.O.F	Vancouver	" 23	.....
Anglo American Gold & Platinum Hydraulic Mining Co. Ltd	"	" 24	250,000
Minnesota Silver Mining Co. Ltd	New Denver	" 24	1,000,000
Alamo Mining Co. Ltd	"	" 24	500,000
Slocan Milling Co Ltd	"	" 24	100 000
B.C. Gold Dredging Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 29	1,500,000
Delta Lodge No. 21, I.O.O.F	Ladner's Landing	Sept. 4	.....
B.C. Logging Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 6	50,000
B.C. Stock & Mining Exchange, Ltd	"	" 8	5 000
Provincial Mining & Dredging Co. Ltd	"	" 12	1,000,000
Pacific Club	Victoria	" 19	.....
Cheam Lodge No. 23, I.O.O.F	Agassiz	Oct. 20	.....
Maud Hydraulic Mining Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 31	25 000
American Fish Co. Ltd	Victoria	Nov. 3	10,000
Victoria Fishing & Trading Co Ltd	Vancouver	" 14	100,000
Westminster Masonic Temple Co, Ltd	Westminster	" 16	35,000
Montreal & B.C. Prospecting & Promoting Co. Ltd	Vancouver	" 19	20,000
International Ice & Storage Co. Ltd	"	Dec. 5	50,000
Wanderers' Club	Port Simpson	" 7	.....
Lower Fraser River Navigation Co. Ltd	Westminster	" 13	15,000
Slocan Store Co. Ltd	Three Forks	" 16	25,000
Carlisle Packing & Canning Co. Ltd	Victoria	" 19	25,000
FOREIGN COMPANIES REGISTERED.			
Canadian Northwest Mining Co	Helena, Montana		2,000,000
Kootenay and Columbia Prospecting & Mining Co	Ottawa		40,000
Canadian Pacific Mining & Milling Co.	Minneapolis		500,000
Real Estate Loan Co. Ltd. of Canada	Toronto		1,600,000
Globe Savings & Loan Co	"		10,000,000
Kootenay Mining & Smelting Co	Jersey City, N.J		300,000
Columbia Mining Co	Seattle		1,000,000
Horsfly Gold Mining Co	San Francisco		1,000,000
Scott Mining Co	Seattle		100,000
American Development Co	Chicago		100,000
Provincial Building & Loan Association	Toronto		5,000,000
Total			$32,271,500

KAMLOOPS.

The "Inland Capital" has Enjoyed a Year of Exceptional Prosperity.

New Buildings on Every Hand—Development of Trade—Water Works Improvement.

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 31 (Special).—Despite the hard times elsewhere, this year has been the most prosperous in the history of Kamloops since railway construction was completed, partially due to the extra force of workmen employed in repairing the damage by floods to the C.P.R., whose supplies were taken from here, and to the building of the Provincial Home, which put a considerable amount of money in circulation. That institution was examined by the architect one week ago and accepted as practically finished. It is a beautiful structure, on a commanding site, and a credit to the city and province. The efforts of Hon. G. B. Martin to secure this institution for Kamloops have been much appreciated.

This has been the most active year in building operations the city has ever seen. The Hudson's Bay Co. erected an $8,000 brick block; J. B. Wehritz a large brewery whose first product is now on the market; J. R. Latomouille, a large hotel; and W. T. Slavin and W. H. Stephenson, stores. Several other new business premises were occupied and others remodelled and enlarged. Handsome private residences have sprung up on every street, among the best being those of Dr. Furrer, Mr. J. O. Grahame, Mr. Vickers, Mr. H. C. M. Ridley, Mr. H. McCutcheon and Mr. W. B. Austin. The total value of the new buildings, including the Provincial Home, is estimated at $150,000.

A by-law authorizing the purchase of water works for $14,000 has just been passed and $10,000 will be spent in improvements early in the new year. There was but one fire during the year, involving a loss of $500. Customs and post office returns show a large increase of business.

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COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" at this season of the year those words are more universally in use than any others. They have become a set phrase, a regulation greeting, uttered alike by rich and poor, old and young, in every land where the "Great Birthday" is recognized and celebrated. We see them printed on exquisite cards, with appropriate verses. They are sent from one quarter of the globe to the other, conveying kind wishes to absent friends. And with how many feelings are the words of greeting spoken! By some with earnest thought underlying them, and the dear, tender, "God bless you" following with heart felt wishes that they may be happily realized. With others, the young and lighthearted, they are uttered with a merry laugh and forgotten the next moment. Christmas brings so many and varied thoughts and emotions to us all, but perhaps it is appreciated more thoroughly by the children than by their elders. To them it brings visions of delights of every kind—freedom from the schoolroom, juvenile parties, the glories of a Christmas tree, the numerous gifts of kindly friends—all contribute to make it a season for them of unalloyed enjoyment.

And then comes the New Year, which is essentially a time of begennings. A time when that new chapter we have thought so much of during the old year can be begun; when new regulations may be made to take the place of the old ones, some of which alas, were so soon broken. The New Year, as does Christmas, seems to ring up all the emotions of our souls. We draw back the curtain of the past, some with regret, heart burning and tears, others with content and pleasure, but always with a certain amount of sadness as they glance back at "Auld Lang Syne." So many of the old familiar faces are gone. New ones, perhaps brighter and younger, take their places, but even they fail quite to fill up the space. To the young the arrival of another year is not so full of significance as to the old. The summer fled only too quickly, with its round of pleasures, and when the winter came it brought in its turn its attendant gaieties. With laugh and song and merriment Christmas was ushered in, and the only consideration they give the New Year is to express the hope that the ball will keep rolling, and that the year will contain as much fun as the old one did.

They have no regrets, no disappointments, no lost hopes to mourn over. The drop of bitterness has not found its way into their cup of joy, and life is for them all sunshine. Some of us look forward to the new year with eager longing. Its arrival may herald the return of some dear friend, or hasten the approach of some joyous event, and happy anticipation causes us to wait impatiently for its coming. Others dread it with vague, undefined fears. The old year may have brought grief and sorrow, and they shrink from entering a new one with all sorts of gloomy forebodings. It may come laden with fresh misfortunes.

Each day of the new year is an unwritten chapter, and it rests with us to make it what we will. And what a blessed thing it is to know that even the worst of us, those poor weak ones, who have come to be regarded as absolute failures, even these have their chance with the rest to begin afresh, to blot out the past, to make amends for the misery they have caused all their best friends, for all the blunders and shortcomings, the mistakes and heedlessness of the old year. They, too, have another try, and surely if a loving word, a friendly glance, a hearty hand clasp or some little act of kindness on the part of the more fortunate ones can help the poor "failures" to make one step in the right direction, surely they will not grudge it or turn away with cold contempt when they see that an effort to do better is being made. Such little things, small though they be, all help to keep our own chapters clear and unspotted.—SYDNEY DALE.

THE FUR SEALING.

Catch of the Victoria Sealing Fleet for 1894 the Largest on Record.

Interesting Information From the Official Report—Operations in Behring Sea.

With the reopening of Behring sea to their operations in 1894, the sealers of Victoria, with a fleet of 59 vessels giving employment to 1,336 men, brought home the largest catch in the history of the industry. It was a notable year in many respects—notable for the reintroduction of the spear as a weapon of slaughter, for the return of each vessel of the fleet without serious misadventure, for the introduction of new "sealing regulations," and, unfortunately, for very low prices. The year now opening will, it is expected, see the sealing business entirely reorganized upon conservative business principles; lower wages will be paid all round; many of the Indians will go out in their own schooners independent of the white ship owners, and the latter will take steps to reduce the hazard of the industry to the lowest possible point. It is thus hoped to make the catch of 1895, if not as large as that of 1894 perhaps, a more profitable one.

