

INLAND REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of April, at the port of Victoria, were as follows:

INLAND REVENUE.		
Spirits	.....	\$ 5,018 60
Malt	.....	3,325 80
Tobacco	.....	3,301 25
Cigars	.....	1,008 20
Petroleum inspection	.....	160 30
Total	.....	\$12,812 21

WAREHOUSED.		EX-WAREHOUSED.	
Spirits	5,308.95	p. gals	3,845.77
Exp.			89.83
Malt	178,411 lbs		160,411 lbs
Tobacco	15,627 lbs		13,205 lbs
Raw Leaf tob.	1,195 lbs		1,195 lbs
Cigars	11,050		33,950
Balances remaining in warehouses			
Spirits			8,737.56 p. gals
Malt			18,000 lbs
Manufactured Tobacco			3,632 1/2 "
Cigars			132,700

Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

For the month of April, 1892:

The statement of Inland Revenue returns at the port of Vancouver for April, shows the following:

WAREHOUSED.		
Spirits	.....	2,713.51 pf gals
Malt	.....	80,681 lbs
Tobacco	.....	14,380 1/2 lbs
Raw Leaf Tobacco	.....	1,195 "
EX-WAREHOUSED.		
Spirits	.....	2,554.95 pf gals
Malt	.....	82,588 lbs
Tobacco	.....	10,184 1/2 lbs
Raw Leaf Tobacco	.....	1,195 "
BALANCE IN BOND.		
Spirits	.....	10,471.43 pf gals
Malt	.....	20,886 lbs
Tobacco	.....	5,754 "
COLLECTIONS.		
Spirits	.....	\$ 3,832 43
Malt	.....	1,651 76
Cigars	.....	473 10
Tobacco	.....	2,546 12
Petroleum Inspection	.....	150 50
Total	.....	\$3,633 91

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Imports and exports for month of April, 1892:

IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH.		
Dutiable	.....	\$19,456 00
Free	.....	21,102 00
Total imports	.....	\$40,618 00
Duty collected	.....	7,149 61
Other revenues	.....	121 22
Total collections	.....	7,270 83
EXPORTS FOR THE MONTH.		
The mine	.....	\$ 352 00
The fisheries	.....	3,728 00
Manufactures	.....	752 00
Total exports	.....	\$ 4,832 00

(NON-OFFICIAL.)

The following are the Nanaimo customs returns for April, 1892:

Import Duty	.....	\$1,997 85
Sick Mariners' Dues	.....	70 00
Oil Inspection	.....	50 00
Miscellaneous	.....	1 75
Total	.....	\$5,089 60
Value of imports for March:		
Goods dutiable	.....	\$16,866 00
Goods imported free	.....	975 00
Total	.....	\$17,841 00

The Hudson Bay Co. will have a bonded warehouse at Nelson after July 1.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
Tuesday Morning, May 10.

VICTORIA.

Business is opening up nicely as the fine weather approaches, but the past week has not been as active in business circles as is generally expected for the first week in May. A great many of the clothing and dry goods travelers who have been in the province have returned east, and all of them have been much disappointed with the orders taken. The clothing men fared hard, for their order are said to be only from 25 to 30 per cent. of what they were last year. This is due mainly to the fact that business in the clothing and furnishing lines is being overdone in the coast cities, and the past mild winter and the present backward spring all tend to lessen the demand. Last summer large stocks were laid in, in expectation of a good fall trade, which was not realized. The same state of affairs to a great extent exists in the dry goods trade.

