

## THE PROVINCIAL BUILDINGS.

In connection with the new Provincial buildings contracts have been awarded to Victoria men for the masons', carpenters', plasterers', coppersmiths', plumbers' and iron founders work. Mr. E. Spillman, of Vancouver, having secured the job of painting. It is said that according to the price agreed to the entire work will not cost more than was voted for it, and it is further stated that the building in all its departments will be pushed to speedy completion. We are pleased to know that the contractors all belong to the Province; but are sorry that the idea of having the work done by British Columbia labor has not been carried out, each of the contractors being free to employ foreigners to the disadvantage of our own people who have in one way or another to bear their share of the cost.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

It would seem that, after all there is not likely to be any trouble in connection with the inspection of emigrants booked for the United States who come out to Canadian ports. The American officials perform their duties not after the passengers have been landed; but on board the vessels, the mere fact of ineligibility for the United States for sanitary reasons also rendering them unfitted to be landed in Canada. It is to be remarked that no European paupers, cripples and criminals are allowed to land in the Dominion, under any circumstances or upon any pretext, and so far only one immigrant on Canadian vessels has been rejected by the United States officers.

To all appearances the Patrons of Industry have determined to make themselves factors in the politics of the Dominion as also in matters of special concern to the Legislature of Ontario. In numerous ridings they have already selected candidates of their own or have endorsed the nominees of one or other of the parties who are able to pronounce their shibboleth and are prepared to carry out their behests. We have already seen how in Manitoba they endeavored to coerce the storekeepers into accepting such commissions on the goods purchased from them as they chose to show, and in this they to a large extent failed, because of the exorbitant nature, of their demands. It is scarcely to be expected that they will meet with much success in the political arena in so far as concerns the granting of many of their requirements, but in close constituencies as is the case with kindred combinations, they may do considerable towards turning the scale.

The three last exhibitions of the British Columbia Agricultural Society having involved a loss of \$1,450, a conference has been held between the directors and the Mayor and corporation of Victoria with a view to the city taking over the property of the association and assuming its liabilities. It was shown that there was a surplus of \$22,500 of assets over liabilities, estimating the assets at actual cost. The city, however, has an interest of \$25,000

in the institution, the amount of a grant voted by the citizens, which is not included in the above mentioned liability. It was stated that with a grant of \$3,000 from the Government, the fixed charges being assumed by the city, it would not be necessary to come year by year to the corporation for a grant. This year the city had given \$3,000, which would be

more than the whole cost to the public under the new arrangement, the expenses of the exhibition being, it was expected, fully covered by the gate receipts. For the present the matter remains in abeyance, it being understood that the civic authorities will give the subject due attention and subsequently communicate with the directors of the association.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

## IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of November, 1893:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, beer and porter	\$ 1,165	\$ 396 24
Animals	3,457	1,021 20
Books, pamphlets, etc.	1,478	351 88
Brass and manufactures of	319	91 30
Breadstuffs—grain of all kinds	3,623	989 13
Flour	2,702	706 96
Meal, corn and oat	148	20 51
Rice	2,583	1,690 87
Other breadstuffs	5,138	1,081 07
Bicycles, Tricycles, Velocipedes and parts of		
Cars—railway and tram		
Coal, bituminous	11	1 20
Copper and manufactures of	139	41 70
Cottons, bleached or unbleached: not dyed, colored, etc.	288	135 42
" bleached, dyed, etc.	1,710	535 31
" clothing	1,170	416 10
" thread not on spools		
" yarn, warp, etc.	8	1 92
" thread on spools		
" all other manufactures	651	180 55
Drugs and medicines	21,722	10,701 25
Earthen, stone & Chinaware	637	226 90
Fancy goods & embroideries: Bracelets, braids, fringes, etc.	427	124 20
Laces, collars, nettings, etc.	61	19 20
All other fancy goods	735	239 55
Fish and products of	1,638	382 00
Fruits and nuts dried	5,062	1,274 06
Green, oranges and lemons	1,245	125 05
All other	3,968	1,338 11
Furs, manufactures of	23	5 75
Glass, manufactures of—		
" bottles, jars, etc.	2,333	724 61
" window glass	619	124 70
" plate glass	6	1 50
" All other manufactures	47	9 10
Gum, order & explosive substances	1,761	514 00
Gutta percha, manufs. of	2,185	653 25
Hats, caps, and bonnets, beaver, silk or felt	610	192 00
" All other	702	210 09
Iron and steel and manufs. of		
" band, hoop, sheet, plate	20	53 61
" bar iron & railway bars	1,074	507 22
" cutlery, hardware, etc.	3,826	982 73
" Machines, machinery, etc.	617	209 00
" Stoves and castings	1,331	410 65
" Tubing	505	101 14
" All other manufactures	3,227	1,057 48
Jewelry & watches & manufs. of gold and silver	1,281	305 70
Lead and manufactures of	35	9 45
Leather, all kinds	164	20 67
" Boots and shoes	615	153 75
" All other manufs.	165	26 25
Marble & stone & manufs. of	69	18 40
Metals and manufactures of	440	135 35
Musical instruments	241	60 25
Oil, mineral and products of	5,210	1,786 52
" Flaxseed or linseed	243	68 05
" All other	1,615	289 80
Paints and colors	117	35 10
Paper, envelopes, etc.	1,911	810 11
Pickles, sauces, capers	1,268	533 83
Provisions, lard, meats, fresh and salt	3,629	989 05
" Butter, cheese	77	142 43
Seeds and roots	794	150 40
Silk, manufactures of	2,404	720 80
Soap, all kinds	708	150 28
Spices, ground & unground	113	31 99
Spirits, all kinds	5,035	\$665 57
Wines, sparkling	1,580	701 10
" other than sparkling	1,964	1,637 32
Molasses		
Tobacco and cigars	1,784	2,056 40
Vegetables	820	268 35
Wood, in manufactures of	1,633	467 45
Woolens: Carpets, Brussels and tapestry	711	177 75
" Clothing	1,101	429 35
" Cloths, worsted, etc.	602	182 00
" Dress goods	1,562	418 61
" Knitted goods	1,260	407 70
" Shawls	472	118 00

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
" Yarns	470	155 50
" All other manufs.	1,562	618 20
All other dutiable goods	30,125	7,405 08
Total dutiable goods	\$153,100	\$57,618 16
" Free goods	32,587	
Grand total	\$185,687	\$57,618 16

The following are the free goods entered at the port of Victoria for the month of November, 1893:

FREE GOODS.	VALUE.
Animals for improvement of stock	\$ 245 00
Articles for use of Army and Navy	7,491 00
Coffee	288 00
Cotton waste	177 00
Dyes, chemicals, etc.	650 00
Fish and products of	3 00
Fisheries, articles for, nets, seines, etc.	111 00
Fruits, bananas, olives, pineapples, etc.	601 00
Fur, skins not dressed	180 00
Grease for soap making, etc.	5 00
Metals—iron and steel, all other	1,566 00
" Tin and zinc	8 00
" Other	297 00
Oils, vegetable	262 00
Settlers' effects	8,489 00
Tea	8,670 00
Tobacco leaf	943 00
Wood, cabinetmakers, etc.	941 00
All other free goods	1,347 00
Total	\$ 32,587 00

## EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of November, 1893—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal	tons 381	1 930
Gold dust, nuggets, etc.		18,929
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions		357,970
Fish oil	gals 1,210	605
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water		2,558
THE FOREST.		
Lumber—planks, boards, etc.		6,156
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.		
Other animals		10
Other articles		21,190
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Fruits—green		1
Other articles		65
MANUFACTURES.		
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.		16
Liquors—spirituans and malt of all kinds	251	51
Sewing machines	1	40
Wood—m's of all kinds		2
Other articles		1,609
Grand total		\$ 411,122

Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of November, 1893:

	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Agricultural products—		
Fruits—green		64
Manufactures—		
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.		4,203
Boots and shoes		7
Sewing machines	2	35
Wood m's of all kinds		110
Other articles		1,396
Miscellaneous articles		332
Total		\$ 6,089
Coin—gold		605
" silver		363
Grand total		\$ 7,067
Total exports of all kinds		\$418,189