Collector Milne's official report of the operations in Behring sea during 1894 states that the catch was made outside the 60-mile protected zone, in latitudes 55, 56, and 58, and longitudes from 171 to 175, operations being carried on from the first of August to the middle of September. On the Japanese coast sealing commenced at about latitude 36 and continued north. There were none of the interruptions of late years experienced by those who operated in territory adjacent to Russian waters, the vessels all keeping well outside the thirty-mile zone, mainly operating about one hundred miles southeast of Copper Island. On the British Columbia coast sealing commenced at about latitude 37, thence proceeding northward. The fleet returned to port early in May, the close season being then on, and at the end of July those of the ships having the requisite crews of spearsmen set off for Behring sea to try their luck under the new regulations. Considering everything, those who were in position to make this experiment with any hope of fair reward did very well, but taking the whole fleet, it is claimed that the season has been barren of profit or advantage, except that of the crews, who were enabled to make fair wages. Of the total of 59 vessels operating, only 32 went into the Sea. The season's catch is thus summarized and compared with that of the previous year:

	1894.	1893.
No. of vessels	59	55
Men in white crews	818	847
Men in Indian crews	518	452
B.C. Coast catch	11,703	29,113
Japan " "	48,993	29,246
Copper Island catch	7,437	12,013
Behring Sea "	26 341	....
Total Canadian catch	94,474	70,372

The above is of course exclusive of the skins landed at Victoria by United States vessels and which bring the total handled at this port up to 95,058. The 59 vessels of the Victoria sealing fleet of 1894 represented a tonnage of 3,866.

Appended is an abstract of the catch from an official return on the sealing of 1894 prepared and forwarded to Ottawa by Collector of Customs A. R. Milne.

VESSELS.	B.C. Co'st.	Jap'nese Co'st.	Copper Isl'd.	Behring Sea.	Tot'l
Enterprise	....	1,254	314	....	1,568
Rosie Olsen	....	1,013	....	856	1,899
Umbrina	....	2,588	153	60	2,801
Oscar & Hattie	....	1,733	176	....	1,909
Diana	....	1,961	433	....	2,394
Brenda	....	2,383	343	....	2,726
Arietis	....	1,497	....	91	1,588
Casco	....	1,926	....	....	1,926
Dora Seiward	....	2,584	....	....	2,584
Walter A. Earle	....	1,471	....	672	2,143
Fawn	....	911	....	646	1,557
Agnes M'donald	....	1,707	471	....	2 178
W. P. Hall	....	710	....	....	710
Mermaid	....	1,603	503	....	2,106
City San Diego	....	1,304	250	....	1,554
Mary Taylor	....	874	250	....	1,124
Libbie	....	1,010	200	....	1,210
May Belle	....	925	207	....	1,122
Mary Ellen	....	1,909	86	457	2,452
Viva	....	1,437	....	....	1,437
W. P. Sayward	....	556	55	....	611
Penelope	....	1,306	296	....	1,602
Vera	....	1,075	....	195	1,270
Carlotta G. Cox	....	1,947	....	....	1,947
Triumph	1,320	....	....	3 240	4,560
Otto	....	1,014	623	....	1,637
E. B Marvin	....	2,118	....	....	2,118
Sapphire	535	....	....	2,105	2,640
Annie E. Paint	....	1,497	531	....	2,028
Geneva	....	1,092	558	....	1,650
Teresa	....	1,102	120	....	1,222
Sadie Turpel	....	1,783	171	....	1,954
Ocean Belle	....	530	274	....	804
Maud S	....	1,343	86	....	1,429
Aurora	....	693	21	217	931
Flor. M. Smith	....	96	81	....	177
Beatrice	358	....	....	1,160	1,518
Mascot	....	558	....	545	1,103
Favorite	606	....	....	1,240	1,846
Annie C. Moore	309	....	....	1,947	2 256
Labrador	308	....	....	560	868
Wanderer	400	....	....	....	400
Pioneer	418	....	1,263	....	1 681
Saucy Lass	170	....	....	668	838
Borealis	303	....	....	1,149	1,452
Katharine	269	....	....	1,059	1,328
Ainoko	467	....	....	1,657	2,124
Kate	79	....	....	867	946
Shelby	34	....	....	377	411
Venture	....	....	....	909	909
Walter L Rich	691	....	....	1,749	2,440
Mountain Chief	175	....	....	....	175
Fisher Maid	92	....	....	....	92
Minnie	488	....	....	1,665	2,153
San Jose	20	....	....	849	869
Kilmeny	....	....	....	634	634
Henrietta	315	....	....	767	1,082
C. D. Rand	357	....	....	....	357
Beatrice	....	1,703	....	....	1,703
Canoe catch by Indians	3,989	....	....	....	3 989
Total	11,703	48,993	7,437	26,340	94,474

General Booth at Portland.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—General William Booth, of the Salvation Army, arrived today over the Southern Pacific. He was driven to the residence of ex United States Attorney General Williams, whose guest he will be during his stay here. At 11 o'clock the pastors of the various churches met General Booth at the Taylor street Methodist church, where he addressed a large assemblage. This evening at the exposition Mayor Frank welcomed the General to this city, after which he addressed the large audience assembled.

