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MARKET AND GENERAL REPORT.

Trade almost in every branch may be said to have received a temporary check through the impediment to the transit of goods into the interior by the ice on the Fraser river. Sales have therefore been very limited and chiefly local. Successful efforts are being made by the Chamber of Commerce to disseminate correct information regarding the advantages of the British Columbian route to the now gold diggings over that of the Oregon or Portland.

The Big Bend, unlike most other gold diggings, seems to inspire almost universal confidence, and each successive account from the locality corroborates all preceding ones. Although rather too early in the season a good number have already started for the El Dorado. Doubtless a large population will be attracted before the close of the coming season. These mines have the advantage of being within a short distance of good stock and farming country, and prices of provisions will keep at figures admitting of men with very limited means prospecting and trying their luck on new ground. The navigation of the Fraser river is expected to be open in a few days—the only barrier being at Union Bar; the difficulty is however being removed by a gang of men employed for that purpose.

As the spring opens there is every probability of a brisk business being done, and the prospects of the country generally seem to be based on a more substantial foundation than previous years.

ALES—Good brands are held firm, but Colonial brewing having much improved is interfering with the sale.

BOOTS and SHOES—(Eng^lish) manufactured to suit the market, in good demand at prices leaving a fair margin.

BEANS—Seem to have an upward tendency, and are held for higher prices, having advanced also in California.

CLOTHING—Market rather overstocked, prices low.

COFFEE—Very limited supplies; only small quantity in importers hands; slight advance in price.

DRY GOODS—Market healthy, stocks in proportion only to demand.

FLOUR—No extensive sales; quotations will doubtless be sustained, as the San Francisco market shows a slight advance. Fair stocks on hand and per cent arrivals and expected per W. A. Banks and W. D. Rice there will be an addition to them of 10,194 qr sacks.

GRAIN—Market dull, sales only local.

IRON—English Pig, none offered for sale, all bought up for the California market, where prices has greatly advanced.

LIQUORS—Large stocks of Brandy; a good many forced sales have brought prices low; other liquors moderate supplies.

CILMAN'S STORES—Large quantities of inferior brands on hand; prices low but with tendency to rise.

RISE—About 5,000 mats on hand and on the way; prices steady.

TEA—Stocks low, but no advance in price.

WINES—Large stocks and prices nominal.

LOADING AND ON THE WAY.

From London—*Mohawk*, left Deal 12th January, *Beelya Wood*, loading would sail about beginning of Feb.
From Liverpool—*Eastern Chief*, sailed Nov. 9. do. *MacKay*, loading Dec. 23.
From San Francisco—*D. M. Rice*, sailed Feb. 21. do. *W. A. Banks*, sailed Feb. 3.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

London,—60 days, \$5 00,—£1 sterling.
do. 30 days, 5 05, do.
do. 3 days, 5 10, do.
do. on demand, 6 15, do.
San Francisco,—1 per cent. premium.
Canada and New Brunswick,—4 per cent. premium.
Nova Scotia,—2 per cent. premium.
New York,—4 per cent. premium.

IMPORTS TO VICTORIA, V. I. FOR THE YEAR 1865.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, PORTLAND, AND PUGET SOUND.

