VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANUARY, 1895.

BUILDING IN 1894.

A Glance at the Progress Victoria Made During the Past Year.

Record of Dwellings and Other Struc tures Erected and What They Cost.



ESIDES the many handsome buildings whose construction was begun towards the close of 1893. many others have ring the year that

has just closed. The demand that set in two or three years ago for a better class of dwellings designed growing needs of the city and its stability as a business centre.

Turning first to the dwellings, it will be seen on looking at the appended list that quite a number of high class residences have been erected. In most of these the beautiful native woods of the Province have been freely used for the interior finishing, while artistic tile work. improved methods of ventilation and heating, and other ideas in keeping with modern tastes, and requirements have been followed.

een followed.

Among other structures erected during the year may be noticed the handsome three-stery brick building of the A.O.U. W., on Yates street, with its fine assembly hall and lodge rooms. The Provincial Government buildings have made a considerable advance, and now give a good idea of the massive beauty of the design. The main building now rises two stories above the foundation, and the foundations of the wings have been completed also during the year, the expenditure during that period being in the neighborhood of \$150,000. It may be noted that though the South Park and North ward schools appeared in the list of buildings for 1893. most of the work upon them was really done in 1894, and would represent at the least \$30,000. The new Pemberton gymnasium at the Central school, built with the bequest of the late J. D. Pemberton, is a good example that might be followed by public spirited citizens of

brick morgue near the city market, and the electric light station, a brick building estimated by the architect, Mr. Keith, at some \$10,000. This contains the machinery for the new electric plant that will give the city an addition of over 100 street lights, the whole sum for building, machinery and line building being provided by a loan of \$55,000. The cold storage & Ice Co. is the opening up of an industry that has been found indispensable for the proper storage of produce, meat and fish, especially since the halibut fishery is now assuming large dimensions. The dwellings and other buildings erected in 1894 make up a total of about \$320.000. To this might very properly be added the expenditure on the extension of the city's sewerage system

at an estimated cost of nearly \$100,000. During 1895 the work on the new post office and custom house will begin, the contract having already been let. When contract having already been let. When completed these buildings are expected to cost about \$200,000. There is every likelihood that another new school will class of immigration was entirely sus-

are some of the works to go on in 1895.

The new buildings and improvements for the past year, particulars and cost of which are furnished by the courtesy of Building Inspector Northcott, are:-

Bostock, H. Belcher street, two story frame residence. 15,000
Bridgman, A. J. W. Victoria West, two story frame residence. 5,000
Borthwick, R., Quebec street, addition

Chungrane C, K., corner Catherine and Toronto streets, two story frame dwelling. Catherall, Toos., First street, two one story cottages 2.000

Dudgeon, Mrs. E. A. H., Burnside road, Dudgeon, Mrs. E. A. H., Burnside road, two story house. 2,000
Dawley, F. J., Pandora street, two story house. 2,000
Douglas Estate, Broad street, three story brick building. 6,000
Dunsmuir & Sons, Store street, alterations and additions Cold Storage plant. 7,000 tions and additions Cana 7,000 plant.

Duncan, Dr. J.A., Fort street, three story brick residence.

Duna, R., Turner and Niagara streets, 1,500

Hines, H., Ashton and Jeslie streets, two story frame. Hanington, Dr., Blanchard, corner Kane, two story frame residence. Hearns, H., Yates street, frame building Hardaker, W. T., Gralshower road, one

Andres, Russell street, one

Reating Andres, Princess street, three two-story frames. Vanagouver street, one-story frame. Lane, Vernon, Lot 34, Hillside, one story

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Inddell Thos. Edmonton road one Lavender, Capt. Alfred street, one-story cottage.
Lucas. O. Tolmie agenue, two-story frame.

Mogregor, A., Terrace ave., two story ESIDES the many handsome buildings whose construction was beginn to the state of th Messeck, N., Esquimalt road, two story frame.

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Nott, R. J., Alston and Jessie, two story frame.
Nicholson, J. H., Yates street, two story frame.