A common mullein plant keeps all winter outside on the window-sill, if put in a box with earth. Its thick, felt-like leaves, of exquisite coloring, are interesting specimens of peculiar plant growth.

B. C. LUMBER TRADE.

It is Constantly Growing and Has Now Developed Magnificent Proportions.

The Prospect a Promising One—Disadvantages to be Overcome.

The fact that the United States has taken the duty off lumber is likely to make a very important difference to the British Columbia lumber trade, the Canadian article being much superior to that of Puget Sound. The Hastings mill has already made shipments to San Pedro, while the Brunette saw mills have sent three cargoes, and three others are on their way to California ports. Several yearly charters between British Columbia and California have already been made. What is wanted it is, however, contended is to have an arrangement made by which the Dominion Government should assist the British Columbia trade by doing away with the pilotage and towage charges. From Port Angeles or Royal Roads American vessels can proceed to Burrard Inlet without taking a pilot; but it is different with Canadian vessels, as they have invariably to take pilots. Moreover Canadian vessels are liable for towage whether or not they are towed, and towards the abolition of these charges it is desired to secure the influence of the Provincial Government on the Federal authorities. The promotion of the lumber trade with California points means a stimulus to trade generally and the employment of our own people. Not only ought, it is claimed, the towage charges to be reduced but the pilotage dues should be abolished, unless a pilot be employed. It is felt that considering the cost of towage each vessel should be bonused to the extent of $25. It is anticipated that if conditions are favorable the lumber trade between British Columbia and California next year will amount to thirty or forty million feet. In Australia business is very dull and the prospects are not favorable. South Africa appears likely to open up a good trade some more than ordinarily heavy contracts being spoken of, while even at Sound points owing to the better quality of the British Columbia product a good many transactions are likely to be negotiated. British trade will never be large until tonnage becomes cheaper and vessels more plentiful. On the B.C. side everything tends to a revival of the lumber interest. The Sound mills send their best lumber east by railway and use California and other adjacent makets as a sort of dumping ground for lumber of poorer quality. It is considered as a matter of great importance to the trade that Customs Collector Milne has secured the concession of vessels being allowed to call at Esquimalt for orders and to take on supplies without having to pay charges. If, however, they enter Esquimalt as a refuge they have to pay half pilotage dues. The lumber trade not only by reason of the capital and labor it employs, but the amount of supplies consumed by those engaged in it is an important industry and it is desirable that in every way it should be fostered.

The following is the list of the British Columbia lumber fleet for the year, the cargoes representing a valuation of $406,862; 30 of the vessels named loaded at Vancouver, 12 at Moodyville, 3 at New Westminster, 4 at Victoria, and 1 at Cowichan:

