

SOME STATISTICS FOR THIS YEAR

BUILDING PROGRESS HAS BEEN VERY GOOD

Large Number of Structures Have Been Erected—Inland Revenue and Other Returns.

The buildings statistics for the year show very encouraging progress, equaling the total of last year, which was \$4,860,000. Of course the largest individual showing was made on the C. P. R. tourist hotel, on which considerable work was done. In addition to the entries at the inspector's office there are many buildings which have not had time to record, while there were also a considerable number erected in the suburbs of which no report was made. Following are the returns: C. H. Arundel, building on St. Charles street, 2 1/2 story, with stone foundation, \$4,500. Mr. Allen, two story house and basement on Carr street, \$3,000. G. H. Barnard, one story addition to Brayshaw's carriage factory, Gordon street, \$700. Mr. Birney, one story frame building, Kingston street, \$800. W. W. Boorman, house on Alfred street, \$1,500. A. S. Boorman, house on Alfred street, \$1,500. G. H. Brown, 1 1/2 story frame building, Princess street, James Bay, \$1,500. W. Bryson, building corner Elford street and Cadboro Bay road, \$3,500. Misses Blume, two story dwelling, Quebec street, \$2,000. Mrs. Bell, two story brick building, \$1,500. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, building on Work Estate. A. Brockhurst, one story building with basement, McLure street, \$1,600. Rev. Canon Beaudin, addition to dwelling, Barclay avenue, \$300. W. H. Bland, two story frame building, Powell street, \$1,800. S. D. H. Bale, 1 1/2 story frame house, Elford street, \$1,000. The Bartons, one story concrete house, Michigan street, \$1,300. W. H. Clarke, 1 1/2 story, frame building, South Turner street. J. John Creed, Jr., 1 1/2 story frame building, Fernwood road and Alfred street, \$1,600. D. K. Chungranes, two story brick building, Broughton street, \$4,500. Chinese Empire Reform Association, three story brick building on Government street, \$10,000. City of Victoria, Aged and Infirm Home building (stone and brick), \$5,500. Richard Collier, six 1-story cottages on Ellis street, \$7,200. Rev. Chas. Cooper, two story frame building, Esquamilt street, \$2,500. C. P. R. hotel, brick and stone (work for 1912), \$100,000. C. P. R. Wharf, Belleville street, \$20,000. James Donaldson, dwelling on St. Lawrence street, \$800. Mrs. Jane Dunbar, frame building, Fernwood road, \$4,000. R. E. Dunsmuir, building, Esquamilt road, \$7,000. James Forman, 1 1/2 story frame building, Linden avenue, \$2,000. Alex. Ferguson, two story frame house, Clarence street, \$2,500. Fred Foster, building on Johnson street, \$2,000. L. Gates, 1 1/2 story house, Bay street, \$1,600. B. Gonnesson, addition to house, Second street, \$800. A. J. Garesche, two story brick building with basement, \$1,000. Mrs. Mary Garland, two 1 1/2 story frame buildings, Herald street, \$2,000. J. Giscombe, one story frame building, Pioneer street, \$800. W. J. Hanna, two story brick building, Yates street, \$5,000. Charles Hoyt, one story frame cottage, Work Estate, \$2,200. W. Heatherbell, one story brick cottage, Linden avenue, \$3,000. Mrs. J. Hutchinson, addition to house, Victoria Crescent, \$800. Mrs. Kate Halley, 1 1/2 story frame building, Fernwood Estate, \$1,400. C. Ireland, 1 1/2 story building on Superior street, \$2,000. F. Jeanne, two story addition to his house on Fourth street, \$750. J. M. Johnson, one story cottage, Clarence street, \$1,500. Messrs. Jeanne Bros., 1 1/2 story brick building on Inwood. Mr. Owens, 1 story brick building, \$1,500. A. Pike, 1 story frame cottage, Clarence street, \$2,200. O. Promis, 2 story brick building, Government street, \$20,000. F. E. Plummer, 2 story frame dwelling, Quindra street, \$2,000. Roman Catholic church building, Langford street, Victoria West, \$3,000. Messrs. Rennie & Taylor, 1 1/2 story frame residence, Spring Ridge, \$1,200. P. Rennie, 1 1/2 story and basement building, \$1,900. John Raymond, 2 story brick building, Pandora street, \$4,000. R. Seabrook, 1 1/2 story frame building, corner Douglas street, \$2,000. B. Seibak, 1 story frame dwelling on Kingston street, \$1,500. W. J. Stephens, 1 story building corner Bridge and John street, \$2,000. R. Stockholm, 1 1/2 story building on Douglas street, \$1,800. M. C. Stephens, 1 1/2 story frame building, Yates street, \$2,500. B. Sinclair, 2 story brick building, corner Yates and Vancouver streets, \$2,500. A. G. Stevenson, frame