Payments on the 4th are reported as fair. Hong Kong exchange is quoted at 70c for Mexican.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of fruit and vegetables from San Francisco by SS. Walla Walla on Saturday May 7: For Victoria—152 bxs oranges, 21 bxs lemons, 54 crates bananas, 52 crates cabbage, 131 sacks potatoes, 1 cs asparagus, 9 cs peas, 1 cs beans, 10 sacks onions, 3 cs vegetables, 16 pkgs containing 40 drawers strawberries and 25 pkgs containing 85 bxs cherries. Total, 475 cases. For Vancouver—62 bxs oranges, 10 bxs lemons, 31 crates bananas, 23 1/2 crates cabbage, 4 bxs asparagus 1 bx rhubarb, 3 cs peas, 4 cs beans, 23 sacks potatoes, 5 sacks peanuts, 2 sack cocoanuts, 1 bx pineapples, 10 sacks nuts, 5 bxs dates, 12 pkgs containing 33 bxs cherries. Total, 197 cases. Grand total, 672 cases. The receipts by the previous steamer were 511 cases. New potatoes are coming in freely and prices have declined 3c per lb. since last week. Strawberries are also being received in large quantities, and the price has dropped 10c. The supply of cherries has considerably increased, and white cherries are quoted at \$1.75 a box and black \$2.50 a box. Good navel oranges are a little stiffer in price this week, and California lemons are also reported firmer. New red California onions are on the market at 2 1/2c per lb. Pineapples are quoted at \$6 a doz., and cocoanuts at 90c a doz. Old potatoes are firmer and a scarcity is reported on this market. The quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$3.50; navels, \$4.75 to \$5.50; Los Angeles, \$2.75; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$4.75; Sicily lemons, \$5.75; bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.00; cabbage, 2c per lb.; asparagus, \$2.75 per box; apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$17 to \$18 per ton; rhubarb, 6c; cranberries, \$3.75@4 per box; new potatoes, 1 1/2c per lb; strawberries, \$1.00 a drawer; cherries—white, \$1.75 per box, black, \$2.50 per box; red California onions, 2 1/2c per lb.; pineapples, \$6 a doz.; cocoanuts, 90c a doz.

The Cutting Packing Company's circular, San Francisco, just issued, contains the following: Fruit.—There is very little

change from the condition of affairs reported in our last issue. The weather throughout the coast has been cold and rainy, retarding the buds and keeping them back so that there is now little danger of their reaching maturity at too early a date, and it is now improbable that any frost can injure them. Taken altogether, the crop looks very favorable for a large quantity and fine quality throughout the state. Both export and domestic trade has continued very dull, except for a transient spurt, during which about 25,000 cases of seconds changed hands from the packers to Chicago buyers at very low figures. Evidently there are too many of his quality still in first hands to warrant their being all taken in by speculators, and we still feel that "the end is not yet," as to this class of goods. As stated before, there is neither profit to the packer nor good reputation to the state in manufacturing and distributing this class of goods, and the sooner they are eliminated from our packers' lists, the better for all concerned. As it is now, the coast is rapidly approaching the condition of canners so long existing in the large packing centres of the east, where the standard has been ruinously lowered until the quality of the greater part of the output there is of the poorest. The best argument against such a course on this coast, is the fact that the seconds can always be purchased here at the buyers own price, while extras and the higher grades of standards always command a good figure.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter by the steamship Walla Walla on May 7 from San Francisco:—For Victoria—55 cs, 6,370 lbs.; 44 kits, 1,320 lbs.; 18 tubs, 1,160 lbs.; total, 8,850 lbs. For Vancouver—2 cs, 240 lbs. Grand total, 10,090 lbs. The receipts by the previous steamer amounted to 11,530 lbs. There is considerable packing now going on in California, but it has not yet commenced in earnest, and not enough is being done as yet to absorb the surplus stock. As it progresses stocks will decline, and there will no doubt soon be a firmer tone to the market. The local market is stronger and prices have been advanced from 1c to 1 1/2c per lb. California fancy roll is now quoted at 20c. There is very little of the old stock of eastern creamery and dairy on the market. A car of eastern Canadian eggs was received by a local wholesale dealer, and are quoted at 18c to 20c per dozen. Iowa eggs are quoted at 19c.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; yellow, 4 1/2c; golden C, 4 1/2c.

Meats are reported stiffer, but no advance is advised in local prices.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11 1/2c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10 1/2@11 1/2c; lard tins, 12 1/2@13 1/2c.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

There was a drop in Manitoba and