Name	For	Cargo Ft.
Germanic	Cork f o	910 483
Snow & Burgess	Santa Rosalia	1,075,000
Benj. Sewall	Cork f o	1,021,624
Colorado	Shanghai	707,000
Templar	Callao	567,001
W. H. Talbot	East London	804,183
Eclipse	Greenock	1,072,321
Beaconsfield	Cork f. o	1,055,411
Pioneer	Santa Rosalia	57,714
Aida	Shanghai	684,562
India	Valparaiso	761,104
Thermopylae	Shanghai	581,853
Hindostan	Valparaiso	1,207,552
Astoria	Cork, f o	740,684
Gutenberg	Valparaiso, f.o	591 766
Modoc	Santa Rosalia	101,211
Katie Flickinger	do	399 148
East Croft	Valparaiso, f o	1,058,084
Grace Harwar	Cork, f o	1,398,871
Xantippe	do	841,219
Chehalis	Adelaide	782 163
Largo Law	Valparaiso, f. o	1,358,471
Benmore	Adelaide	1,086,479
Gainsborough	Melbourne	740,840
Guardian	Santa Rosalia	170,357
Olympic	Callao	1,368,752
Don Carlos	Noumea	536,094
Borrowdale	Valparaiso	910,683
Hesper	Sydney	744,304
Villalta	Melbourne	656,795
Southern Chief	Santa Rosala	891,436
Wm. Bowden	Sydney	676,072
Elisa	Valparaiso	763,972
Drammen	Cork, f. o	994,910
Veradean	Alexandria	1,684,176
Aida	Shanghai	694,981
Occidental	Santa Rosalia	249 066
Newsboy	Sydney	662,607
Cavour	Callao	986,105
Ballachulish	Valparaiso	1,593,210
Lismore	Buenos Ayres	1,221,499
Irmgard	Iquique	690 934
Alexandra	Calais	1,046 938
R. W. Bartlett	Santi Rosalia	501,628
Geneva	Iquique	551,249
Sadie	San Francisco	410,000
India	Valparaiso	784,000
Lakme	San Pedro	571,000
Colorado	Sydney	765 518
Beulah	San Francisco	367 374

VICTORIA'S FREE LIBRARY.

Thoroughly Comfortable and Convenient Premises—More Books the Need of the Institution.

During the year that has just closed the Victoria free library has barely held its own in the matter of patronage, the issue of books for the year being somewhat below the total for 1893. This is no doubt attributable in a great measure to the fact that no material additions have been made to the shelves, and many of the patrons of the library having exhausted the class of reading most agreeable to their individual tastes are borrowers no more. There are now on the way from Mudie's, London, for the circulation department, $200 worth of new books, principally works of fiction. These will, it is expected, be ready for the use of borrowers during the present month. This addition while no doubt it will be much appreciated will not however retain the interest of the general public in the library all through the year. What is wanted is a keener and more practical interest in the library by those entrusted with its management—the Library Committee of the city council. The cost of keeping the institution "up to date" is insignificant in comparison with its value to the citizens. The library premises were during 1894 entirely remodelled and they are now thoroughly comfortable and convenient.

Below is given a synopsis of the work of 1894:

MONTHS.	New Cards.	Average Issue.	Books Issued 1894.	Books Issued 1893.
January	44	78	2014	1958
February	47	83	1989	2085
March	40	64	2068	2116
April	24	75	1342	1971
*May	..	..	....	1668
*June	....	....	....	1704
July	40	60	1333	1564
August	24	60	1676	1663
September	29	70	1621	1685
October	27	62	16 6	1618
November	40	70	1735	1740
December	30	89	2671	1858
Total	345	71	17996	21625

Average daily issue 1894 71
Average daily issue 1893 59
*Library closed during alteration.

THE CIVIC ASSESSMENT.

Value of Victoria Property Has Increased Sevenfold in the Decade Just Completed.

The value of Victoria property, as shown by the assessment roll, has increased sevenfold in the past ten years—from $3,104,860 in 1884 to $23,538,205, which is the total shown by the last revised assessment. By wards the figures are as below:—

	Land.	Improv'ts.*	Total.
South Ward	$4,260,120	$546,575	$4 806,956
Central "	4,926,100	642,425	5 568,525
North "	4 610 085	609 330	5,219,415
Total	$13,796,305	1,798,330	15 504,635

* Improvements assessed at 25 per cent. of value.

The property exempted from taxation forms a very considerable total, made up as follows:—

Government property	$537,830
Indian Reserve	300,000
Beacon Hill	500,000
Corporation	254,300
Churches	461 300
Hospitals	111,450
Schools	107,250
Railways	68 340
Rice Mills	48,000
Cemeteries	43 410
Orphans' Home	33,200
Total	$2 448,580

The total value of Victoria property therefore is:—

Taxable land	$13,796 305
" improvements	7,193 320
Exemptions	2,448,580
Total	$23,538,205

VITAL STATISTICS.

Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Victoria During 1894.