barn, Bechey farm, \$200. W. B. Sylvester, 1 1/2 story dwelling, Cadboro Bay road, \$1,800. J. A. Scott, 2 story frame building, Fort street, \$2,500. A. Schroeder, 1 1/2 story frame dwelling, Clarence street, \$2,000. R. H. Swinerton, addition to dwelling, Fernwood road, \$1,000. John M. Spence, 2 story frame building, Oak street, \$1,800. F. H. Sturing, 2 1/2 story frame building, Rockland avenue, \$7,000. Capt. Troup, 2 story frame building, Government street, \$3,600. Mrs. L. Thompson, building on Fernwood road. Victoria Brewery, two new floors, \$6,000. E. Vaughan, 1 1/2 story house, Milne street, \$1,300. A. Vachoda, 1 story stone cottage, Warhington avenue, \$3,500. Geo. Wynne, 2 story frame building, corner Pandora and Rebecca streets, \$3,000. Mrs. Williams, 1 story house Pembroke street, \$500. Mrs. Russell Wescott, 2 story house, Johnson street, \$2,500. B. Wilson, frame dwelling, Rockland avenue, \$9,000. F. J. Williams, 1 1/2 story frame dwelling, Bechey farm, \$4,000. J. E. Wilson, 2 1/2 story frame dwelling, St. Charles street, \$7,500. S. J. Willis, two story dwelling, Cadboro Bay road, \$2,500. Mrs. J. Walker, building corner of Fort and Meas streets, \$3,500. Mrs. Margaret Wright, 1 1/2 story cottage, St. Charles street. F. H. Williams, small house, Fernwood Estate, \$300. D. Zarrell, two one story frame dwellings, Johnson street, \$1,800. Civic Work For Year. The past year has been very active in the way of civic improvements. Continuing the policy of last year, a very considerable quantity of permanent sidewalk was laid in the city. The year has been a record one in this respect. About eight and a half miles of permanent sidewalk has been laid at a cost of about \$60,000. Last year about seven and a half miles were laid. This brings the total length of cement sidewalks in Victoria up to about 18 or 20 miles. The difficulty which arose in connection with the Spring Ridge septic tank scheme has had the effect of reducing the sewerage work this year. At the present time, however, the city engineer's department has the work for the connecting of Spring Ridge by a main which traverses by way of the Jubilee hospital, and thence to Ross Bay. This scheme entails an expenditure of \$120,000, and about 90 men are now engaged on this work, which is proceeding from Ross Bay. The main will be about three and a half miles long, and will drain Oak Bay avenue as well as the Spring Ridge district. This work is expected to be carried on all winter long, provided the weather does not interfere with it. During the past year Johnson street was paved with blocks at a cost of about \$22,000. The Rock Bay bridge, another civic work, is being pushed forward now. The contract price is a little below \$7,000. Early in the new year the work is expected to be completed. At the present time it is about done. On the James Bay flats the city did considerable filling earlier in the year. Awaiting the completion of the C. P. R. hotel that work has necessarily been suspended. Fire Losses. The fire losses for the year were: Month. Fires. Losses. January 6 \$18,282.00 February 17 2,287.00 March 12 17,500.00 April 8 7,000.00 May 12 10,000.00 June 10 382,500.00 July 12 178,500.00 August 16 45,000.00 September 4 20,000.00 October 2 2,000.00 November 10 300.00 December 10 300.00 Total 113 \$21,000.00 The Customs Returns. There is no notable feature to the customs returns for the past twelve months. In the commencement of the year the revenue dropped very low, but gradually increased as the year passed away, until November and December, when substantial gains over the same months of last year were noticeable. The large exports at the beginning of the year are attributable in great measure to the removal of the naval dockyard equipment. Towards the end of the year it was due to the shipment of salmon and seal skins. The December total in the appended table are estimated, having been given to the Times by special request last evening before the completion of the year. EXPORTS. IMPORTS. Domestic Foreign. Free. Dutiable. Jan. .. 39,948 136,969 \$6,136 \$18,410 Feb. .. 40,848 202,248 13,840 166,115 Mar. .. 18,809 680,756 23,136 168,012 Apr. .. 23,235 28,281 70,850 215,810 May .. 54,081 7,318 55,889 217,616 June .. 40,551 24,933 54,161 210,867 July .. 22,427 12,072 36,588 146,207 Aug. .. 47,715 37,889 40,728 284,660 Sep. .. 23,978 36,947 38,353 227,738 Oct. .. 109,153 8,295 29,123 241,983 Nov. .. 116,380 5,515 56,716 226,271

