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British Columbia Commerce.

The ninth annual report of the British Columbia Board of Trade has just been published. It gives the following statistics of the trade of the province.

SHIPPING.

Under the head of "shipping" the number of arrivals and departures and tonnage of sail and steam vessels are given. There arrived from sea, not including vessels trading with the Dominion, 567 vessels with a total tonnage of 512,863. There departed seaward 533 vessels, tonnage 498,180. Five screw steamers and one sailing vessel were built during the year, a total tonnage of 133.46. Three steamers and five sailing vessels registered, having a total tonnage of 796.38. The various foreign ports from which vessels entered were given, with cargo or ballast. There were 427 vessels with a total freight of 33,558 tons. One hundred and forty vessels arrived in ballast. Vessels departing to sea with cargo numbered 218, with 9,926 tons freight; vessels departing in ballast were 335 in number. There were 653 arrivals and 658 departures of screw, paddle, and stern-wheel steamers engaged in the coasting trade of the province. Of sailing vessels in the coasting trade, 102 arrived and 99 departed.

CUSTOMS.

The following are the exports for Victoria, Nanaimo, Westminster and Vancouver for the fiscal years ending 30th June, 1898:

VICTORIA.

Produce of the Mines—Gold in dust and bars	\$ 560,756 00
" " Coal	2,866 00
" " Granite	95 00
Total of the Mines	563,717 00
Product of the Fisheries	1,159,504 00
" " Forest	5,197 00
Animals and their Produce	296,297 00
Manufactures	31,956 00
Miscellaneous	658 00
Total	\$2,057,329 00
Goods not the produce of British Columbia	65,610 00
Total exports from Victoria ..	2,122,939 00

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Produce of the Forest	\$ 88,981 00
" " Mines (platinum) ..	2,609 00
" " Fisheries	3,762 00
Sundries	898 00
Total exports from Westminster ..	96,250 00

NANAIMO.

Produce of the Mines (coal)	\$1,163,399 00
Produce of the Forest	71,991 00
Total exports from Nanaimo	\$1,240,393 00

VANCOUVER.

Produce of the Mines	\$ 154,996 00
" " Fisheries	391 00
" " Forests	361,199 00
Animals and the produce	13,492 00
Agricultural products	1,110 00
Manufactures	17,351 00
Total from Vancouver	\$ 553,539 00

COAL SHIPMENTS FROM NANAIMO.

Country where sent.	Tons.	Value.
United States	324,869	\$1,137,040 00
Sandwich Islands	2,240	7,839 00
Mexico	3,020	10,570 00
China	3,709	12,950 00
Total	333,829	\$1,163,399 00

The exports from the different ports were distributed as follows:

Countries.	Value.	Articles Exp'd
Great Britain	\$ 812,677	Salmon, lumber, fur, etc.
United States	2,328,764	Gold dust, coal, hides, etc.
Germany	1,000	Curios.
China	38,879	Lumber and coal
Chili	33,828	Lumber.
Peru	38,078	Lumber.
Mexico	875	Coal.
Sandwich Is'lds.	33,113	Salmon, planks, and boards.
Australia	160,676	Salmon and lumber, etc.
Japan	28,078	Lumber, coal, etc.
Total	\$ 3,475,968	

From the statistics furnished, it will be seen that the products of the mines, mostly coal, form the principal articles of export. The fisheries, principally canned salmon, follow closely, and the products of the forests come third on the list.

Total exports for the year from the three ports named were:

Victoria	\$ 2,022,395 00
Westminster	103,485 00
Nanaimo	188,678 00

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