— Niagara, one story cottage....

Rithet, R. P., Humboldt street, alter-Rocket, Wm., Johnson street, one story Rhodes, Mrs., Blanchard street, additions to house.

Steers, C., Ya'es and Vancouver, frame. 1,500 Spencer, D., Catherine street, two story 1,800 frame. 1,800 Stephens, F. J., Hillside, one story frame 500 Scott, Jas., Kingston Ave. 1, story frame 1,000 Sinclain, W., Princess Ave., two story 1,200 frame. Spratt, C. J. V., Burnside road, two story Shaw. Thos., Chatham street, raising

house extra story Tiarks, J. G., George street, two story frame Tsaia, Chung, Government street, Joes house

Victoria Corporation, new morgae, brick hall Pemberton Gymna sium, Central schools Alterations Central fire hall Machinery hall at Exhibition grounds.

Blectric Light build-

3,000

Ing. brick
Victoria and Sidney Rallway, station platforms, engine house and freight shed at Hillside avenue.....

Walker, Mrs., Delta street, two story cot-

MICHAEL A COUSTOMS

Show That the Trade of Victoria Has Not Suffered Greatly By the "Hard Times."

The Principal Falling Off Is Under the Head of "Chinese

be built in Victoria West, to meet the growing requirements there; then there will be the improvements to the City waterworks, for which \$100,000 has been very light. The conspicuous cause of the decline is, however, the suspension of the Provincial Government buildings will also be continued. These are some of the works to go on in 1895.

The new buildings and improvements arily the preparation of the drug which arily the preparation of the drug which heretofore has been an important industry. Upwards of \$100,000 in duties on crude opium has thus been lost to the custom house revenue during the year. At present representations are being At present representations are being made to Ottawa with the object of securing the admission of the ball covering as well as the rough wrapper in which the raw opium arrives; should these be effective the manufacture of opium will be resumed and the customs collections will benefit materially.

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FIRE PROTECTION.

The Growth of Victoria Calls for the Further Improvement of This Important Department.

Losses for 1894 Reach a Total of \$57,000 - Where the Present Protection Fails.

AS the improvement and equipment of the Victoria fire depart-ment kept pace with the times this is a

now exciting earnest discussion. Is the department as it is at present constituted. Just nine years ago the present part-paid part-call fire department was organized at the request of the vereral volunteer mariner's standpoint and marks an im-1,800 firemen. The change was made on ac portant epoch in the history of the protion of men whose best years had been ing been little demand for new bottoms, spent in answering the summons to risk the general stagnation of Pacific coast the homes of their neighbors. The fire petition for the business offering. losses during the last year of the volunlarge sum for a city of Victoria's size. During the succeeding nine years the osses have averaged \$24,000 annually, 1894 heading the list with losses estimated at \$57,000.811 The city is in many rewas hime years ago when the buildings harbor, thus making it poss ble for yescovered an area much less extensive and sels of 1,000 tons register to be quickly ment. The good work done by the fire- machinery consists of a wire rope coiled

is convincing proof of their efficiency under the most trying circumstances. Three notable fires engaged their unit developing \$5 h.p. So far these ways ed efforts in 1894—at Jacob Schl's resi- have been occupied almost exclusively by Some Idea of the *ew Enterprises dence and furniture factory, the Westaide sealing craft in their preparation for next drygoods store and Marymont's clothing season's engagements. The list of vessels. store. In every instance the fires were with their respective tennage and the confined to the buildings in which they number of days each has occupied the originated. In Victoria West, and east slip follows:

Of Fernwood road, several buildings buildings in the fire limits the records fail to show the destruction of one struc-

ture of this description during nine years. In pointing out the requirements of the city, the head of the fire department considers the pressure of water insufficient, siders the pressure of water insufficient, and recommends the placing of a station. With mains throughout the business district and relation. With mains throughout the business district and readle A full description. light station. With mains throughout cradle. A full description of the machin-the business district volumes of salt cradle. A full description of the machin-water might be obtained sufficient to sup-ery and equipment of this important repair station has already been published by the Revenue."