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Mineral Production. In mineral production the province has increased its output of silver and gold. The production of silver will be increased by the increased price of the metals the value of the production will likely show quite a substantial increase. The gold production this year will be a conservative estimate, probably reach the value of \$4,500,000 in gold and \$1,100,000 in placer gold. In placer gold owing largely to the increased production of Cariboo there has been a little falling off in values. Atlin, however, is expected to give an increase over last year, which was \$500,000. The total gold production last year was \$4,839,000. This year's yield will, therefore, be practically about the same. The silver-lead production is likely to show considerable improvement over last year. It is quite possible that this year the production of silver will be close upon \$2,050,000, as compared with \$1,719,506 last year. In the lead production there will probably be a corresponding increase this year. Last year it may reach \$2,000,000. The copper output this year may possibly reach 40,000,000 pounds, which will be a marked improvement over last year, when it was 35,710,128 pounds. The increased price in this commodity over last season makes the returns very much greater. It is safe to say that the price of copper this year has been 2 1/2 cents a pound in advance of the average last year. On the production of 40,000,000 pounds the gain to the province on this increased price will amount, therefore, to \$1,000,000. The coal and coke production this year has not changed much from last season. At the Crown's Nest mines the output has been very close to that of the year 1912. The cessation of work at Nanaimo for a good part of the year has reduced the output from the Vancouver Island mines. The coke production this year for the province will probably be 270,000 tons. Last year it was 238,428 tons. Last year's coke was valued at \$1,122,140. This year's value will correspondingly reach about \$1,350,000. The net coal product independent of that used for the manufacture of gas will likely reach 1,150,000 tons, valued at \$3,450,000. Last year's coal production for British Columbia was 1,253,628 tons, valued at \$3,760,834. Zinc mining has not been playing a very important part in the province's production. The prospects as a result of the investigation carried on by the Dominion government this year are brighter for the future. This year there has probably been 15,000 tons of zinc ore mined, valued at perhaps \$720,000. In building materials including quarried stone, cement and brick, there has probably been \$1,000,000 worth produced. Last year \$900,000 worth of this division, so that there has been a marked increase. The establishment of the Vancouver-Portland Cement Company at Tofino since leaving New York. He will finish his transcontinental walk at Santa Monica to-day. He has already walked 3,677 miles, or an average of more than 22 miles a day.

