

THE COAL PRODUCT.

Extracts from the Minister of Mines Report of Last Year.

Following is the total output of coal for each year from 1874 to 1889 inclusive:

Year.	No. of Tons.
1874.....	31,000
1875.....	110,000
1876.....	120,000
1877.....	124,000
1878.....	171,000
1879.....	241,000
1880.....	285,000
1881.....	285,000
1882.....	285,000
1883.....	285,000
1884.....	304,070
1885.....	305,000
1886.....	326,636
1887.....	413,360
1888.....	489,300
1889.....	579,830

Total output in the year 1889..... 579,830

Add coal on hand 1st January, 1889..... 40,822

Total coal for disposal in 1889..... 590,752

The exports of coal of the same collieries, in 1889, amounted to 443,825

tons, of which 417,904 tons were shipped to San Francisco and other points in California.

Following is a statement showing the various sources of coal supply for California, the chief foreign market of Vancouver Island coal mines:

Colliery.	Tons.
Nanaimo Colliery.....	223,870
Wellington Collieries.....	273,382
East Wellington Colliery.....	51,272
Union Colliery.....	31,304

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The coal yield, as shown above, is altogether from the mines at Nanaimo, Wellington and Union Bay, on Vancouver Island. Small shipments of Banff anthracite have also been made from Port Moody to San Francisco.

THE COAL FIELD.

Total Output For the Past Year is 488,174 tons.

Following is the total output of coal for the year 1890:

New Vancouver Coal Co.....	289,339
Wellington Collieries.....	102,977
Union Collieries.....	58,393
East Wellington.....	36,445

Total 1890..... 487,174

Decrease..... 102,578

The alarming decrease shown by the above figures is due chiefly to the unfortunate strike which took place at the Wellington Collieries, and continued during the greater portion of the year. The East Wellington mines have produced 20,000 tons less than last year.

The strike at Wellington has virtually been at an end for some months, but the mines are not yet filled with their full staff of men. Last year they produced 273,382 tons of coal, and at the opening of the year there was every indication that these figures would be largely exceeded. The coal mined is the favorite fuel for domestic use along the coast, and is always in good demand. It is hoped that during the current year a full output will be had, and the province benefited by the large output necessary for its production.

At the Union mines, several months ago, the borings, which were made in another quarter from that in which the first levels were run, found an eight-foot seam of coal, of fine quality. The field "proved" is of large extent, many millions of tons having been located. The railway line, running from Union Bay to the mines has been extended to the new shaft, and preparations are being made to take out coal in large quantities. The Comox coal is specially adapted for steaming purposes, and the company have a standing contract with the Southern Pacific Railway Co. to furnish 2,000 tons daily. The most modern machinery is to be at once introduced for mining the coal, and it is expected that, during the latter part of 1891, the output will reach the required amount. The Union Collieries Co. have spent nearly three-quarters of a million in opening up their property and in furnishing facilities for the transport of the coal. It is understood that the E. & N. Railway Co., who are also the chief owners of the Union Collieries, will, as soon as the season permits, place a surveying staff in the field to locate an extension of the railway line from Wellington to their mines and Comox. The construction of this extension would not only furnish a through route for their coal to California via the Straits, ferry to Port Crescent, but would also open up one of the richest agricultural and fruit-growing sections of Vancouver Island. The line would run through a comparatively level country, and would cost much less than the difficult route between Victoria and Nanaimo. The output of the Union Collieries for 1890 exceeds that of the previous year by 20,000 tons.

The New Vancouver Coal Co. is elsewhere given an extended notice.

The East Wellington Collieries ship all coal to the San Francisco market, where it finds ready sale, being equal to the famous Wellington coal.

GOLD DUST SHIPMENTS.

A Falling off of Over \$76,000 From the Previous Year.

Following are the gold dust shipments from this port, reported by Wells, Fargo & Co. (Garesche, Green & Co., agents).

The considerable decrease from that of last year is partly due to the fact that gold channels are now used to send the gold out of the country, and also to the decreased output from the Cariboo mines, which have fallen \$50,000 behind last year.

