harvesting the grain crop perhaps ten days or two weeks, but the crops will be a good one of superior quality. Hay harvesting has commenced in the delta and along the Fraser. However, owing to so many men prospecting, mining, and fishing, farm hands are very scarce and as high as three dollars a day is being offered with effect.

The produce men report an active market. Some firms are quoting creamery butter at 20 cents and others at 22. It costs 22 cents to lay Manitoba creamery down in Vancouver, so that there does not seem at present to be much margin in the butter business.

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. quote the following freight rates:

Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f.o., 27s 6d to 30s; Portland to Cork, f.o., 35s to 37s 6d; Tacoma to Cork, f.o., nominal.

Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 45s to 46s 3d; Melbourne or Adelaide, 52s 6d to 53s 9d; Port Pirie, 50s to 51s 3d; Fremantle, 63s 9d to 65s; Shanghai, 53s 9d to 55s; Kiao-Chau, 55s to 56s 3d; Tientsin, 61s 3d to 62s 6d; Valparaiso, f.o., 50s to 51s 3d; South Africa, 63s 9d to 65s; United Kingdom or continent, 76s to 72s 6d.

The vessels already chartered for the British Columbia salmon cannery season of 1899 are: Favell, 36s 6d; River Falloch, 36s 6d; Coriolanus, 37s 6d; Cambrian Princess, 38s 9d; Killarney, 40s; City of Delhi, 40s.

Development of Trade.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Returns bearing upon the trade of the Dominion for the financial year ending June 30th last, place the aggregate trade, imports and exports at $319,928,774 against $304,475,736 for the previous year, a gain in a single year of fifteen and a half millions. Goods entered for consumption and exports together show $311,278,013, against $294,850,689 last year. The following are the entries under the two tariffs:

	Imports.	Consumption.	Duty
Gen. Tariff —	$70 412,038	$60,*43 ,716	$19,178,494
Preferential tariff—	25,729.2 9	26,595.515	5,*84,861

To this should be added goods coming under the French treaty and entitled to preferences in certain lines as follows:

Imports.	Consumption.	Duty
$571,892	$557,018	$153,920

Total dutiable goods therefore:

Imports.	Consumption,	Duty
$96,713,139	$87.795,279	$25,217,286

The free goods were:

Imports $64,399,732

Grand total imports $161,112,871

Consumption $64,605,831

Grand total consumption ...$152,402,110

The duty given above does not include the collections from Yukon territory, $385,731, nor the value of imports, as no statistical returns have been received. The exports are classified as follows:

Canadian	$132,779,408
Foreign	17,521,840
Total merchandise	150,301,248
Total exports	154,316,313
Coin and bullion	4,015,125

The estimated exports not accounted for in the returns are placed at $4,559,530 which brings the grand total of exports to $158,875,903. No fair basis of comparison is to be had for the computation of the effect of the preferential tariff. One month this year the goods of Belgium and Germany reaped the advantage of twenty-five per cent. under the reciprocal tariff. Of the immense increase in the imports, amounting on goods for consumption to $21,704,104, it is impossible to show the gains. Development is indicated along almost all branches of trade. Large as the gain in imports is, they show an increase of thirty millions over the average of the last ten years. Though the exports show a decline from 1898, in reality the advance is thirty-seven millions over the average of the last ten years.

MINING.

YUKON REGULATIONS.

A special dispatch to the Toronto Globe, dated Dawson City, August 2, says: "Representatives of all the leading British mining companies operating in the Yukon will transmit today to Ottawa to the privy council a memorandum discussing amendments to the mining regulations and petitioning for the serious consideration of the same. Their recommendations are as follows:—

(1) A reduction of the royalty tax to 5 per cent on the net output.

(2) Greater security of title to mining property; a certificate of grant under the Torrens system is recommended.

(3) Representation of claims by payment of money alternative.

(4) Improvement in the present irregularity of survey to insure that all claims shall be 500 feet square.

(5) That miners be permitted to stake once on every creek, or abandon claim and re-stake.

(6) Expressing appreciation of the government's action in the construction of the telegraph, earnestly begging the government to assist the Yukon council in the construction of roads, and also petitioning for improvements at certain dangerous points on rivers.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Night and day shifts of men are working on the Alice A. mine. New machinery is being added.

The July clean-up of the Mikado mine at Rat Portage amounted to 754 ounces of gold worth nearly $13,000.

The Gold Panner Mining Company, Ontario, Limited, head office, Rat Portage, has been granted incorporation. The share capital is placed at $999,999.

The Chemical Gold Mining Company has been obliged to close down its mine at Rat Portage owing to the suspension of the Banque Jacques Cartier, with which institution its monies were deposited.

Several very promising copper prospects have been discovered on Black Bay, Lake Superior by prospectors. It is said that a number of men from the United States have been in that region prospecting for copper.

A carload of new machinery has been received at Rat Portage for the Golden Star mine, consisting of three air drills, a Cameron sinking pump and an underground hoisting plant. All this machinery is to be operated by compressed air. A complete hoisting plant has also been received for the Trojan mine, consisting of boiler, hoist and all accessories, and also a 3-drill compresser plant.

A. Lunn, of Bell City, has purchased G64 and G65, adjoining the Olive mine, of Dr. Gardiner.

Advices from Wabigoon, Ont., on Aug. 14, stated that a rich find of free gold has just been made north of Dinorwic, in the neighborhood of Lake Minnietakie, by Jos. Bouston, a prospector. Samples of the surface rock bearing free gold nuggets the size of coffee beans, as well as fine gold, were shown. The vein from which these surface samples were taken is of a substantial width, and carries free gold in all parts.

At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Golden Star Mining and Exploration company, held at Toronto last week. The directors presented a report showing the condition of the mine when they took office and what they had done in the interests of the shareholders. The report of the mine superintendent was read and it showed that the mine had been depleted of its best ore, and that the ore reserves were slight owing to the fact that the former management had ceased development work and devoted all its energies to the production of bullion. He was, however, sanguine that further development would put the mine on a good basis. There was sufficient ore in sight to keep the mill going for three months more, and by that time he hoped to have a reserve blocked out.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The fall meeting of the members of the Canadian Mining institute will be held at Nelson on September 12.

Both the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Pacific railway companies are now building roads to tap the Lardeau-Duncan district.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company will open a new mine at Michel and increase the number of their coking ovens to 400. United States companies competing with this concern for the coke business of Montana have been obliged to reduce prices in order to hold their own.

The Kaslo correspondent of the Province writes under date of the 6th inst, as follows: "The group of claims on Twelve-mile creek, owned by Pat McCue, has been bonded by George W. Hughes, for a syndicate of Scotch capitalists. The price was considerably over $50,000, with a cash payment of $5,000, and $7,000 more to be paid by January 1st. The group consists of the Utica, Andrew Jay, Colorado and part of the Rocky Boulder, Mountain Glory, Morning Glory and Alice, and they are all situated at Paddy's Peak, named after "Paddy" McCue, the fortunate locator."

MISCELLANEOUS.

It will be a surprise to many to learn that in the last eleven years, Newfoundland has exported minerals to the value of $7,829,158. The first copper mine opened—that of Tilt Cove—in 1864, is worked still, and gives employment to about 500 miners, and last year gave the shareholders a clear profit of £33,000. In addition to that gold to the amount of £10,000 sterling was extracted from the copper ore of Tilt Cove in one year by the Cape Copper Company at their smelting works at Britonferry, the yield being at the rate of 1 1-2 pennyweight of gold to a ton of ore. Four thousand ounces of silver were obtained.