



Trade and Shipping Good

The Year Just Closed a Record Breaker in Victoria's Stride Forward.

Unprecedentedly Busy at the Docks and Ship-yards—Inland Revenue Figures.

The Colonist is unable as formerly to present to its readers in its New Year's edition the customs, trade and shipping returns. The usual efforts were made to secure the same, but pressure of work on Collector Milne and staff at the customs house prevented their being prepared in time to hand to the Colonist for publication this morning. It is learned, however, that there is a steady and vigorous growth in trade in all branches, Victoria outstripping all rivals in the race for real commercial supremacy. The most important feature of the statistics in the customs branch is of course the figures indicating the growth of this city's trade with the north, that portion of the great westward development consequent upon the exploitation of the vast gold deposits and the influx of a large population. The statement will bear repetition in this connection that this city does upwards of 50 per cent. of the whole trade, but collector Milne says that this is an over-estimate. It is estimated that during the year just closed upwards of 20,000 tons of goods went into the Yukon and Alaska districts, 75,000 more feet of lumber, all flooring, consigned by Doolittle & Co. The salmon cargo is the largest of the season, the total Pacific Coast pack for 1899 being found to consist of 3,183,000 cases, against 2,484,000 for 1898; 3,121,117 for 1897; 2,800,462 for 1896; 2,034,877 for 1895; and 1,854,211 for 1894—the twelvemonth just closing on record as producing the heaviest exports in the history of the trade. Of British Columbia's contribution to the general Pacific Coast trade, 711,900 cases, the special distribution by river districts is:

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The pack for the year by canneries follows: FRASER RIVER CANNERIES, Cannery. Cases. Cleeve & Co. 15,415 Ewen & Co. 11,000 Premier 5,750 Lam Tung 5,700 Fraser River Cannery 47,940 Vancouver 17,880 Acme 7,680 Terra Nova 11,080 British Columbia 8,820 Dismore Ltd. 10,000 Provincial 8,000 Egan & Co. 17,641 Richmond 10,330 Kellicott 5,538 Egan & Co. 17,641

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Victoria is easily holding her own as the leading commercial city of the province. It is anticipated that during 1900 there will be much attention paid to the exploitation and development of the marvellous mineral resources of Vancouver Island, and that the future never looked brighter.

INLAND REVENUE. Collections Made in the Victoria Division for the Year.

Table showing Inland Revenue collections for the year 1899, broken down by month from January to December.

POLICE RETURNS. Fewer Charges Laid Last Year Than During the Previous Twelve Months.

Like everything else, the morals of the city of Victoria improved during the year which ended last night, the calendar at the police station showing that charges had been entered, as against 846 last year. Against whites there were 633 charges, as against 680 in 1899. In 1899, 64, against 78. The charges entered during 1899 were:

Table with columns: Year, Fines, Losses. Shows police statistics for 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899.

CANADIANS FOR GARRISON. Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 2.—A detachment of the West India Regiment (colored) embarked today to reinforce the Bermuda garrison. It is expected that if the Imperial troops go to South Africa, Canadian militia will be sent here for garrison duty.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The Season's Salmon Pack.

Full Catch on the Fraser and Northern British Columbia Rivers.

In contrast with its history for the year immediately preceding, the salmon canning industry may be said to have thrived notably during 1899, while both demand and prices are spoken of at the present time as all that could be desired. The improvement is shared with the canner of the northern side, the total Pacific Coast pack for 1899 being found to consist of 3,183,000 cases, against 2,484,000 for 1898; 3,121,117 for 1897; 2,800,462 for 1896; 2,034,877 for 1895; and 1,854,211 for 1894—the twelvemonth just closing on record as producing the heaviest exports in the history of the trade. Of British Columbia's contribution to the general Pacific Coast trade, 711,900 cases, the special distribution by river districts is:

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Many Alarms But Light Loss.

Record of the Victoria Fire Department During the Past Year.