Water might be obtained sufficient to suppress any fire that should endanger the whole city. The "call" fire department is considered inadequate for the needs of a city and the chief asks for a smaller force, to be constantly on duty. That the city has outgrown its fire department is not to be wondered at when the losses are so insignificant, in comparison with those of other cities. Adversity attacks a city in the same manner that it over than that of 1893, the drop has not been in the general trade but chiefly in what is commonly described as the "Chinese revenue." Very few immigrants arrived

THE FIRE LOSS	49	1 1 20
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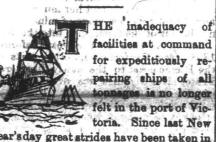
He would have gathered in a warm embrace, but she waved him back "No," she said imperiously,

"You crush my heart," he protested.
"Better thy heart," she answered 'than my sleeves.' The cuckoo rushed from the clock on the mantel and with a wild shriek directed attention to the fact that it was now

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

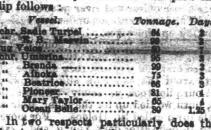
Victoria Now Possesses Unrivalled Facilities for the Expeditious Repairing of Vessels.

Statistics of the Graving Dock and Marine Railroads-Additions to the Fleet.



Year's day great strides have been taken in capable of protecting the lives and pro- this direction, and as a result there have perty of citizens should a conflagration been built during the year by enterprisoccur? The chief of the department ading citizens two modern marine railroads mits that it is not; the residents of Vic- capable of accommodating almost any toria West share his opinion; and the coasting vessel small or large. The conproviding of a remedy will be one of the struction of these and the number of vesfirst tasks set the incoming city council. sels which they have brought here for recount of the growth of the city and the vince. Shipbuilding cannot be said to large number of fires requiring the attent have been active during 1894, there havlives and health in the work of protecting trade throwing too many vessels into com-

Referring again to Victoria's teer department amounted to \$126,000, a marine railways, the last completed of the two and the smaller is known as Turpel's slip. It was in the middle of November last that this railroad was first brought inte service, and since then it has not been idle a day. The ways launch spects in the name position to day so far out into a depth of 221 feet of water off as protection against fire is concerned, as it the old Indian reservation in the upper well within the reach of the fire depart and conveniently handled. The hauling men in the business portion of the city, on two drums and operated by means of three intermediate trains of gear wheels from a pair of 10x12 engines, capable of



tons. The dock business for the year is

Month. Ton'ge, Days ... H.M.S. Royal Arthur 7,700 .

Angust ... H.M.S. Royal Arthur 7,700 ... 11
September ... H.M.S. Satellite ... 1,420 ... 11
Cotober ... Ship Lauriston ... 2,245 ... 2
November ... H.M.S. Paessant ... 755 ... 14
December ... SS. Costs Rica ... 1,985 ... 8

Referring to the craft built during the year, the steam schooner Shelby and the steamers Mamie and Swan may be mentioned. The Shelby is a small vessel completed in January last and officially registered on the 15th of the month; the Mamie was registered on April 30, and the Swan on July 27. The latter has since construction been employed as a cannery tender. Apart from and in a cannery tender. Apart from and in addition to these versels, however, there have been many others made British bottoms here. In the majority of cases they were either reconstructed, received extensive repairs, or completed building at this port. The tugboat Mogul is probably the most important of these. Her registered tonnage is 61, 60, and she became a Victoria boat on October 20. After coming from Puget Sound ahe was practically rebuilt, a large sum of money being expended upon her. The schooners South Bend, Amateur and R. J. Morse were also Sound craft, but new belong to the Victoria fleet. The former two are owned by West Coast Indians, who will employ them in the sealing this year. It was on October 26 that the Amateur to the branches of fisheries as a cannery tender. Apart from and in the mantel and with a wild shriek directed attention to the fact that it was now it it. 15.

Amateur Sportsman—Your beaters are uncommonly stout; I have noticed the fact before; how is it?
Head Gamekeeper—At ordinary times they are lean enough, sir; but when we have a gentleman from town, they always pad their clothes to prevent the shot going through,

"What this country needs," said Mr.
Kickles, "I a an elastic currency."

