

## EXPORTS.

Exported foreign from the Port of Victoria, B. C.  
for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1883:

## PRODUCE OF THE MINES.

Gold, in dust and bars.....	\$631,648
Iron Ore, 2890 tons.....	3,780
Plumbago Ore, 12 tons.....	10
Coal.....	674,280
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	\$1,309,646

## PRODUCE OF THE FISHERIES.

Salmon, canned, 10,941,964 lbs.....	\$1,151,081
Salmon, pickled, 2,153 barrels....	15,758
Salmon, fresh, 285 lbs.....	16
Halibut, fresh, 3,044 lbs.....	213
Other fish, pickled, 20 barrels.....	109
Other fish, smoked, 1,200 lbs.....	118
Herrings, pickled, 574 barrels.....	4,615
Oolachans, smoked, 480 lbs.....	17
Codfish, fresh, 125 lbs.....	5
Sturgeon, fresh, 1,000 lbs.....	5
Clams, fresh, in cans, 240 lbs.....	15
Fish Oil, 62,960 gallons.....	23,146
Fish Manure, 130 tons.....	2,620
Marine Furs.....	123,804
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	\$1,321,522

## PRODUCE OF THE FOREST.\*

\*These figures apply only to Vancouver Island the returns from New Westminster (i.e. Burrard Inlet) not being included.

Planks and Boards.....	\$13,749
Sleepers and Railroad Ties.....	1,577
Masts and Spars.....	3,900
Laths, Pailings and Pickets.....	400
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	\$19,626

## ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.

Horned Cattle, 192 in number.....	\$8,532
Horses, 1 in number.....	50
Meat, Beef, fresh, 139,880 lbs.....	11,832
“ “ salted, 14,000 lbs.....	911
“ Pork, salted, 1 barrel.....	22
Furs, undressed.....	191,448
Hides and Skins.....	56,470
Feathers, 55 lbs.....	27
Hair, 805 lbs.....	200
Butter, 67 lbs.....	30
Wool, 113,548 lbs.....	17,438
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	\$286,960

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Vegetables.....	\$ 31
Hops.....	6,760
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	\$6,791

## MANUFACTURES.

Tinware.....	\$ 8
Bricks.....	50
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	\$58

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Indian Curios.....	\$ 310
Exports not the produce of Canada.....	38,080

## RECAPITULATION.

Produce of the Mine.....	\$1,309,646
Produce of the Fisheries.....	1,321,522

Produce of the Forest.....	19,626
Animals and their produce.....	286,960
Agricultural Products.....	6,791
Manufactures.....	58
Miscellaneous.....	310
Exports not the produce of Canada.....	38,080
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	\$2,982,993

Total Exports from the Port of Victoria, .. \$2,982,993  
Increase as compared with the year 1882. 211,123

## IMPORTS.

Port of Victoria, B. C., for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1883:

Dutiable Goods, value of total imports.....	\$2,921,744 00
“ “ ent'd for home cons'n.....	2,872,887 00
“ “ amount of duty paid.....	798,604 67
Free Goods, value of total imports.....	429,211 00
“ ent'd for home consp't'n.....	384,643 00
“ leaf tobacco sub. to excise.....	37,089 00
“ leaf tobacco ent'd for con.....	28,344 00
Total Value of Imports.....	3,388,041 00
“ “ of goods entered for home consumption.....	3,330,504 00
“ “ imp'ted (in excess of above) from Eastern Canada.....	622,147 00

## MULCHING STRAWBERRIES.

A correspondent of the *Country Gentleman* says:—  
“Some of our most successful gardeners have adopted a new mulch for strawberries, and find it to be the best they have tried. It consists of coarse gravel sand (from underground pits) applied evenly about three inches thick. There are no weed seeds in sand, and if the ground is rolled, to level all irregularities, and sand carefully applied, no weeds will see the light. It is thought that the sand makes the berries earlier and sweeter, as it is much warmer in spring than other mulches. Sand is a wonderful improvement to our clay soils. A home strawberry bed is very often desired to be permanent, and it can only be made so by keeping runners cut. This can be done very rapidly by fixing a common rolling cutter to a pair of handles and running it close to the rows. If two cutters can be had they may be rigged to cut both sides of a row at once.”

Some housekeepers have bad luck in keeping fruit in glass jars, owing to an imperfect closing of the jars. I have tried this plan with much success: Upon filling the jars I screw on the covers as closely as possible, and invert the jar upon the kitchen table. If it is not perfectly airtight it will either leak or bubbles will rise to the surface and plainly show the imperfection, before the fruit is cold, when the cover can be tightened or the fruit heated again. By setting them with the tops up, imperfect sealing cannot be detected until fermentation takes place and the fruit is spoiled.—*Corr. Chico Enterprise.*

When horses are working hard it is necessary that they should be well fed. Some people try to make up for the lack of food with a liberal application of the whip, but though it may make the animal go quicker for a minute or two it is at the expense of his health, strength and constitution.

Wild mint will keep rats and mice out of your house, and, it is said, will also keep them from entering corn stacks.