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Customs Returns.—During the moof May the value of imports as she by the Victoria customs returns, we \$259,054, of which \$207,596 represent dutiable and \$31,458 free goods. Therefore the month totalled \$62,704, 22, there being \$61,752.02 taken in duty \$35 from Chinese sources and \$919.2 from other sources. Domestic export for the mouth amounted to \$21,416, and foreign exports to \$8,731.

Armstrong, senior partner of the firm of Armstrong, Morrison & Balfour, stated last evening that the order for the piles for the new C. P. R. wharf had been placed and that construction work will be proceeded with almost immediately. As soon as the piles are delivered the crissons will be made and the pile-driving will follow. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are staying at the Driard.

Excursion to B. C.—The gratifying announcement is made that the C. P. R. officials have under advisement the question of operating a settlers' excursion from Maurioba and the Northwest to British Columbia. A communication to this effect was received by the Tourist Association from E. J. Coyle recently. It is altogether likely that the company will carry out this plan in order to facilitate the trend of immigration westward.

Work at James Bay.—Immediate corporation work at James Bay is nearly completed. The balcony överlooking the stone landing along the retaining wall is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that ten days more will witness the finishing touches, including the installation of the lamps. With this completed the wall will be buttressed for all time, while its appearance will be markedly enhanced. The dredger is at work in the harbor and mud is again being deposited ready for the King Edward dredge, which is expected down from New Westminster shortly.

Trout for Sooke.—Early next week 200,000 trout fry will be sent from the Dominion hatcheries and placed in the Highland and Sooke lakes. There are three of the former bodies of water, and although they were at one time well supplied with fish, the sport has recently been exceedingly poor. It is, therefore, gratifying to learn that the lakes are to be replenished. The reasons actuating the Game Club in deciding to deposit some in Sooke is not to increase the number of fish, but, by the introduction of new blood, to increase the size of the present trout.

Success Assured.— There seems every reason for believing that the forthcoming fall fair under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be a huge success. The citizens have responded very liberally with their contributions. It is announced that exactly \$2,738.50 was collected. With the addition of the \$2,000 appropriation from the local government this makes a total in the neighborhood of \$5,000 available for the approaching exhibition. Besides this there is, of corres on. receipts and numerous incidentals. Therefore, given favorable weather, there is every indication that the show will be the success wished for by all those who have at heart the interests of Wictoria.

Crowd From Australia.—The steamship Manuka, the crack new liner of the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealaud, is expected to reach Victoria on Tuesday next with the greatest number of passengers ever brought from Australia by any one steamer. Mr. E. S. Crauford, assistant general agent of the Union Steamship Company on the Pacific coast, received a cablegram from Honolulu announcing that the Manuka called there on Tuesday night. After a short stay at the Hawaiian port, she continued her voyage, and when she left she had 421 passengers on board. Given that the Manuka makes schedule time to this coast, she is due here on Puesday next. She is the clipper liner of the fleet to which she belongs, and as rated as easily good for 17 knots during her entire passage from the southern seas. Crowd From Australia.-The steam

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Take Labarge.—Lake Labarge is expected to be open in ten days. There are 300 people and many steamer loads of cargo at White Horse for Dawson waiting for the lake to break.

Mounted Police Horses-Horses to be used as remounts for the mounted po-lice in the north will go upon the Amur, which sails from Vancouver tomorrow evening. They were brought from the Territories and are in charge of Ser-geant S. A. B. White and Constables a? F. Horton, Robert Doughtery and H. Milton.

Address to Farmers.—The Nanaimo Cedar Farmers' Institute will hold a supplementary meeting on Monday. June 13th, at 8 p. m., and in the school house, Parkesville, on Thureday, June 16th, commencing at the same hour. Prof. F. T. Shutt, the chief chemist at the Central Experimental farm, Ottawa, will address the meetings on such matters as soil, fertilization, water, etc. while the deputy minister of agriculture will speak about the question of pure seed.

Big Mining Rush.—Telegraphic advices from the Yukon capital are to the effect that the first two steamers in the Tanana rush reached Fairbanks from Dawson with 200 people and 400 tone of freight. Dawson business men who went with the boats have wired back for more. One more boat is nearly there. The fourth left Wednesday night with 100 people and 200 tons of cargo, including six large boilers and thirty steam pumps for mining, a very important shipment. Pioneer Klondikers are still going.

compared by the Central ing, ners recently adopted by the Central Farmers' Institute of British Columbia respecting the necessity for the enforcement of the provisions of the law aimed to prevent the adulteration of foods. In reply the Ottawa authorities have stated that an analysis of the last collection of jams and jellies has been completed, and that the result will be published. The department will enforce the provisions of the Adulteration Act as respects adulteration found in these as well as other articles.