"Yes," replied his wife. "I notice it in my shopping. What a country needs is a currency that'll stretch so as to make \$1 go as far as \$5."

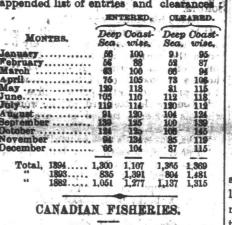
"What are you doing here?" demanded the park policeman. "Who are you?"

"I'm the noblest rum 'un of the Mall," replied the red-nosed lounger, with lofty dignity.

West Coast Indians, who will complete it was on October 26 that the Amateur was officially registered, while it was on March 12 that the South Bend took out her "naturalization papers." The Morse was registered July 11. The Packwallis is another Siwash schooner; she was partially built at James Island, but was registered here on October 2. She is of 187.3 tons registered here on May 21, in reality belongs to Golden. She is a stern-wheel river boat of 57.08 tons.

During the past year numerous and important improvements have been made in a victoria's water connections with the outside world. The P.C.S.S. Co. is now maintaining a five-day service with California; the Rosalie, as well as the City of Kingston is kept busy on the Puget Sound-Victoria route; the Mischlef as well as the Maud connecting with West Coast ports, and the Delta makes regular connection between this makes regular connection between this

city, Whatcom and the ports of the San Juan archipelago. During the year now opening it is proposed by Captain Roberts and his associates to introduce competition also on the Alaska line, the handsome steamer Willapa now being fitted for the service. The past year showed a great increase in the foreign trade of the port of Victoria, as will be noted by the appended list of entries and clearances



A Few Interesting Figures in Regard to This Great Industry. The total catch for the Canadian fisheries for the calendar year 1893 is valued

at \$20,689,650, compared with \$18,941, 173 in 1892, an increase of \$1,745,489. The men engaged in fishing in Canada number 67.753, and the fishing gear represents a capital of \$8,681,557, permanently invested. There are 1,104 fishing vessels of 40,096 tons in the aggregate. These vessels are manned by 8,899 sailors. Other fishermen number 58,854, who use 31,508 boats and 5,406,800 fathoms of gill-nets and seines. These nets are valued at \$1,637,707, and to this must be added other fishing gear, such as pound and trap nets, weirs, etc. The lobster plant alone represents a value of \$1,343, 835, consisting of 682 lobster canneries, on the coasts of the maritime provinces. using 892,680 traps, etc. More than 100 els and 1,000 boats employing over ,000 more men, were employed than last year, thus showing an increase of capital invested of \$1,000,000.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

Entered into During 1894

Cold Storage, Marine Railways and Other Necessary Works Taken Hold of.

The monetary stringency and unsettled state of trade throughout the world last year was naturally not favorable to the exploiting of new industries. Business and financial men were careful not to launch out too much until the clouds had rolled by, and were rather inclined to economise and figure a little closer to keep their business on a safe footing.

That is the reason that in Victoria, as in other places all over the continent, there were perhaps not as many new industries attred as would otherwise have been the started as would otherwise have been the case. There was on the whole, however, a good healthy progress. For instance, the growth of Victoria's shipping made the want of more dooking facilities greatly felt, and in consequence two marine railways were built to meet the demand. The first of these is that of the Esquinals The first of these is that of the Esquimals Marine Ry. Co. (Ltd.), with a capital of \$100,000. This railway is on Esquimals hartior, and was completed last apring; it is capable of handling vessels 300 feet long. Turpel's marine railway, on the inner harbor, was completed in November. It can handle vessels of 1,000 tons. There has been no lack of work for both

these.

Among the most important new enter prises in Victoria last year was the establishment of a cold storage plant by the Victoria Cold Storage & Ice Company, of which Mr. Henry Croft is manager. The storage plant is on Store street, with admirable facilities for shipping or receiving goods by rail or water. The plant is of the most modern description, and in addition; to the storage business and making of ice, the company also distil water for drinking purposes. This

company intend extending their opera-

well.

Before very long Victoria will have works for the manufacture of cement in operation. The building erected by the enterprise of Mr. F. G. Jordan is at

enterprise of Mr. F. G. Jordan is at Rock Bay, and was completed not long ago. It has a good water frontage for shipping facilities...

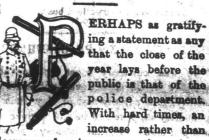
What might properly be called a Victoria enterprise is the new paper mill at Alberni, built by Victoria men and with head-quarters in this city. It has a canacity of about 18 or 20 trons a week capacity of about 18 or 20 tons a week, and has now been in operation for several months. The mill can turn out either rag or wood pulp paper, and will likely ship part of its output soon to Australia.

These are some of the more important of the new industrie, and will show that Victoria is progressing in this as in other sources of growth and prosperity.

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Gratifying Absence of Serious Wrongdoing Shown by the Stastics of 1894

lisdemeanors Far Outnumber the Felonies-Records of the Police Department.



decrease of crime was to have been looked for, but pleasant to state the summary of charges entered in the records of the Victoria police during 1894-and which is here given-emphasizes eloquently a contrary fact. Never in the history of the city has the absence of serious crime been more marked; the record for

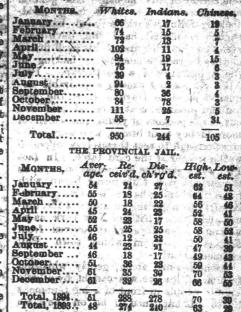
last year is indeed a creditable one : Prisoners arrested during 1894 and booked for drunkenness, 406; for supplying liquor to Indians, 49; for having liquor in possession (Indians), 63; for attempting to supply liquor to Indians, 2.

Assault, 43; cutting and wounding, 1; aggravated assault, 6; fighting, 15; rescuing a prisoner, 1; escaping from custody, 1; assaulting the police, 3; obstructing the police, 5; pointing a revolver, 1.

Manslaughter, 1; attempted murder, 1; carrying concealed weapons, 5; malicious injury to property, 9; disturbing public worship, 1; furious driving, 1; cruelty to animals, 2; creating a disturbance, 9; drawing a knife, 1; using threatening language, 7; breaking windows, 1; disorderly conduct, 1; and neglecting to provide proper care for the sick, 1.

Embezzlement, 1; theft, 58; in possession of stolen property, 33; burglary, 8; siding and abetting a fraud, 1; obtaining goods by false pretences, 9; housebreaking, 3; highway robbery, 2; refusing to pay wages, 9; horse stealing, 2; smuggling, 1; pocket-picking, 1; impersonating a police officer, 1; robbery, 4; violation of the Oriminal Code, 3;

criminal libel, 1. ill-fame, 2; gambling, 10; frequenti house of ill fame, 2; indecent expos



HAWAII'S LAND QUESTION.

President Dole recently returned from a trip to Hawaii, the largest island of the group, after making a personal inspection of the land owned by the government. The President has been making a study of the land question for some time. In an interview the Chief Magistrate said purid sal from our

"In some respects our present land statutes are extremely faulty. It is true that I am preparing an act that is intended to be comprehensive. There will be at least three ways in which settlers may secure lands. The law will cater to actual agriculturists and every precaution will be taken to preclude all opportunity of speculation in Government tracts. First, there will be available farms on long lease, with the option of purchase at the original appraisement. These holdings will be under one hundred acres. For the special benefit of Hawaiians and of foreigners of small means there will be provision for homesteads that cannot be alterated. These tands will remain with a family so long as the family exists, then, or if abandoned, they will escheat to the Government. These tracts will be twenty and twenty-five acres. That is ample for a small family. Indeed it will afford them a residence, fields for cultivation and a pastore as well. The third method of acquiring land will probably be by cash purchase. Small tracks will be offered. —Paradise of the Province. First, there will be available farms on

"Mr. Bellow told me that he was a Yale man. Do you know what class he graduated from ?"

*From the sophomore class."