

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 February, 1892:

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Acids.....		\$ 65	\$ 11 20
Agricultural implements.....		927	321 45
Ale, beer & port wines.....	5,719	2,371	1,058 40
Animals.....		9,389	2,812 30
Books, pamphlets, etc.....		1,139	266 69
Brass & manuf's of.....		1,030	308 70
Breadstuffs, etc, viz			
Grain, of all kinds			
bush.....	633	563	67 90
Flour, brls.....	506	2,719	117 37
Mead.....	697	1,159	268 60
Rice and all other breadstuffs.....		3,577	1,571 63
Candles, lbs.....	100	20	5 00
Chicory, lbs.....	211	18	9 61
Coal and coke, tons.....	285,1150	313	15 99
Coffee, from U.S. lbs.....	13,780	2,810	296 27
Copper and m's of.....		288	121 95
Cordage all kinds.....		511	109 23
Cotton, manuf's of.....		12,733	3,956 85
Drugs and medicines.....		23,377	8,961 47
Earthen, stone and Chinaware.....		125	38 54
Fancy goods.....		2,151	751 50
Fish.....		1,508	336 70
Fruit, dried.....		1,196	103 30
Green.....		1,139	683 81
Furs.....		15	3 75
Glass, glassware.....		1,329	159 20
Gunpowder, exp sub's.....		1,198	521 30
Hats, caps, bonnets.....		876	262 80
Hops, lbs.....	200	51	18 00
Iron and steel m's of.....		18,083	1,102 39
Jewelry and watches and m's of gold and silver.....		319	74 35
Lead and manuf's of.....		111	30 69
Leather and m's of.....		2,892	701 12
Marble and stone and manuf's of.....		160	32 58
Malt, bush.....	185	119	27 75
Metals, composition and m's of.....		737	174 41
Musical instruments.....		1,018	411 70
Oils, coal and kerosene, gals.....	13,675	3,212	981 60
All other, gals.....	1,062	1,691	376 22
Paints and colors.....		212	62 25
Paper and m's of.....		1,281	1,137 60
Perfumery.....		37	11 10
Provisions.....		1,176	1,066 05
Bacon hams, etc.....			
Salt, not from Great Britain or British possessions, or for fisheries, lbs.....	33,075	119	21 57
Seeds.....		1,010	113 10
Silk, manuf's of.....		3,889	1,166 05
Soap of all kinds.....		118	48 44
Spices of all kinds.....		85	23 15
Starch, lbs.....	4,103	117	82 06
Spirits.....			
Of all kinds, gals.....	4,020	6,032	8,516 08
Wine, other than Sparkling, gals.....	1,169	1,078	777 62

THE LUMBER TRADE.

At a session of the lumbermen's convention, held at Washington, D.C., a communication was read from the Tonawanda, N.Y., Lumber Association, in which they expressed sympathy with the objects of the meeting, and not only strongly protested against the passage of the bill recently introduced by Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, placing lumber on the free list, but ask for the imposition of the duty of \$2 per thousand feet. A series of resolutions contending against the passage of the bill were also read from the Tacoma, Wash., Lumber Association.

C. W. Goodyear, of Buffalo, chairman of the committee on resolutions, read the report of the committee. It is addressed to the House of Representatives, and says that the bill referred to proposes to improve the already favorable conditions of the Canadian producer over his American

competitors, the only protection to whom is the American tariff. It was also stated that the price of American lumber during the last ten years has gradually declined, until it has reached a point in the downward trend of prices, below which it is impossible for the American manufacturer to go. In view of this fact, it is submitted that the present American tariff should be allowed to remain as it is; and it is further submitted that in case the duty is removed one of two results must follow, either the present price of Canadian stumpage will be advanced so that the American consumer will reap no advantage whatever, and at the same time the Government lose the revenue which it now derives from lumber imported from Canada, or prices of American lumber will be reduced, which will compel a corresponding reduction of the wages now paid to American laborers employed in this industry.

The report was unanimously adopted.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

The Winnipeg Commercial gives the following as the figures of exports of cattle from Manitoba for the past three years:—1889, 2,492 head; 1890, 6,016; 1891, 7,381. From the territories west of Manitoba the following are the figures:—1889, 2,411 head; 1890, 4,525; 1891, 5,596. It continues: "These exports from the territories only include cattle shipped eastward. During the last year a considerable trade in cattle has grown up between the territories and British Columbia. The latter province does not raise cattle in sufficient number to supply the home market. The British Columbia market, by reason of the rapid increase in population during the past few years, has become an important one. Considerable numbers of cattle have been imported from the Pacific coast states, to supply the British Columbia demand, but this is now being largely filled from our own ranges in Alberta. Adding the cattle shipped from Alberta to British Columbia, the exports for the territories for the year 1891 would be approximately the same as exports from Manitoba. Manitoba shipments have gone eastward, mostly to Montreal, and thence across the Atlantic to England and Scotland."

The echoes of Emperor William's Brandenburg speech have not yet died out. The press is crowded with criticisms and argument, in which the Socialists are tactfully endeavoring to improve their standing in the view of public opinion. New definitions of the principles of German Social Democrats are numerous, but sadly monotonous. The abrogation of private property and the universal obligation to labor constitute the sum of all that is or can be said—and only said—on the subject. The German Emperor in publicly expressing his desire to see the dreamers of Utopian statehood shipped from his empire displayed more candor than policy. He has been roundly abused by the journals of all the countries which would be likely to receive the exiles.

The following extract from the annual report of the directors of the Bank of British Columbia presented to the shareholders at their annual meeting on the 17th ult., shows the result of the year's business, closing Dec. 31, 1891. Ten per cent. per annum dividend; \$75,000 added to the reserve fund; and about \$50,000 carried forward, after everything of a doubtful character is written off, must be very gratifying to the shareholders. The directors, in submitting to the shareholders the statement of accounts for the half year ended 31st December last, have to report that, after paying all charges, and deducting rebate of interest on bills not due, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, the balance to the credit of profit and loss account at that date was £60,814 13s. 1d., which they propose to approximate, as follows, viz: £26,000 in payment of a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and bonus of 3 per cent. (free of income tax); making a total distribution of 10 per cent. for the year; adding £15,000 to the Reserve Fund, which will then amount to £225,000, leaving £20,814 13s. 1d. to be carried forward.

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Wine sparkling doz	61	685	350 70
Sugar above No 11 lbs	29,773	991	310 01
Not above No 11 lbs			
Sugar, syrups, cane			
Juice, etc., lbs.....			
Molasses.....			
Tea, from U.S. lbs.....	563	216	21 60
Tobacco and cigars.....	3,009	1,362	2,261 41
Wood and m's of.....		2,012	601 90
Woolen m's of.....		25,173	7,053 79
All other dutiable articles.....		27,332	7,101 56
Total dutiable goods		\$186,115	\$62,666 49
Free goods, all other		49,129	
Grand total.....		\$235,311	\$62,666 49

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of February, 1892—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal.....	529	2,219
Gold bearing quartz, etc.....		14,718
THE FISHERIES.		
Fish of all descriptions.....		39,745
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.		
Furs, dressed and undressed		9,096
Hides, skins, pelts, horns, etc		8,714
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Wheat..... bush	6,500	7,800
Flour of wheat and rye, bls	250	1,113
Other articles.....		315
MANUFACTURES.		
Spirits..... gals	90	338
Other articles.....		78
Miscellaneous Articles.....		898
Grand total.....		\$ 81,974

Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of February, 1892:

	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
THE FISHERIES.—		
Fish of all descriptions.....		108
Animals and their produce.....		
Horses.....	1	75
Furs dressed & undressed.....		2,000
Agricultural products.—		
Other articles.....		17
Manufactures.....		
Cottons, Woollens, &c.....		50
Iron—pig and scrap, castings, hardware, &c.....		300
Machinery.....		163
Sewing machines.....	1	220
Wood—m's of all kinds.....		669
Other articles.....		3,215
Miscellaneous articles.....		\$0,000
Coin and gold.....		4,161
Grand total.....		\$ 80,978
Total exports of all kinds		\$175,952