

In connection with this matter of duties, the following figures will be interesting: In the fiscal year of 1889 Canada exported to the United States 20,360,000 feet of spruce logs. During the same time we exported spruce lumber to the amount of only 1,224,000 feet to that country. In pine the situation is reversed. The United States in 1889 took of pine logs 10,839,000 feet, while of pine lumber it took 617,088,000 feet. As the export duty on pine is double that on spruce logs, it would seem that it has had the effect of compelling the manufacture of this class of lumber at home, in preference to the exportation of the logs, though other conditions, such as geographical position, may be the cause of the larger proportionate export of spruce logs, as compared with pine.

THE bailiff is in charge of the effects of J. Curl, contractor and builder, Winnipeg.

A discovery of petroleum is reported on the farm of E. Vine, Metchosin district, B. C.

A consignment of British Columbia hops was recently shipped from Victoria, B. C., to Montreal.

Van Valkenburg Bros. have shipped from Essex county, Ontario, a car load of 300 swine for the British Columbia market.

C. D. Smith, Boissevain, Man., is moving his saw mill outfit to Vancouver, B. C., where he will go into the lumber and shingle business.

The Eau Claire mills, Calgary, have shut down for the season. Since they started up last spring they have not lost three hours time.

The contract has been signed for the erection of the Young Men's Christian Association building, at Vancouver, B. C., for the sum of \$30,377. Alexander McKay has the contract.

The first direct consignment of Ceylon tea ever received via the Vancouver Pacific route, has arrived for G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg. The tea was shipped from Colombo, Ceylon, via Hong Kong and Vancouver.

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