

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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## British Columbia Business Review.

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Business, as it goes now, is not to be complained of especially. There is a general quietude, but the volume of trade is fairly large, as is shown by the customs returns, shipping, etc. There is little to add to what has been said in previous issues regarding it.

Meats are steady, and so are quotations in the fresh meat supply.

The volume of shipping continues large.

Eggs and butter are unchanged. No eastern creamery has yet arrived.

Feed is firm and steadily advancing in price. Flour shows indications of strengthening and several large orders have been placed during the week.

California cherries are getting cheaper and more plentiful. Oranges and lemons are unchanged.

New potatoes are being received in quantities from the south and Manitoba, and potatoes are weakening.

So far as the interior is concerned there are no new developments. Business there has become somewhat quiet after a temporary spirit, and it will be several months probably before any further decided movement occurs, if then. Mining matters are making steady progress, but there is nothing to produce a boom, merchants being well supplied in all lines, with nothing to create an unusual demand. Townsites are being laid out with striking regularity, but the "mining and distributing centres" and all the rest do not seem to attract any large number of speculators. The fact of the matter is we are now in the lag end stage of the townsite business, and times are too much depressed and too much money is locked up in real estate already to give much encouragement to the new ventures.

## B. C. Market Quotations.

**FRUIT**—California strawberries and cherries are in the market. Oranges are quoted: navels, \$3.50; Riverside seedlings, \$2.50 and 2.75; Cal. bloods \$4.00; St Michaels \$4.00; lemons, California \$5.00; Sicilies \$6; dried apricots 20c; peaches 14c; evaporated apples 10c; figs are scarce and quoted 18c.

**EGGS**—Eastern eggs are 15c.

**MEATS**—Quotations unchanged as follows:—Hams, 16c; breakfast bacon, 17c; backs, 15 to 15½c; long clear, 13½c; short rolls, 13½c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 17c per pound; in pails, 16½c; in tubs 16c.

**DAIRY**—California creamery, which is the only butter in the market, is quoted at 26 to 28c. Cheese 12½ to 14c.

**Vegetables**—The market is fairly well supplied with Manitoba potatoes, which are wholesaled from \$32 to \$35 per ton. Onions are scarce at 6c; and cabbage at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**Dressed meat, Live Stock, etc.**—The market shows little or no change. Quotations are: Steers, 5½c; beef, 9½c; sheep, 7c; mutton, 14c; lambs, \$5 each; hogs, 8c; pork, 11c; calves, 7c; veal, 11c.

**Fish**—Halibut plentiful, 6 to 7c; salmon, 7 to 8c; smelt, 6c; cod fish, 5 to 6c; flounders, 4c to 5c; smoked salmon 12½c; smoked halibut, 10c.

**FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.**—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Kowatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows:

Patent, per bbl., \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$4.75; XXX, \$4.65; strong bakers, or XX, \$4.25; superfine, \$3.65. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.30; ladies choice, \$5.00; prairie lily, \$5.00; Oregon, \$5.00. Enderby mills—Premier \$5.25; three star, \$4.90; two star, \$4.50; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.35; National mills, Victoria, \$3.75; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.75; cornmeal \$3.10; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice do \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$27; shorts \$30; Man. oats, \$28 to 32; B. C. oats \$26; wheat \$25 to 30; oil cake, \$50; hay, \$20. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$28 per ton; oats \$30 in bulk and in sacks \$32; chop barley \$26. California malting barley, \$26 to 27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to 33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.75; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$4.25. The Western Milling Co. quote mixed chop, \$26; rye \$33; patent flour, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Graham flour \$4.40.

## Brief Business Notes.

Samuel Clay, grocer, Victoria, assigned.

J. Phillips, Nanaimo, has sold out his hotel to John Fraser.

Peter Peebles, Westminster, furniture, has assigned.

Tye & Co., hardware, Vancouver are going out of business.

W. Clark, hotel, has sold out to Allport & Hicks.

The stock of the Oriental Hotel, Vancouver, is advertised for sale.

Trahey & McDonald, shipbuilders, Victoria, dissolved; T. H. Trahey continues.

J. B. L. Jones, general store, Wellington, is dead.

F. H. Osgoode, electric light, Victoria, sold out to the National Electric Tramway and Lighting Co., Ltd.

Thomas H. Trahey, shipbuilder, Victoria, satisfied chattel mortgage, \$300.