The vital statistics for the year just closed are of interest chiefly because they show a constantly lowering death rate. There are about the same number of births and marriages as in 1893, but the record of deaths is but 225 as against 274 in 1893 and 300 in 1892. This with a considerably increased population is certainly matter for congratulation. Below are given the statistics for the year in detail:

Months.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
January	30	33	18
February	28	9	21
March	28	13	26
April	40	4	13
May	34	39	17
June	31	11	15
July	25	5	19
August	19	26	22
September	22	15	28
October	36	13	21
November	26	23	19
December	26	14	11
Total	345	204	225

NEW BY-LAWS

Passed By the Corporation Council of Victoria During the Year Just Closed.

219. The Assessment By-Law, 1894.
220. Annual Loan By-Law, 1894
221. Municipal Revenue By-Law, 1894.
222. Electric Lighting By-Law, 1894.
223. Oak Bay Avenue Exchange By-Law Amendment By-Law.
224. Victoria Electric Co. Ltd. Authorization By-Law.
225. Hawkers' and Peddlers' Amendment By Law, 1894.
226. Health By-Law Amendment By-Law, 1894.
227. Sewerage Loan By-Law, 1894.
228. The Jubilee Hospital Assistance By-Law, 1894.
229. The Exhibition Loan By-Law, 1894.
230. The Water Works Regulation By-Law, 1894.
231. The Sewerage Commissioners Appointment and Sewerage Assessment By-Law, 1894.
232. The Tax By-Law, 1894.
233. The Ross Bay Cemetery By-Law, 1894
234. The Municipal Expenditure By-Law, 1894.
235. The Revenue By-Law Amendment By-Law, 1894.
236. The Water Works Loan By-Law, 1894
237. The Victoria Real Estate Tax Sale By-Law.
238. The Council Procedure By-Law, 1894.
239. The Voters' List (1895) Revision By-Law, 1894.
240. The Municipal Election By Law, 1895.

INLAND REVENUE.

Business of This Department Holding Its Own—Receipts for the Year Just Closed.

The following table of Inland Revenue collections in division No. 37 for the past few years shows a healthy and unchanged condition of the branches of trade covered by the returns:

Months.	1892.	1893.	1894.
January	$ 9.386	$11,695	$11,395.06
February	10.636	9,000	8,182.59
March	11,670	11.133	20,957 28
April	12,812	13.778	6,271.32
May	11,120	13 644	9,186 83
June	13,643	13,683	6 211 96
July	12,628	15,700	17 911 55
August	13 722	16.132	13 859.55
September	15.193	13 731	14,451.85
October	12 189	16 446	14,352.85
November	10,944	10,811	11,882.32
December (approx.)	11 679	9,305	13,277.02
Total	$145,636	$153,973	$147,250.07

The receipts for 1894 above given are derived from the following sources:—

Months.	Spirits and Malt.	Tobacco and Cigars.	Licenses, Inspection, Etc.
January	$7,697 13	$3,459 08	$238 85
February	5,434 14	2,583 87	164 58
March	10,358 06	3 801 12	103 10
April	2,654 74	3 393 78	89 80
May	5,578 22	3,535 40	53 20
June	5,129 31	977 90	134 75
July	7,999 68	8,456 84	1,456 03
August	8,995 04	4,739 60	131 93
September	9,235 95	5 002 00	163 90
October	9,069 35	5,002 00	281 50
November	8,403 47	3,394 55	154 20
December	9,594 89	3,517 93	164 20
Total	$96,154 96	$47,921 07	$3,138 04

M. Vilmorin, in his report to the French government on horticulture in the United States, says that the Arnold Arboretum, in Boston, "under the energetic direction of Prof. Chas. S. Sargent, comprises the most complete collection of trees and shrubs in the world."

THE SALMON SEASON.

Despite Vexatious Regulations the Pack is Good and the Industry Prospers.

Results of Operations at the Various Canneries—The Salmon Fleet of 1894.

The salmon industry, of which Victoria has always been and still is head-quarters, has prospered during 1894, notwithstanding the enforcement of regulations which materially reduced the northern rivers' pack. The total product is 494,470 cases for the year, as against 596,584 cases in 1893. Of this large output the British market naturally claims the greater proportion, while it is gratifying to note that Australia calls for and receives 15,078 cases. Appended are the statistics of the industry for the year, as compiled by Robert Ward & Co, Ltd.