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together with the prospects that the Canadian Northern and the C. P. R. will do through that part of the province has had a marked effect in land sales in the north. The provincial department of lands and works reports that there has during the past year been a very large increase in the sales of land for agricultural and for timber purposes. This has not been confined to any particular section, but has been scattered quite largely over the whole province. In the interior there has been a lot of land taken up for fruit growing. The demand for timber lands has been very marked, and throughout it is expected that the department will show very material increase in land and timber sales.

THE CITY MARKET. The city markets show very little change from the prevailing prices last week. The holiday season causes an increased demand for poultry and other lines which are regarded as essentially pertaining to Christmas. The prices of poultry are still the same as last week, while staple goods continue at steady prices.

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as Flour, Grain, and other goods.

Table listing wholesale market prices for various goods including Island Potatoes, Apples, and other produce.

Van A. Wilcox Will Finish Walk From the Atlantic to Pacific To-Day. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Van A. Wilcox arrived here yesterday on the home stretch of his tramp from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having walked just 65 days since leaving New York. He will finish his transcontinental walk at Santa Monica to-day. He has already walked 3,677 miles, or an average of more than 22 miles a day.

Magistrate Hall on Friday sentenced Robt. Bell to two years imprisonment for stealing a purse from a young lady on Douglas street last Saturday night. On Friday the fire department was called out to an incident which occurred on the premises occupied by Chinese opposite the Cold Storage building on Store street. Little damage was done. Judge Spinks, of Vernon, who was confined to the Royal Victoria hospital, Montreal, for six weeks, recuperating. He sat up on Christmas Day, and as soon as able will proceed south.

Members of the various Farmers' Institutes in the city are reminded that their memberships cease on December 31st, and will have to be renewed in order that the members may have all the advantages. Members who joined since October 1st, are entitled to membership for the succeeding year.

The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, not wishing to interfere with the receptions being held on New Year's day, will hold their reception on Tuesday, January 2nd, at the Sunday school, from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. The Sunday school orchestra will be in attendance. Games will be provided and refreshments served. The league will be delighted to welcome all its friends and to wish them the season's greetings.

On Thursday at the regular meeting of Court Columbia, No. 334, Canadian Order of Foresters, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Bro. T. J. Evans, vice chief ranger, Bro. A. Galbraith, recording secretary, Bro. K. W. O. Savage, financial secretary, Bro. A. H. Hayes, chaplain, Bro. J. W. Whyte, treasurer, Bro. Geo. McIndless, S. W. Bro. F. Rickson, J. W. Bro. J. L. Saurer, S. B. Bro. Alex. Hendry, J. B. Bro. R. Mowat, physician, Dr. Hart, auditor, Bros. R. Mowat and J. A. McIntosh.

There were ten fires in December, representing a loss of \$103. They were: December 7, chimney fire, Colonial hotel; December 9th, box 9, false alarm; December 11th, fire in Woodstock nursery, Fairfield road; loss, \$50; December 11th, chimney fire, Pandora street; December 18th, box 24, false alarm; December 18th, box 31, false alarm; December 18th, chimney fire, Dallas road; December 21st, chimney fire, South Park street; December 25th, overheated stove pipe, South Park street; loss, \$3; December 29th, fire in Chinese shack, Store street, \$50.

—Last evening the annual Christmas tree entertainment of the Victoria West Baptist Sunday school was held in Semple's hall, and was very well attended by the parents and friends of the children. The first part of the programme consisted of songs and recitations, principally by the younger pupils, which were very well rendered. This was followed by the feature of the evening, a cantata entitled "The Old and the New Santa Claus." The manner in which it was performed reflects great credit both upon the pupils and Mrs. McIntyre, who trained them. There were many expressions of appreciation from the audience. The entertainment was concluded by the distribution of presents to the children by the good old Santa Claus.

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