1890.	By B.C.	By B.N.A.	G. & Co.
January.....	\$ 18,529 49	\$ 226 00	\$ 17,734 73
February.....	1,673 75	770 00	5,489 90
March.....	5,823 06	1,340 00	10,977 84
April.....	10,043 39	2,190 00	11,610 83
May.....	15,338 30	2,190 00	12,449 52
June.....	12,779 43	2,670 00	15,845 96
July.....	21,270 07	3,008 14	24,368 45
August.....	23,111 71	6,469 88	29,474 69
September.....	31,618 70	1,960 00	13,651 67
October.....	35,428 25	2,725 00	15,499 68
November.....	15,499 68		17,317 05
December.....			

Total.....\$304,201 96 \$29,999 12 \$183,587 61

RECAPITULATION.....\$304,201 96

Bank of B. C.....\$23,999 12

G. & Co.....\$183,587 61

Total Shipments, 1890.....\$411,877 90

Decrease.....\$76,315 63

E. M. JOHNSON,

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OFFICE: No. 37 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Corner of Broughton Street.

FOR SALE, with immediate possession, old established

Water-Power Saw Mill and Indian Trading Post. 100 acres, Saw Mill site, with water privileges. Good cattle-grazing in the vicinity. Buildings—all well put together and in good repair. Main Mill, 30x125; Planing Mill, 24x135; Lumber Sheds (2), 80x24 and 30x60. six-room dwelling house, kitchen, brick chimneys, &c.; three good houses and four cabins for mill hands. Ship building yards complete, covered in. Shed, 35x108. Lean-to, 24x20. Store building, 18x26. Office, 14x12; and two wood-sheds. Blacksmith's Shop, with bellows, anvil and complete outfit of tools, machinery, &c.; 30 ft. in. Turbine Wheel; Overshot Wheel, 30 ft. dia., 3 ft. breast; pulleys, belting, shafting and gearing complete; two Circular Saws, 52 in; two do. extra; one do. 42 in. Three Planing Machines; one Surface; one Tongue and Groove Machine; one Box Machine; one Stencil Press; one Cut-off; one Edger; one New "Wilkin's Gang Saw," cost laid down at mill \$4000. All Mill Sundries, Boom Chains, Hoods, &c., &c. Steamer—Net tonnage, 125 tons; eight staterooms; 103 feet long; 23-6 beam; eight ft. depth of hold; Engines high pressure; outside condensers; 66 H.P. noml.; twin screws; steel boiler, 16x4; together with boats tackle and appurtenances. Full information as to volume of business done, locality, reasons for selling, and as to Logs, Lumber, and Stock-in-Trade on hand, on application at office.

THE ABOVE is one of the few chances now existing for an enterprising firm to make large returns. Timber privileges are exercisable in connection with the property.

FOR SALE, Mansion and Ornamental Grounds, with sea view and frontage to the Straits of Fuca. Ample stabling and all modern conveniences. This is one of the handsomest and most beautifully situated houses in Victoria. PRICE, \$30,000.

FOR SALE, 60 acres, more or less, of Suburban Land, within 15 minutes drive by Electric Car, from Government Street. PRICE, \$625 PER ACRE. This estate offers good opportunity for subdivision into lots. Acreage in the vicinity is selling at from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per acre. Lots of average size, 60x120 each, selling from \$400 upwards. One of the few bargains left.

FOR SALE, Suburban Sea-side Estate, about 35 acres, with house, garden, orchard, stabling and all conveniences for a gentleman's residence, within easy distance of town, say 20 minutes' drive from the Post Office. Rapidly increasing neighborhood. Land near has sold lately for \$2,000 per acre. PRICE, \$35,000.

FOR SALE, Block on Government Street, in the vicinity of New Hotel. This property will increase from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent. in value within the next two years. Good buildings on the property which may be made to return a fair present interest on outlay. Contemplated improvements to James Bay will also raise values in this vicinity. PRICE, \$45,000.

FOR SALE, Corner lot on Government Street. First class Business property. A building on this property would pay handsomely. PRICE, \$50,000.