D. A. Lamey, general merchant, Illecillewaet, has removed to Lardeau.

Geo. Giles, ex-manager of the B. C. Mercantile Agency, has left Victoria suddenly.

Work has begun on the contract for the excavations of the new Parliament buildings at Victoria.

On the 30th of May the new Vancouver Coal company made its largest day's output on record, viz., 2,300 tons.

The Victoria Electric Light Co., Victoria, has sold out to the National Electric Tramway Co., price \$50,000.

J. Richards, real estate, Victoria, has gone to Seattle, having closed up his business in the former place.

The fish curing firm of Wood, Travis & Co., Westminster, is preparing another shipment of fish for China, and a trial shipment for Australia.

The Victorians taxpayers by large majorities rejected the \$700,000 sewerage loan by-law, also the electric lighting loan by law and the park by-law. The only by-law approved was that of the \$55,000 loan for new school buildings.

There is a lot of men at work at Telegraph bay, where the California Powder Works Co. are erecting their new mills. The magazines, store and glycerine houses have been completed and work is being pushed on the mill. Over 30 acres of property around the mills has been cleared.

## Live Stock Market.

The Montreal *Gazette* of June 6 says:—The cattle markets have not shown much change during the past week. Some money is still being made in London and Liverpool, but Glasgow is as bad as ever. Shippers are beginning to show more anxiety about the removal of the schedule. The British salesmen all advise the greatest caution, and a letter dated May 25th from a prominent salesman says: "Not much chance for cattle to go free, so the Government inspectors think. Sheep can go free and we expect a better trade than last year. The general trade of the country continues bad and we can only look forward to a medium cattle trade. The pastures are very fair." Several agents have received letters written in the same strain.

The Montreal Stock Yards company, Point St. Charles, report business at their yards for the week ended June 3, as follows:—"A number of export cattle changed hands during the week, mostly to finish off space taken. There was a medium supply of butchers' stock, and with a fair demand trade generally was good. Sheep and lambs continue scarce and in good demand. The hog market opened brisk with fair receipts. Later, however, as week advanced with heavier receipts, the market fell off somewhat. We quote the following as being fair values:—Cattle export 4½ to 4¾; butchers' good, 4 to 4¼; butchers' medium, 3½ to 3¾; butchers' culls, 2 to 3c; sheep and lambs, 4½ to 5c; hogs, 6½ to 6¾; calves, \$2 to \$3. The receipts for the week were 3,519 cattle; 76 sheep; 1073 hogs, and 490 calves."

At Liverpool on June 5, there was a steady demand for cattle, and while the receipts of Canadians and Americans were light and the general supply only firm, the tone of the market was easier, the range being as follows:

	c	c
Finest steers . . . . .	11½	to 12
Good to choice . . . . .	10½	to 11
Poor to Medium . . . . .	9½	to 10
Inferior and bulls . . . . .	7	to 9

## Wheat at Duluth.

The trading on Thursday, June 8, was mainly for July delivery and the bulk of the day's business was done at a decline of 1½c, with July around 61c. The mills were in the market for considerable wheat, taking about 30,000 bushels of No. 1 northern on track and to arrive at 61, and 15,000 bushels or more at 60½. A few cars sold for even less, one at 58½. It was generally clear and warm throughout the country. The market closed firm but irregular, unchanged for the better grades of cash wheat, ¾c decline on the lower grades of cash wheat, and ½ to 1½c lower for futures. Good buying by millers kept cash wheat firm.

Cash No. 1 hard dull, neglected, without trading, closed nominally unchanged at 62½c.

Cash No. 1 northern—sales on track wheat and 15,000 bushels or more to arrive were made at 61, 60½ and in single car lots as low as 58½. Regular in store sold unchanged early in car lots at 59, later at 58½, closing firmer, unchanged at 59.

Cash No. 2 northern dull without business, closing nominally ¾c lower at 55½c. Track No. 2 dull, nothing doing, nominally unchanged, 56½c.

July No. 1 northern. Soon after the opening 62c was bid for it, a decline of ¾c. This bid was raised ¾c at a time till 62½c was reached at which the first trades were made. It sold down to 61, recovered ¾c, ruled fairly active, and was depressed till late when it firmed up ¾c, closed 1c below yesterday at 61½c.

R. P. Roblin, A. Atkinson, S. P. Clarke, Herbert Crowe, N. Bawlf and J. Mitchell—all Winnipeg grain men—are applying for incorporation as the Northern Elevator company, with headquarters at Winnipeg, and capital of \$250,000.