The close of the year adds the remarkably small total of \$34,500 to the losses by fire in this city. Since 1886 the highest yearly loss was estimated at \$57,500, and the lowest \$8,500. Within the fire limits no serious fires occurred; the heaviest loss took place on December 23, 1898, when a fire originated in the Heathrow building while the firemen were fighting another fire on Churchway. The most destructive fire during recent years was the British Columbia Electric Railway power-house, Jacob Sehl's residence and Government House, all frame buildings outside the fire limits. The highest losses at any fire during the year amounted to \$88,000, and the average yearly losses are estimated at \$28,500. The city covers 6,000 acres, and the value of property liable to destruction by fire is estimated at \$17,000,000. The mayor, fire wardens and board of aldermen have added materially to the equipment of the fire department during the year. The new halls and engines will last many years. With a fire hall in Victoria West and further protection in the northern part of the city, the danger in the residential districts will be minimized. Insurance rates are lower in Victoria than in any other city on the Pacific Coast, and insurance men consider that the protection will be given when the pressure of water is increased and a permanent fire department organized. The monthly record for 1899 and the yearly losses since 1886 are as follows:

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Danube In From Skagway.

A Number of Passengers Make Quick Trip From Dawson City.

Extraordinarily Mild Weather Delays Operations on the Mines.

After a pleasant trip from Skagway, the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Danube reached port yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock with a small freight list and 13 passengers, having left the Klondike capital just twenty days ago, and this delay is the going rush from Skagway, quite a few being at the latter point, bound for Nome. The ice on the upper waters is, however, in prime condition for travel, and good time was made coming out. The Dawson party consisted of a heavy snow storm at Lebarge, but otherwise the trip was without incident. Among the passengers were A. B. Solly and George Brown, members of the N. W. M. P., who are returning to Winnipeg, their time having expired. The Westland expedition, including Capt. Morgan, who is one among three Dawsonites who also registered at the hotel occupied by the steamer, is an interesting budget of news from the North, the most important item of which is that, extraordinary as it may seem, it is unusual in the Klondike district. So unusual is the weather that ordinary winter mining operations are virtually suspended. The Klondike steam thawers are generally proving a success, it being possible to do with their use an hour what used to require twenty-four hours under the old method.

SHARING THE DUTY.

At his work he was peacefully doing his bit. On full time, with a prospect serene, when the night after tea his back he bent. Someone called with a note from the Queen. She just said, "I want you!" He gave the salute. "I'm a quiver of muscle or nerve, 'Liz, next Sunday," says he, "I shan't want my best suit. They have called out the Army Reserve."

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In the year 1899 there were issued from the city library 23,945 books; to ladies 12,318 and to gentlemen 11,627. The highest number issued in one day was 150 and the average number 79. The number of new members to join the library was 345; ladies 136 and gentlemen 189. The total number of members now on the register is 6,112. The total number of books in the catalogue is 9,627, and reports, etc., 95.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Hon. Lorenzo B. Baker, president of the Yarnow & Co. Company, was found dead in his berth on the arrival of a New York train here to-day.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE

Heals the bladder, cleans the urethra, cures the prostate, cures the bladder, cleans the urethra, cures the prostate, cures the bladder, cleans the urethra, cures the prostate.

Scientific Aids To Farming.

Agriculturists Pay More Attention to Study of Soil and Plant Life.

Awakening Due to the Knowledge Derived from Farmers' Institutes.

By Mr. J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. During the last season agriculturists have been receiving more attention from a scientific point of view than ever before. Farmers are realizing that to make husbandry a paying occupation they must give some study to the details of the chemistry of the soil and plant life; they are beginning to realize that they cannot make a fortune without some respect to the shape of replacing that which is taken away. They are realizing in a greater degree that unless heed is given to the spraying and cultivation of fruit trees they cannot expect profitable returns. This awakening is no doubt due in a great measure to the effect of the teaching through the medium of farmers' institutes and the hard lessons of experience; nevertheless much still remains to be done. The thousand and one details of a life on the farm, tending to the improvement or enrichment of the farm, small in themselves, but in the aggregate making a very large total, are but too often neglected. It is a fact that the soil is being worn out, and the soil is being worn out, and the soil is being worn out.

