

PROVINCIAL TRADE.

The *Victoria Colonist* issued a magnificent New Year addition which contained a great amount of statistical information with regard to the trade of the province. From the *Colonist*, the following figures are compiled:

VICTORIA.

Customs collections, \$1,046,013.50; increase, \$455,208.00; free goods, \$819,448; increase, \$97,971. Exports—produce of Canada—\$3,212,003; not produce of Canada, \$120,017; total, \$3,333,820; increase, \$1,070,320; imports, \$3,821,895; increase, \$551,097; duties paid, \$973,842.12; increase, \$82,507.16. Coin and bullion, \$78,320.

The following are the inland revenue returns:

January	\$ 8,512 75
February	7,036 12
March	7,506 82
April	9,930 70
May	7,219 37
June	13,083 77
July	10,393 12
August	14,423 19
September	12,210 19
October	13,495 72
November	12,714 96
December (approximately)	9,000 00

Below, is the sealing fleet. The total coast catch was 4,127; Sand Point, 17,443; Behring Sea, 28,768; grand total, 50,338.

The total tonnage of ships employed was 3,232; the total number of boats used, 374; and the crews were made up of 660 white men and 303 Indians.

The total gold dust shipments for the year 1891 was \$317,870.05, showing a decrease from 1890 of \$61,007.04. The Bank of British Columbia shipped \$180,375.34; Bank of British North America, \$16,840.07; Garesche, Green & Co., \$144,654.61.

There was a slight falling off in the salmon pack compared with last year. The approximate total was 301,978 cases.

The total building carried on in Victoria during the year will amount to over two millions of dollars. Besides this there have been many costly residences built on the Esquimalt, Craigflower, Saanich, and Gorge roads, exceeding \$200,000 in value.

The income at the city post office was \$33,500, showing an increase of \$2,501.

VANCOUVER.

At the Vancouver postoffice during 1891 the stamp sale amounted to \$23,914.39. There were 16,545 registered letters sent, and 15,353 received.

During 1891 the inland revenue collections for the Vancouver district were as follows:

Spirits	\$13,167 13
Tobacco	16,797 96
Malt	8,103 05
Cigars	5,794 20
License	1,105 00
Petroleum Inspection	1,470 90

Total.....\$77,450 24

In preparing the above the December returns are approximated.

The customs returns, including December were:

Duties collected	\$301,637 14
Other revenue	65,908 57
Total	\$366,445 51

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The assessed value of property in New Westminster for the year amounted to \$5,297,520. The value of imports was \$678,573; duty collected, \$150,390. The income of the postoffice amounted to \$16,272. New Westminster reports a total salmon pack of 182,000 cases. Thirteen steamers, built at New Westminster, were launched during the year.

NANAIMO.

According to official figures, the income for the city of Nanaimo was \$22,000 in 1891, as compared with \$18,000 in 1890. The revenue of the district for 1891 was \$14,000, and in 1890 \$13,000. The assessors' report shows the following:—District real property, 1891, \$1,110,457; do. 1890, \$747,358. Wild land, 1891, 14,854 acres; do. 1890, 4,480 acres. Personal property, city, 1891, \$741,000; ditto, 1890, \$602,450. Personal property, district, 1891, \$723,800; do. 1890, \$603,550.

The output for 1891 at the various mines is reported as follows:—Southfield, 201,027 tons 17 cwt.; No. 3 shaft, 61,235 tons 8 cwt.; No. 1 shaft, 158,320 tons 19 cwt.; Northfield, 168,006 tons 10 cwt. The total output of the Wellington colliery for the year is reported to have been 323,027 tons; and of the Union colliery, Comox, 190,917 tons.

Foreign shipments of coal were, for the year, divided as follows:—New Vancouver Coal Co., 377,561 tons; Wellington, 220,271 tons; East Wellington, 30,065 tons; Union colliery, 94,900 tons.

DOUBLE-TRACKING THE OCEAN.

