

B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province of British Columbia for the month of July, 1894:

IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Perishable Goods	\$137,380 00	\$ 60,331 00	\$ 25,612 00	\$ 13,875 00	\$241,198 00
Free Goods	70,034 00	221,786 00	12,805 00	700 00	305,325 00
Total Imports	\$207,414 00	\$282,117 00	\$ 38,417 00	\$ 17,575 00	\$545,523 00

REVENUE.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Duty Collected	\$ 46,481 11	\$ 21,315 32	\$ 10,011 77	\$ 4,571 75	\$ 82,382 95
Other Revenue	603 14	632 10	130 82	168 92	1,536 98
Total Collections	\$ 47,084 25	\$ 21,947 42	\$ 10,142 59	\$ 4,740 67	\$ 83,919 93

EXPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Mine	\$ 27,382 00			\$213,967 00	\$241,349 00
Fisheries	85,682 00	10,452 00	10,500 00		106,634 00
Forest	3,236 00	60,254 00			63,490 00
Animals and their produce	77,479 00	1,131 00	1,382 00	37 00	80,032 00
Agricultural	62 00	65 00			127 00
Manufactures	3,014 00	4,426 00	21 00		7,461 00
Miscellaneous	4,633 00	30 00		20 00	4,683 00
Total Exports	\$201,488 00	\$ 76,361 00	\$ 11,903 00	\$214,024 00	\$503,776 00

\$97 gold coin. \$21 silver coin.

blanketed braves and frowsy-headed squaws, sleepily rubbing their eyes, had waked from the cone-shaped tepees. Poundmaker and Big Bear had succeeded in uniting their warriors. The Indians numbered five hundred fighting men, whilst the Canadian force aggregated two hundred and twenty-five combatants. The teamsters had been ordered to fire the grass in a dozen places, and a line of snapping, roaring flame was racing across the plains. This had been done to prevent an attack in the rear, for it was well known that the Indian canoes would become unmanageable as their hoofs struck the charred, smoking soil.

(To be continued.)

Reports to the interior department state that the crops west of Regina and in the Calgary district are very poor this year.

The New York World says: "There never was such a year of depression in the United States. The New York Tribune, a pronounced protectionist paper, estimates the loss resultant from "the year of tariff controversy" exceeds "in money more than four years of civil war." It goes on to say: "The production of wealth by industries has diminished in quantity more than forty per cent. in iron and wool, about a quarter in cotton and leather products, and probably \$2,000,000,000 in aggregate value. During the whole year millions of men and women have been deprived of work. The reduction in wages has averaged not far from twenty per cent., and this alone means to the working millions a loss greater than the nation's debt at the close of the Civil War. All this tremendous loss has been sustained in consequence of an effort to change radically the tariff, and it is not here intended to argue whether the results, if success had been attained, would have justified the sacrifice. But success has not been attained. The party has failed to agree, and, according to its President, has failed to perform its pledges.

The Shoe and Leather Journal is of the opinion that compulsory arbitration will be one of the immediate results of the labor troubles in the United States. The interests of the people are, it says, so closely identified with the interests of corporations and individuals that government will have to step in and exercise a wholesome control. It is worthy of note that out of 692 strikes and eight lock-outs in England in 1892, no less than 345 were settled by mutual conciliation or by mediation. Besides, there is a growing opinion on all sides in the Motherland in favor of various forms of arbitration and conciliation. We observe that in view of the conduct of the Pacific railway systems of the United States, Congress is being memorialized that in the event of their failing to their meet obligations to the Government, the mortgages be foreclosed and the various systems operated by the Government, thus boycotting the combination which maintains charges at an unwarrantably high figure.

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