The New Year Welcomed.

Cordial Greetings to 1900 By the Victoria Populace Sunday Evening.

Well Attended Watchnight Meetings in Many of the City Churches.

With the booming of guns, tooting of steam whistles, ringing of bells, blowing of horns and the perfect bedlam created by the shouting of men and boys, and such other rest-disturbing noises as could be devised and put into execution, Victoria last evening made good-bye to the old year and welcomed the new year, the new century, the new millennium, the new era, the new dawn, the new day, the new hour, the new minute, the new second, the new millisecond, the new microsecond, the new nanosecond, the new picosecond, the new femtosecond, the new attosecond, the new zeptosecond, the new yoctosecond, the new rontosecond, the new quectosecond, the new sextosecond, the new septosecond, the new octosecond, the new nonosecond, the new decasecond, the new hectosecond, the new kilosecond, the new megasecond, the new gigasecond, the new terasecond, the new petasecond, the new exasecond, the new zettasecond, the new yottasecond, the new rontosecond, the new quectosecond, the new sextosecond, the new septosecond, the new octosecond, the new nonosecond, the new decasecond, the new hectosecond, the new kilosecond, the new megasecond, the new gigasecond, the new terasecond, the new petasecond, the new exasecond, the new zettasecond, the new yottasecond.

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A Day Along The Water

The Last of the Now Away—Em India Sail

Queen City From the and Angerona From Liverpool

The British ship Angerona, with a cargo of 10,000 tons of coal, arrived yesterday in 14 days from Liverpool. The ship is a quick tripper, being out of the harbor in 24 hours. The Angerona is a steamship, built in 1897, and is one of the fastest ships in the world. She is owned by the British India Company, and is commanded by Captain J. H. B. B. B. B.





New Year

our patrons for past favors... will endeavor to make the... advantageous for you as the... buying in best markets and sell... margin of profit, we are... to undersell our competitors.

Eastern Oysters

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Needs

Buying crops because they're... and always the best. For... reason. Refuse substitutes... of the best and prosper... Annual free gift for it... FERRY & CO., Windsor, Ont.

is made to ascertain in what... would do so; no one who might... by either of them petitioned... passage; no one who might be... them was accorded the privi-... petitioning against them. The... Amendment act was rush-... at the opening of the session;... hour act was rushed through... No government, having the... of the province at heart, would... moment think of passing such... legislation without permitting... to be heard, or without... such important changes with... sufficient to protect all con-... unnecessary loss. These... retarded the Atlin district and... blanket over a large portion... cotenants. They gave the prov-... lack eye among investors in all... the world.

er most unbusiness-like piece of... in the interest of the railway sub-... These laws were placed upon... book in pursuance of what... was a statesmanlike scheme... development of British Columbia;... were wiped off the record as... their presence there was pesti-... inquiry was made as to what... upon private interests the re-... would have. No question was raised... far any of the company's... under the subsidy acts had... avail themselves of them. We... to know that if these acts had... continued instead of being repealed... lines from the Coast to the... would now be in progress. But... ment did not trouble his head... it was sufficient to cause the... promoters had passed the sub-... That was reason enough for... deal. There was a blind reversal... settled policy of the province with-... to any one or consultation... persons interested. Could any... more unbusiness-like?

government told us with a great... of trumpets that they were going... a new system of financing... loans. They commended un-... the plan which Mr. Turner had... and carried on with such... success, and under which the credit... province had advanced from... the lowest to all but the highest... among colonial securities. In pur-... of this much-vaunted scheme... hawked the last provincial loan... the money market, only to have... to Mr. Turner's system. Com-... judges of the financial situation... that the method followed by Mr... had a material effect in reduc-... price of the loan. The fact that... them to return to the very system... they condemned, shows the unbu-... character of the administration... other field.

ask the independent members of... legislature to look the situation over... carefully for themselves and form... own conclusions. Can they po-... believe that the affairs of the prov-... are safe in the hands of men, who... show such a disregard for the com-... principles of business in legisla-... and finances? Have not Mr. Sem-... and his colleagues been weighed in... balance and found wanting?