FOR SALE, Business Building Lot on Government Street, near Bank of British Columbia. Let at present for \$600 per annum. Frontage, 22 1/2 feet. Land in the vicinity held at \$1,000 per foot. PRICE, \$16,000.

FOR SALE.

3440 Acres. Timber and Agricultural Land. Estimated 65 M per acre. 175 Acres, South Saanich; 18 acres cleared; 100 acres bottom land; boundaries fenced..... \$3,100
Lot facing the sea, Dallas Road, 60x120..... 1,500
Three-quarters of an Acre, Esquimalt Dist..... 850
176 Acres, close to Cobble Hill Station..... 15
About 1/2 Acre Main Esquimalt Road; Building Site..... 2,625
About 1 Acre..... 4,000
Lot and House, Pandora St..... 3,100
2 Lots, 9-room House, Spring Ridge..... 2,500
5 to 6 Acre Blocks, Carey Road. Garden land..... 800
About 1/2 of an Acre, cor. North Park and Cook Sts. Splendid building lot..... 5,500
Frontage on Michigan and Superior Sts. and house..... 1,500
18 Lots, James Bay..... 850
Acre Lot, Oak Bay Av. and Richmond Road..... 2,500

FARM LANDS

in Lake, Saanich and Suburban Victoria Districts. Frontage on Cowichan Lake. Lands on Denman Island. Frontage on Burrard Inlet suitable for Mills and Wharves. And Acres on the North Arm of Burrard Inlet, etc., etc.

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Long or Short Mortgage. Current Rate of Interest.

TO LET, 5 COMMODIOUS NEW STORES, DOUGLAS STREET

Good trading locality. Dwellings annexed. Rent \$25 per month.

MONEY to lend on Freehold Security at Current Rates.
RENTS AND INTEREST punctually collected and accounted for.
CONVEYANCES, Leases, Mortgages prepared and transactions of every nature in connection with Real Estate expeditiously carried out.
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For Further Particulars, Prices, Etc.,

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37 GOVERNMENT STREET CORNER OF BROUGHTON.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

1890.	1889.
January.....	\$51,313 75
February.....	26,053 13
March.....	25,145 65
April.....	26,267 27
May.....	72,201 12
June.....	61,010 89
July.....	59,449 65
August.....	83,129 29
September.....	78,292 54
October.....	70,882 13
November.....	52,410 24
December.....	62,359 12

Total receipts, 1890.....\$771,139 12

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Increase.....\$120,195 84

FREE GOODS.

1890.	1889.
January.....	\$ 42,970
February.....	83,368
March.....	105,672
April.....	108,624
May.....	80,812
June.....	80,487
July.....	45,428
August.....	44,382
September.....	33,356
October.....	37,867
November.....	36,339
December.....	21,429

Total value free goods, 1890.....\$721,477

Total value free goods, 1889.....\$55,429

Increase.....\$66,157

IMPORTS.

Produce	Not
Canada.	Canada.
January.....	\$ 84,505
February.....	25,259
March.....	23,401
April.....	30,067
May.....	13,592
June.....	71,289
July.....	225,332
August.....	333,166
September.....	333,166
October.....	272,157
November.....	335,578
December.....	8,513

Total value imports, 1890.....\$2,004,257

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Increase.....\$ 370,281

Duties paid, 1890.....\$201,334 96

Duties paid, 1889.....\$71,139 12

Increase.....\$130,195 84

Coin and bullion.....\$50,137

EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

The following is the statement of declared exports to the United States from Victoria during the last three months, as entered at the Consulate in this city:

Animals.....	\$ 1,280 00
China goods.....	108,941 01
Clothing.....	171 59
Cigars.....	364 67
Dry goods.....	297 54
Fish, etc.....	127 13
Furs, etc.....	45,324 02
Liquors.....	1,760 01
Miscellaneous.....	3,108 50
Nursery stock.....	57 31
Old iron.....	1,906 08
Returned goods.....	1,076 77
Salmon (canned).....	1,076 77
Salmon (fresh).....	1,076 77
Tea.....	71 35
Timber.....	1,490 50
Household goods, etc.....	5,982 00

HOW TO REACH VICTORIA.