Almonds .. \$	51	Lima Juice. \$	175
Ale & Porter	2137	Lumber	3951
Alcohol	1491	Laths	743
Acid	570	Mailing	764
Apples	7828	Wides	42026
Axes	430	Matches	3357
Bitters	3749	Machinery	659
Bags	5816	Molasses	1112
Barley	8654	Malt	1849
Bacon	40120	Machinery	2970
Beans	3544	Medicines	1608
Boots & Co.	56490	Mdse., "binese	3361
Beef	4220	Musical In.	1201
Blankets	2664	Nails	7808
Brandy	7035	Oysters	3737
Bran	5544	Oil	8051
Butter	87812	Oilman Stores	873
Brooms	2705	Oats	14009
Bread	3295	Opium	3335
Biscuit	1132	O. ions	1292
Bl'd Tables	3355	Pictures	100
Books	5420	Pails	341
Brushes	99	Paints	741
Corn	277	Paper	4957
Cattle	114802	Piano	500
Corn meal	3452	Pork	2308
Candles	10059	Powder Yeast	9152
Champagne	9381	Pipes	2646
Cheese	12319	Perfumery	421
Cider	952	Pepper	178
Cigars	53144	Pickles	102
Coffee	20811	Pumps	413
Clothing	48585	Per'sal Eiects	340
Clocks	1102	Potatoes	5977
Coal Oil	15022	Pitch	100
Coal	1749	Quicksilver	875
Claret	6504	Rice	36061
Chickens	1301	Rope	7435
Canvas	450	Shiologies	618
Corks	65	Soda	389
Doors & Co.	1783	Starch	873
Drugs	12182	Sheep	51649
Dry Goods	60749	Safos	2765
Duck	1359	Salt	2113
Express Matt.	138480	Ship Chan	8747
Eggs	7526	Soap	7268
Fancy Goods	1018	Stationery	6493
Floor	253745	Sandries	9556
Furniture	13593	Sugar	59312
Fruit	16138	Stoves	3216
Fruit Trees	300	Syrups	4699
Furs	930	Seeds	1297
Fish	620	Saddlery	621
Gun	360	Spirits	4391
Grain	3366	Sw'g Mac'oes	526
Grit	1467	Seuf	53
Glassware	5621	Spices	376
Groceries	25495	Skins	699
Gas fixtures	810	Turpentine	372
Guns	440	T	22521
Hams	287	Tobacco	36794
H	57834	Trunks	1776

Hats	7297	Tross	520
Hops	5920	Tobs	236
Hope	3842	Vinegar	380
Harness	46	Vegetables	1233
Hay	11869	Wine	12363
Horses	11925	Woodware	595
Hosiery	780	Wheat	13225
Hides	16	Wagons	6942
Instruments	60	do Mail	475
Iron	750	Whiskey	1008
Lamps	944	Windows	120
Lard	24259	Wool	2389
Leather	5571	Wearing ap'l.	2550
Liquors	1930		

TOTAL, from San Francisco \$1284687
do. Portland 181160
do. Puget Sound 222056

TOTAL, \$1,687,903

FROM ENGLAND.

Ale & Porter \$	50470	Leather	20
Ammunition	600	Millinery	140
Acid	200	Mailing	130
Books	1350	Merchandise	31881
Bricks	520	Matches	290
Bitters	708	Machinery	62
Blankets	52662	Musical Inst's	565
Boots & Shoes	19018	Medicines	1828
Brandy	87819	Nails	300
Bacon	300	Oil	410
Bags	1650	Oilman stores	17655
Brushes	87	Oats	760
Clarret	76	Oxment	156
Candles	11920	Perfumery	1714
Champagne	9577	Pianos	6581
Crockery	755	Paints	2363
Clothing	118881	Paper	6747
Coffee	1771	Powder	650
Confectionery	260	Pipes	550
Coal	2355	Pork	740
Corks	947	Pictures	162
Cheese	730	Private effects	5727
Drugs	5078	Rem	12367
Dry Goods	204441	Rope	1966
Fats	370	Rice	1478
Fruit	1155	Soap	8018
Furniture	7372	Sugar	8274
Gas Fixtures	277	Salt	308
Gin	14420	Spirits	14834
Groceries	9621	Saddlery	720
Glassware	5750	Sandries	7883
Gunpowder	8815	Seeds	120
Guns	5092	Stationery	7053
Grain	556	Turpentine	97
Hardware	73778	Tobacco	2190
Hats	2822	Tea	12475
Hops	127	Vinegar	414
Hams	400	Wagons	835
Iron	22475	Whiskey	4833
Jewelry	1195	Wine	62301
Liquors	13292	Wearing ap'l	750

TOTAL, \$982584

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Corn	\$ 14	Leather	\$ 1000
Drugs	400	Oils	1770
Furs	33937	Potatoes	40
Fish	2894	Shiologies	2483
Fruit	358	Skins	8039
Hay	435	Sandries	60
Hides	358	Spirits	150
Horses	3378	Sheep	609
Horns	25	Tea	270
Ice	60	Wool	215
Iron	60	Wood	10
Lanths	23	Whiskey	192
Lumber	15891		

TOTAL, \$73071

FROM SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Coffee	\$ 7558	Liquors	\$ 1199
Dry Goods	235	Lumber	510
Fat	20	Molasses	5739

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