Colonist takes some little credit to... for being one of the few Conserva-... papers in Canada which refused to... to a dissolution of parliament... precede a session.

the omission of one line and the... titution of another in the report of... Esquimalt licensing court, the re-... of Commissioner Atkins were... attributed to Commissioner... line. It is but justice to Mr. Pauline... that he protested against the in-... tion of "party lines" into the pro-... by his colleague and the error... types is all the more unfortunate... that account. Mr. Pauline is clear-... cited to this correction, which we... fully make.

Austrian Currency

enna, Jan. 2.—Under the new cur-... ry laws, which went into force... throughout Austria-Hungary, the... and kroner disappeared. The new... is the kronet, equaling half a... After introducing the gold... the kronet will be worth one... five centimes.

To Boycott Local Beers.

(From Thursday's Daily Edition.)

Citizens Aroused Over Statement That Some Foreign Residents are Traitors.

Committee Formed to Investigate the Matter and Report on Saturday Evening.

The great topic of conversation among Victorians yesterday was the report of a local movement to all the Boer cases, as published in the Colonist yesterday; and indignation was expressed at the foolishness and delinquency of those who are believed to have been instrumental in arranging for definite and organized action on the part of the Boer sympathizers resident in Victoria. So determined are the patriotic citizens that none who favor Paul Kruger's supremacy in South Africa shall be permitted to continue their intrigues in the city.

A Presentation.—About forty members of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., pleasantly surprised Mrs. J. H. Meldrum, High Grand Warrant, Tuesday evening, and presented her with a handsome berry set as a memento of her connection with the order.

Funeral of Mrs. Cox.—The funeral occurred yesterday from Hanna's undertaking parlors of Mrs. Cox, the Sons and Daughters of St. George and many other friends attending. Rev. P. Jenna officiated and the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. S. Greenleaf, H. H. Rivers, W. Greenleaf, George Penick, George Furnell and W. Lane.

New Island Mines.—Mahomet mountain, near Shawnigan lake, is now attracting the attention of local prospectors. A number of good prospects have been located in that district. Mr. P. J. Pearson, of Chemainus, now in Victoria, is interested in the district and has located several promising claims, showing good ledges, the ore running from \$14.50 to \$72 per ton.

New Wagon Road.—Cowichan residents are desirous of securing a more direct wagon road between Cowichan and adjacent districts and Victoria, and have addressed a petition to the chief commissioner of lands and works. The government would like a shorter route between the present one and the Goldstream and Shawnigan, believing that a saving of 25 miles can be made by going the west side of Saanich Inlet.

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Some progress has been made in the local Boer movement and explanation of the reason which actuated the naval and military authorities in making preparations for the security and defence of the warships, dock yard and naval station. Mr. Kirby, the patentee, being interested in the project industry. A splendid site has been secured, and most of the expenses have been subscribed by Victorians. By preparing all kinds of fish it is thought that the cannery can be self-sustaining.

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A HEBERNIAN GIFT. "Finest and Largest Hospital Ship in the World" Tendered the Boers.

New York, Dec. 31.—Having already tried the Fenian invasion idea, the Irish "patriots" have now concluded to subscribe several million dollars toward buying and equipping for the Boers the finest and largest hospital ship in the world.

SALISBURY'S SON WOUNDED. London, Dec. 31.—Advised from Pretoria regarding the sortie alleged to have been made from Mafeking on Monday night says that Lord Edward Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, was among the wounded.