Some Information Regarding Railway and Steamship Connections.

How to reach Victoria is very little known by many even within a radius of 500 miles, and is a subject upon which almost everyone in the East is sublimely ignorant. For the information of these the following table is published, and it might also be preserved with advantage by those at home.

There are three great rail routes by which British Columbia's Capital may be quickly and comfortably reached from the Eastern shores of the continent—the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific—each of these systems having a daily steamer to Victoria. The names of these fast and comfortable boats are given below.

BY WATER.

From Vancouver and all points East via the C.P.R.—Steamer Islander (C.P.N. Co.), arrives every evening but Monday, at 8 o'clock, to sail at 4 a.m.

From Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma and all points East and South via the Northern Pacific—Steamer City of Kingston daily, excepting Sunday; arriving at 4:30 p.m. and departing 4 hours later.

From Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma and all points East and South via the Union Pacific—Steamers Olympian and North Pacific, daily excepting Sunday; steamers arriving on alternate days, at 5 p.m., to leave the following morning at 6.

From India, China and Japan—C.P.R. steamships arrive and depart fortnightly.

From San Francisco and all California ports—Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamers City of Puebla, Walla Walla, Queen and Umatilla, arrive at the Outer Wharf every five days.

From Portland—U.P.R. Steamers Michigan, Lakme and Alice Blanchard arrive every ten days with freight and passengers.

From Alaska—Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s steamers arrive here every ten days during the summer months, and fortnightly during the winter.

From New Westminster and Fraser River ports—C.P.N. Co.'s Steamers H. P. Rihet, Princess Louise or Yosemite, arrive and depart three times per week. (During '91 it is intended to place a first-class steel steamer, daily, upon this route.)

From Nass and Skeena Rivers, Queen Charlotte Islands and all other Northern ports—Steamer Barbara Bosworth and C.P.N. S.S. Danube arrive and depart every ten days.

From Alberni and Barclay Sound ports—Steamers Maude and Bosworth, and Schooners Kate and Favorite arrive and depart monthly.

From Howe Sound—C.P.N. Co. Steamer Rainbow arrives and departs weekly during the summer months.

From Nanaimo and Comox—Steamers Isabel and Emma arrive and depart weekly.

BY RAIL.

From Wellington, Nanaimo and all intermediate points on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway—Regular trains arrive and depart daily.

From Esquimalt and Russell Station—Electric cars arrive every half hour.

AVENGED AT LAST

Or, a World-Wide Chase

A STORY OF RETRIBUTION

BY "WABASH."

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"Armida seemed as though she

not take her eyes from the slight

lay before her. It was not

romantic, such as Armida had

her own country—it was purely

the Thames, hemmed in by sloping

sides covered with parks and

forests. She thought it was

pleasing and entrancing sight

ever beheld. As far as the eye

reach the waters of the Thames

like a silver ribbon. On the sides

quiet river the hillsides were

with luxuriant foliage of the

hues, and the surface of the

flecked with little pleasure

gray-colored canopies added to

ness, if not the grandeur, of

the breeze and then a few bars

gentle breeze from the pleasure

on the water below. Eugene

Armida to revel in the excep

beauty of the scene, and in

approached gently the subject

his heart. He did it clumsily

would be successful in his suit.

"Miss Delaro," he said, hesitat

"I have brought you here to

something."

Armida looked at him quizzical

said: "It must be something of

important nature if you found it

sary to bring me all the way

the purpose of telling me."

"Yes, it is, indeed. I wante

you that—I love you," he said.

These were probably the ver

words which Armida would ha

pected to hear from his lips, and

once she recognized that she ha

unwisely. In the next few sec

accused herself of numberless

actions to which she had never

thought before. She blamed her

leading this young man on to s

extent and in a moment bitterly

ed that she had not acted with

discretion. All these thoughts

chasing each other with fright

ity through her mind, and she w

ing to formulate a reply when E