Packs of the various canneries in cases:

	Cases.
FRASER RIVER.	
Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company (6 canneries)	83,073
Bon Accord Fishery Co.	27 917
British Columbia Canning Co.	7,493
Brunswick Canning Co.	15,346
Canadian Pacific Packing Co.	20,775
Delta Canning Co.	15,484
Ewen & Co.	25,419
Fisherman's Canning Co.	11,110
Gulf of Georgia Canning Co.	18,429
Goodmurphy Dinsmore Canning Co.	10 393
Harlock Packing Co.	10 091
Holly Cannery	11,317
J. H. Todd & Son	25 325
Laidlaw & Co.	5,973
Luiu Island Canning Co.	15,542
Pacific Coast Canning Co.	14,253
Terra Nova Canning Co.	8,025
Short & Squair	12,465
Steveston Canning Co.	17 887
Wellington Packing Co.	10,131
Total	363 978
SKEENA RIVER.	
Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co. (2 canneries)	17 308
British Columbia Canning Co.	9 267
Balmoral Canning Co.	6,591
Inverness Canning Co.	7,650
Royal Canadian Packing Co.	6,711
Skeena Packing Co.	6 988
Standard Packing Co.	6,624
Total	61,139
RIVERS INLET.	
British Columbia Canning Co.	27,105
Wannuck Packing Co.	12,436
Total	39,451
NAAS RIVER.	
Federation Canning Co.	19,587
LOWE INLET.	
Lowe Inlet Packing Co.	8,315
ALERT BAY.	
Alert Bay Packing Co.	2,000

SUMMARY.

Fraser River packs	363 978
Skeena " "	61,139
Rivers Inlet "	39,451
Naas River "	19,587
Lowe Inlet "	8,315
Alert Bay "	2 000
Total Product, 1894	494,470

DISPOSED OF AS FOLLOWS:

EXPORTED TO,

Liverpool.	Cases.
Per City of Glasgow	51,840
" Northernhay	55,572
" Clan Robertson	69,808
" Senta	46,127
" Argomene, via Tacoma	47,520
" Forteviot, "	8,214
Waiting shipment for Liverpool	10,962
Overland and steamships	20,424
	299,467
London.	
Per Corryrechan	56 310
" Rimac	37,874
" Hiwatha ....., via San Francisco	2,600
	95,784
Eastern Canada	76.004
Australia	15,078
Local	2 647
Stock on hand	5,490
	494,470

THE POST OFFICE.

The Statistics Are Again Entirely Favorable and Indicative of Prosperity.

The post office returns, always indicative of the commercial life of a city, are quite satisfactory this year, though the receipts have been necessarily reduced by the extension of the street delivery service and consequent relinquishment of their boxes by many citizens, who have hitherto contributed materially to the revenue for this convenience. The annual income for the past ten years is shown by the appended table:—

1884	$19 790
1885	20 727
1886	22 352
1887	23 756
1888	25 319
1889	28 049
1890	30 999
1891	35 500
1892	43 150
1893	43.550
1894	42 306

NOTES.

Orchids and chrysanthemums, says a London letter, are the principal attractions in the indoor garden at this time of year. Outside there is nothing except berries of various kinds, a few late autumn-tinted leaves and here and there a straggling rose or chrysanthemum. There is, however, one shrub of exceptional interest now, namely, Pernettya mucronata, and its varieties. We have two large beds of them in a conspicuous place on a lawn, and they are now heavily laden with berries of the most vivid colors—crimson, magenta, red, pink, violet, china-blue and creamy white.

A correspondent of the Gardeners' Chronicle, in writing about the Koreans, whom he considers intellectually a sort of inferior Chinamen, says that they by no means neglect flower gardening. A pond thickly set with lotus is the most common form of decorative planting practiced by them, but the chrysanthemum is also grown to perfection, and a festival in honor of this plant is the most popular of their annual celebrations. Those who are able to do so cultivate it under frames covered with oiled paper, which is an excellent way of getting good flowers. It is in comparatively recent times that European gardeners discovered the secret of growing large flower heads by training plants to single stems and single flowers, but the Koreans have practiced this system for centuries.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.