THE FRENCH CONSPIRATORS. Court at Last Checks Abuse of Accused Towards its Members—Spectator Drops Dead.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The senate sitting at the high court for the trial of the conspiracy charges was in session to-day in order to hasten the conclusion of the proceedings. A sensational incident occurred at the opening, when a spectator suddenly fell dead in the public gallery.

AT THE GERMAN COURT. Imposing Ceremony and Religious Scene in Connection with New Year Reception.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The New Year reception was a most impressive spectacle. It was preceded by divine service in the chapel of the castle in which Her Majesty, the princes of the royal household, the ambassadors, ministers and high dignitaries joined.

LORD ROBERTS' AFFLICTION. Shock of His Son's Death Came Rudely to the Veteran General—Proud of the Lead's Progress.

London, Dec. 31.—Lord Roberts, says the Outlook, learned of his son's death at the Travellers Club. He was talking to a distinguished general at a little distance from the tape round which was formed a circle of the members.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY. Opposition of French Farming and Machinery Interests May Postpone Ratification.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A stiff campaign against the Franco-American commercial treaty is about to be opened by the parliament. The opposition to the government is being organized by the agricultural and agricultural associations have protested against granting the United States the minimum tariff while manufacturers of farming implements, cycles and machine tools are deeply disturbed.

SHOT BROTHER-IN-LAW. Buffalo, Dec. 31.—Michael Rowan shot and fatally wounded his brother-in-law, Clement Porter, son of the late R. D. Porter, of Niagara Falls, early this morning. The men had been drinking and quarrelled in Porter's house.

CONTRABAND BY DELAGOA

Transvaal Agents Making Local Famine While Awaiting Foreign Supplies.

British Now Stopping All Supplies—A Consul General Losing Cast.

London, Jan. 1.—A despatch from Delagoa Bay says: "The Transvaal agents here have bought up all the available milk, sugar and coffee. They have managed to get large orders sent for shipment here by French and German steamers. Prices have advanced 50 per cent. in consequence, and the stocks are very short. Something like a famine is threatened, as the British government is stopping all goods consigned here from coast ports. Several members of the volksraad meet every steamer, doubtless to give orders.

DELAGOA BAY NOT IN MARKET

Portugal Too Proud of Possessing Colonies to Think of Sale at Present.

British and German Agreement Made Conditional on Her Free Consent.

London, Dec. 31.—Sir Charles Dilke in today's Chronicle ventures upon a shrewd explanation of the Anglo-German agreement respecting the Portuguese possessions in East Africa. He contends that there has been an agreement in existence for two years and that it relates to Delagoa Bay but that it is what conveying lawyers describe as an escrow deed which can have no binding force until it is executed.

POPE'S SUCCESSOR DESIGNATED

Leo Nominates Cardinal Gottl as the Next Occupant of His High Office.

A Man of Great Piety and Modesty Living Simple and Rigorous Life.

Rome, Dec. 31.—It is asserted that the Pope, after the recent ceremony of the Holy Door at St. Peter's cathedral, addressed his intimate entourage and said: "I thank Divine Providence for granting me the grace of being able to celebrate this great function, and I wish for my successor grandeur and a long reign to the greater glory of God.

SCOUTS FROM THIS PROVINCE

Vancouver Mass Meeting Warmly Resents Slight by Dominion Government.

Movement to Secure Acceptance of Well Equipped Corps of Roughriders.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 1.—There was a large, representative and enthusiastic gathering of citizens in the council chamber of the city hall this afternoon, presided over by the Mayor. His Worship explained that the meeting had been called that the citizens might express their views regarding the very extraordinary way that British Columbia had been treated in regard to the sending of a second contingent to South Africa.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

For Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Flashes and Swelling after meals, Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach Sourness, Distention, Bloating, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, etc. These ailments arise from a disordered or abused condition of the stomach and liver.

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