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## BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, April 16, 1895.

The wholesale trade is still increasing in volume and has been gradually improving since open air work was started. Although money is considerably easier among the more successful merchants, there are still a numerous class of customers who ask for longer credit and are not marked A 1 in the books of the wholesalers. Those wholesalers who shook off the long credit customers early in the struggle are now enjoying a prosperous trade, buying cheaper than ever before and getting good profits and quick returns. Those who did not take the first loss and are still encouraging tardy debtors to buy goods in hopes that a revival of good times will enable them to settle the old score as well as the new are still complaining of the tightness of money and hard times. Beyond this the trade prospect for British Columbia is good. There are some changes in quotations this week. Shippers are still flooding the market with produce, a fact which has taught the farmers of British Columbia the folly of holding out for extravagant prices, and has enabled the consumer to live almost as cheaply as in the far east, owing to so many shipments being sacrificed at a glutted market. Manitoba eggs have been selling this week at 8 and 10 cents, butter correspondingly cheap. Fraser river potatoes sold at \$8, while a lot of Ashcroft were forced on the market at \$10. This is the same grade of potatoes that the British Columbia farmer held for \$25. British Columbia producers could supply the home market in eggs, butter, milk, cheese, potatoes, poultry and many other necessities, but through their apathy or greed for gain, or a little of both, we are still supplied from outside. In this connection the following figures are rather startling: For the past twelve months there has been shipped over the C. P. R., to British Columbia from the East, butter, two tons; eggs, one ton; lard, two tons; canned fruit, eleven tons; dried fruit, five tons; flour, nineteen tons; canned milk, one ton; oats and seed, three tons; strawberries, three tons; poultry, one ton. Total 48 tons. These figures do not comprise produce shipped direct to interior points and it is safe to say that fully as much again is imported from the Sound in similar lines. The only advance reported in the market is in cured meats, prices in this commodity are steadily rising.

## British Columbia Markets.

Vancouver, April 9, 1895.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 12 to 15c; Manitoba creamery, 18 to 20c; Eastern creamery, 26c; Canadian cheese, 11½ to 13; Manitoba cheese 12 to 18c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18c; breakfast bacon, 18½c; backs, 12c; long clear, 9½c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides, 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 8c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4; black cod, 5c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 6c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 13c; steel head

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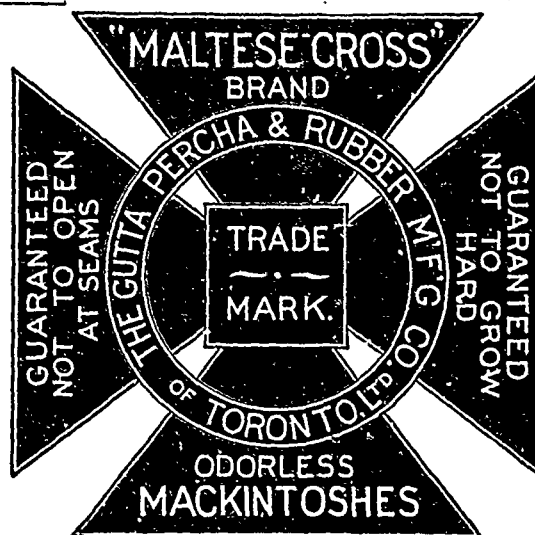
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salmon, 10c; spring salmon, 12c; pickerel, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 4c; kippered herring, 10c; fannau haddie, 8½c; trout 12c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$8 to \$10 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$15 to \$16; American burbanks, \$15; onions, silver skins, 2½c; cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¼ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 20c; eastern, 10c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$3.25 to \$3.50; California oranges, naval, \$3 to \$3.50; seedlings, 2.25 to \$2.50; California apples, \$1.85.

Nuts.—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 13c; walnuts, 15c.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake patent, \$4.30; strong bakers, \$4.00.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.90.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31.00; Edmonton district oats, \$29.00; Washington State wheat, \$20.00; do, oats \$26.50, f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$16 ton; ground wheat, \$20.00 ton; ground barley, \$20.00 ton; shorts, \$15 ton; bran \$13 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8 to 8½c; mutton, 8½ to 9c, pork, 6½ to 8c; veal, 8 to 10c.

Live Stock.—Calves, 6 to 7c; steers, 4 to 4½c; sheep, 4c; hogs, 5½ to 6c, lamb, per head, \$4.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 5½c; Paris lu., 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 3½c; yellow, 3½c.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 25c. Ceylons: fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c.

## British Columbia Business Notes.

Edwin Hind, tailor, New Westminster, has assigned.

W. Cowan, hotel, Nakusp, has sold out to John Hector.

Robt. Graham, hotel, Comox, advertises his business for sale.

The steamer Warrimoo sailed for Australia on April 16. She had only six saloon passengers, but carried a cargo of 1,000 tons.

Shirley & Hoy, stoves, etc., New Westminster, are selling out.

J. A. Cohen, Printer, Victoria, was partially burned out; loss \$500.

E. W. Ogle, men's furnishings, New Westminster, has assigned.

McLennan & McFeeley, hardware, Vancouver, have incorporated.

Lovatt Bros., hotel, Three Forks, have dissolved; Geo. Lovatt continues.

British Columbia Pottery & Terra Co. Ltd., Victoria, is winding up business.

Wasto & Mossford, marble, Victoria, Mossford reported to have left town.

John Wilson, wholesale produce, Victoria, was partially burned out fully insured.

Namu Canning & Trading Co., Victoria, has been dissolved; Robert Draney continues.

W. A. Emsley, soap manufacturer, Vancouver, has admitted A. W. Jameson as partner. The name "Cameron," formerly mentioned as having been admitted partner in this business, was an error.

The Texas Lake Ice company made a shipment of frozen salmon to England, via Australia, a few months ago. They have just received word that the shipment arrived in good condition, and proved a success. They now intend to ship regularly by every steamer.

## Grain and Milling Matters.

It is proposed to start an oatmeal mill at Rapid City, Man., if its promoters can secure a bonus from the municipality of \$3,000.

S. Armstrong has returned from Toronto, where he has been on business in connection with the proposed flour mill at Hamiota, Man. A site has been selected for the mill.

The Selkirk Roller Mill Company, Selkirk, Man., is to be dissolved; one of the partners retiring. The company contemplates replacing the present engine with a much larger one and also putting in some extra rolls and reels to increase the capacity of the mill to seventy-five barrels per day. They also intend opening up a flour and feed store in Selkirk.

The Virden Advance understands it is the intention of the Ogilvie company to erect an elevator at Virden, Man.; this year. This is quite possible as the company intend erecting a number of elevators this year.

At Carievale, Assa., a new steam elevator has been contracted for, to be built for the Carnduff Elevator and Milling Company.

Oxbow needs an elevator. About 80,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from there from last crop.