

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The opening of communication by rail with the interior of the Province and with the east is the most important occurrence of the past week. Orders which have accumulated from country merchants were shipped through last week, and stocks in wholesalers' hands have been replenished by receipts from the east. Large shipments are also on the way. Six failures have been reported for the Province since last review; the majority are, however, of small firms. Staple lines are generally steady in price. Fresh fruits are declining each week, as supplies become more plentiful. Collections continue close.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "A slight improvement is reported in trade, as communication is being restored with the interior. Collections are, however, slow, and a couple of failures are reported. The announcement that another chartered bank is about to establish itself in this city, is another proof of the growing importance of Vancouver as a commercial centre. The bank in question is one of the strongest in the Dominion, and there is no doubt that others will follow its example. Wholesale business shows a slight improvement, though in some lines stocks are getting short. It is, however, announced that freight will be moved very shortly, so that but little inconvenience is expected."

FLOUR AND FEED.

Quotations remain unchanged. There are quite a number of carloads of flour on the way for local dealers. Stocks had run down during the late floods, and some dealers are almost out of some brands.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "The movement of flour is very steady locally and not much going out for export account, though orders from China are fair, and moderate amounts are going to San Francisco, of Walla Walla brands, by each outgoing steamer. Some orders are going to the Sound and British Columbia. Receipts are very small. Values show no marked changes, though prices are somewhat firmer, standard valley and Walla Walla brands being quoted at \$2.35 per bbl."

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:  
Ogilvie's Hungarian \$1 00  
" Strong Bakers 3 80

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:  
Premier \$3 90  
XXX 3 75  
Strong Bakers or XX 3 30  
Superfino 3 05

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	\$1 00
Victoria XXX	1 00
Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:	
Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 1 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX, " "	1 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX, " "	1 10 @ 0 00
XX, " "	3 65 @ 0 00
Superfino, " "	3 10 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
Henton County, Oregon	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	3 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake	3 75 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	27 50 @ 30 00
Oats	39 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California	59 00 @ 00 00
Shorts	25 00 @ 30 00
Bran	23 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats	3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley	4 50 @ 0 00
Chop feed	25 00 @ 27 00
California oatmeal	3 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	3 75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole, per ton	37 50 @ 40 00
Peas, field, per ton	59 00 @ 60 00
Cornmeal	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed, per ton	40 00 @ 0 00
Cracked corn	10 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton	15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
Best Chinarrico	80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarrico No. 1	68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Ham and bacon have advanced in value. Choice fresh bacon is from 2 to 2½c higher. A considerable amount of California meats are being offered on this market. Fresh eggs have been received from Manitoba and are quoted by jobbers at 19c. Butter is steady, but cheese (California) has declined ½c. Pure lard and lard compound have lowered slightly. Victoria block matches in 5 gross tins are quoted by jobbers at \$1.40 and Californian at \$1.35.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 3,503 pkgs., against 3,725 pkgs., for the week previous. The market is firmer, as those who wanted to buy have found out. Sales of late made creameries have transpired at 18½c to 19c at the factories, the purchasers being speculators, shippers and local dealers. Shippers, however, state with a good deal of truth that present prices in England will not warrant them paying the rates now ruling here; but we presume what business is being done is with an eye on the future,

probably for Sept.—Oct. shipment. It is said that as high as 19c was paid for a crack factory. In Eastern Townships dairy a fine lot of about 50 tubs was sold at 17c, and another lot at 17½c. Western has sold at 15c to 15½c for choice and one lot was placed at 14c, but it was a mixed lot, most of the tubs being store packed. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, fresh, 18½c to 19c per lb; Eastern Townships dairy, 16c to 17c; Western, 14c to 16c. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected. Cheese receipts during the past week were 69,395 boxes, against 63,102 for the week previous. Everyone expected lower prices this week, but offerings at country boards sold at stiff prices, nevertheless, which is accounted for by some, on the ground that country buyers exceeded their limits and that considerable cheese was bought before they could be checked. The shipments this week, which will again be heavy, have cost 9½c to 9¾c for finest Western colored, and 9½c to 9¾c for finest western white, while Quebec cheese going out by this week's steamers cost 9c to 9½c. At the moment, however, the above prices would not be paid as the week's business is now over. There are plenty of cable orders at 42s 6d; to 43s, but they cannot be filled at these figures. The New York market is weak at 8¾c for finest. We quote: Finest western colored, 9½c to 7½c per lb; Finest western white, 9c to 9½c; Finest Quebec colored, 9½c; Finest Quebec white, 9c; under grades, 8½c to 9c; cable, 46s 0d.

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins, per lb	\$ 7 @ \$ 0
Malaga raisins, per box	3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels), per lb	5 @ 5½
" half bbls., per lb	5 @ 6
" (cases), per lb	5½ @ 7½
Sultana raisins, per lb	8 @ 10
Taragona almonds, per lb	11 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts, per lb	14 @ 18
Filberts, per lb	11½ @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	24 @ 25
Manitoba dairy	00 @ 00
California creamery, squares	25 @ 00
California rolls	@ 25
Cheese—Canadian, lb	14 @ 15
California	11 @ 14½
Eggs—Canadian, per doz	9 @ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	131 @ 16½
" 49er, California	17 @ 17½
Breakfast bacon	14½ @ 17
Short rolls	11 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear	10½ @ 11
Bacon	131 @ 13½
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 12½
" " " 50-lb (tins)	0 12½
" " " 20-lb "	0 12½
" " " 10-lb "	0 12½
" " " 5-lb "	0 12½
" " " 3-lb "	0 12½
Lard Compound, 10 lbs	10½ @ 00
" " 20 lbs	10½ @ 00
" " 5 lbs	10½ @ 00
" " 3 lbs	10½ @ 00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher: