

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	\$ 13,575 00	\$241,198 00
Non-perishable 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
The Mine	\$ 27,382 00			\$213,967 00	\$241,349 00
The Fisheries	55,682 00	10,452 00	10,500 00		106,634 00
The 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

per gold coin. \$21 silver coin.

blanketed braves and frowsy-headed
squaws, sleepily rubbing their eyes, had
emerged from the cone-shaped tepees.

Poundmaker and Big Bear had suc-
ceeded 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
smoking, roaring flame was racing across
the plains. This had been done to pre-
vent an attack in the rear, for it was well
known that the Indian cayoes 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 Tri-
bune, 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 tremend-
ous loss has been sustained in conse-
quence 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 sac-
rifice. But success has not been at-
tained. 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 cor-
porations and individuals that govern-
ment 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 me-
diation. 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 fail-
ing to their meet obligations to the Govern-
ment, the mortgages be foreclosed and the
various systems operated by the Govern-
ment, thus boycotting the combination
which maintains charges at an unwarrant-
ably high figure.

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