The Dominion Minister of Marine is about to consider the question of co-operating in a system adopted by the leading steamship companies in the trans-Atlantic trade designed to lessen the liability to collision on the high seas. It consists of an arrangement for a uniform course route between the leading ports in Great Britain and the United States. Already, the Cunard, White Star, Inman, Guion and National steamship companies have agreed upon a sailing basis whereby their steamships follow certain given courses in their ocean voyages. A chart upon which these routes as mutually agreed upon are plotted, has been received at the Department of Marine. The system comprises two distinct routes, a northern and a southern, the latter being followed between the 15th of January and the 14th of July, a period of the year during which a southerly course is necessary to avoid the fog and icebergs which impede navigation in the vicinity of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. In the summer time, or between the 15th of July and the 14th of January, the steamships of these lines sailing between New York and Liverpool follow the northern route, being the shorter.

Gen. Schofield says that the United States army could only spare 10,000 men to go and fight the Chilians.

THE SEALING FLEET—VESSELS IN PORT.

VICTORIA.

ARRIVED.	NAME.	TONNAGE.	AGENT OR OWNERS.
July 14	Maggie Mac	71	R. P. Rithet & Co. (Limited)
July 27	Ainoko	75	Capt. Grant
July 27	E. B. Marvin	114	E. B. Marvin & Co.
July 27	Walter L. Rich	79	C. N. Cameron
July 28	Annie E. Paint	82	Robert Irving
July 29	Mary Ellen	69	Capt. Victor Jacobson
August 1	Thistle (steamer)	147	M. Manson
August 1	Sea Lion	50	Geo. Collins
August 3	Minnie	46	Capt. Victor Jacobson
August 5	Triumph	98	E. B. Marvin & Co.
August 11	Winnifred	13	C. Spring
August 11	Aurora	46	Thos. Harold
August 14	C. H. upper	99	Capt. C. J. Kelly
August 14	Honar etta	31	C. Spring
August 21	May Bell	58	Capt. Douglas
August 22	W. P. Sayward	60	Morris Moss
August 24	Laura	19	J. B. Jones
August 28	Labrador	30	Stevenson
August 29	Mary Taylor	43	Carno & Munsie
August 29	Mountain Chief	16	Navassen
August 29	Rosio Olsen	29	Andrew Gray
August 30	Carlotta G. Cox	76	E. B. Marvin & Co.
August 30	Annie C. Moore	113	C. Hackett
August 30	Geneva	92	Hall, Gospel & Co.
August 31	Borealis	37	Thos. Hendry
September 2	Walter A. Earle	68	Thos. Earle
September 2	Sapphire	124	E. B. Marvin & Co.
September 2	Carmolite	99	J. W. Peppett
September 7	Ariel	91	J. C. Prevost
September 9	Umbrina	98	J. W. Peppett
September 14	City of San Diego	46	Carno & Munsie
September 15	Viva	93	Carno & Munsie
September 17	Pioneer	66	Carno & Munsie
September 17	Wanderer	25	Harry Paxton
September 17	Venture	48	Morris Moss
September 18	Favorite	30	Chas. Spring
September 22	Oscar and Hattie	81	J. L. Penny
September 23	Ocean Belle	53	Hall, Gospel & Co.
September 24	Katherine	81	J. L. Penny
September 26	Maud S	97	Brown Bros.
September 27	Beatrice	66	Capt. Wm. Grant
September 27	Terisa	63	P. A. Dabblington
September 27	Otto	87	Walter Barnes
September 28	Kate	58	C. Spring
October 3	Penelope	69	Morris Moss
November 16	Mascot	40	Hall Gospel & Co.

VANCOUVER.

Edna Edwards	37	Pacific Trading and Navigation Co.
Vancouver Belle	73	Vancouver Shipbuilding, S. & T. Co.
C. D. Rand	52	B. I. Sealing and Trading Co.
Beatrice	49	C. G. Doering