

expect the market to open any day and state positively that they will not pay over 24c for choice root and they give a range of 20 to 24c, which are the figures quoted by this paper for some weeks as the probable opening price. Dealers in the way of request for quotations which have been sent to some large houses very recently have elicited answers fully confirming this view as to the value of seneca.

## LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Fat cattle are scarce, supplies being made much less than demand calls for, consequently some dealers have had to bring in Ontario cattle in order to keep their customers supplied. Several lots of Ontario cattle have been received at local yards within the past week. These are fine stock and gave good satisfaction. We note an advance in the price of fat cattle this week of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  c per pound, which makes the price here now  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  c for choice lots and 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for common to good.

**SHEEP**—We quote: Choice mutton sheep off cars here  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  c per pound. Lambs \$1.50 to \$1.00 each.

**HOGS**—The ruling price for live hogs off cars here, choice weights, is \$6.24 per 100 pounds. Inferior weights and qualities  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c less.

**MILCH COWS**—Supply is limited and there is not much demand. We quote \$30 to \$40 per head, according to grade.

**HORSES**—Demand is very light and there is but little doing. Work horses will bring all the way from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality.

## British Columbia Market

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.  
(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, May 18.

Cattle are  $\frac{1}{2}$  c per pound lower. Lambs the lower. Potatoes are pretty, owing to rise in Seattle. New potatoes are offering at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c per pound. New onions are also in at  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. Northwest eggs are 24c per dozen lower at 16c per dozen.

**GRAIN**—Wheat, \$30 per ton; oats, \$34 per ton; corn, \$28 per ton.

**FLOUR**—Delivered B. C. patents—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.80; strong bakers, \$4.80; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel. Ender B. C. patents, \$4.50.

**FEED**—National millers chop, \$25 per ton; bran, \$21; shorts, \$23; all cake meal, \$25 ton; c.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff. Oats, \$32 per ton; wheat, \$28; corn, \$24.

**HAY**—Shuswap, double pressed, \$22 per ton; Fraser River valley, \$18 per ton; ordinary bales, \$12.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 50lb sack, \$3.00; two 45lb sacks, \$3.10; four 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sacks, \$3.30; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.50; in 50lb sacks, \$3.25 per 100lb.

**HIDES AND WOOL**—Sound heavy steers 7c per lb; medium, 6c; light cows, 5c; sheep pelts, November killed, 30c each; deer skins, green, 8c; deer skins, dry, 2c; wool, 60c lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, \$5.50 per 100lb; sheep, \$5.50 per 100lb; lambs, \$4.00; hogs, \$6.50.

**POULTRY**—Not quoted.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef, 10c; mutton, 10c; pork, 8c; veal, 10c.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 13c; break-fast bacon, 10c; hocks, 15c; long clear, 12c; rolls, 14c; smoked sides, 14c.

**LARD**—Tins, 13c per lb; pails, 12c; tubs, 12c.

**BUTTER**—Local creamery, fresh, 30c; Manitoba creamery, 25c; California, 25c.

**EGGS**—Fresh local, 25c; Northwest eggs, 24c, per dozen.

**CHEESE**—Manitoba, 12c.

**VEGETABLES**—Asparagus, \$25; Fraser River valley potatoes, \$18 per ton; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; new potatoes, 24c per pound; cucumbers, local, \$2.50 per box; peas, 5c; silver skin onions, 6c; Australian onions, 6c; local onions, 3c per pound; sweet potatoes, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 box; cabbage, 2c; asparagus, \$1.00; California celery, 2c.

**FISH**—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; sole, 5c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 10c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 6c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; smoked herrings, 9c; shrimps, 20c.

**GREEN FRUITS**—California navel oranges, \$2.75; lemons, \$2.50; bananas, \$2.75; Washington apples, \$2.25; Tasmanian apples, \$2.75; cherries, \$1.10; dark, per box; strawberries, \$2.50; per case of 2 doz. boxes; Australian apples, \$2.75.

**NUTS**—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 12c; pecans, 14c; Brazil, 18c; walnuts, 14c per lb; coconuts, 10c per lb.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, 10c; and bar, 7c; Fair lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellow, 4c; yellow, 4c per lb.

**SIRUPS**—30 gal. barrels, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c; 10 gal. kegs, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  c; 5 gal. tins, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  c; 1 gal. tin, \$1.20 case of 10; 1 gal. tin, \$5.25 case of 20.

**TEAS**—Congo, fair, 11c; good, 18c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

**RICE**—Chinese rice, \$4 ton; Japan rice, \$4.50 ton; tapioca, 5c; sago, 3c.

**CANNED GOODS**—Corn, \$1.00; peas, \$1.00; 10c; tomatoes, \$1.20; beans, \$1.25. **HARDWARE**—Nails, 40c; base, \$2.75. Horse shoe nails, discount 40 per cent. Band iron, \$3.25. Horse shoe nails, 4c count, 40 per cent. Horse shoes, 4c. Wire nails, base price, \$4.75; cut, \$3.25. Rope, Manila, 13c. Boiled oil, 95c. White lead, \$8.25. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$1.75 per 100lb. Glass, first break, \$4.75.

## PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, May 18.

Trade continues fair. Eggs are firm and 1c dearer. Some fresh Manitoba creamery butter is arriving at 23 to 24c. Potatoes are very scarce and \$6 per ton dearer.

Butter—Fresh Ontario creamery, 21 to 25c, fresh Manitoba creamery, 23 to 24c, dairy, choice, 22c.

Eggs—17c.

Cheese—12c.

Oats—Per ton, \$30.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$5.20.

Hay—Per ton, \$18.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$30.

## MILLINERY

An active period in wholesale millinery is looked for by local houses between the present time and the 24th of May. The sales since the spring have been large and the goods bought have been of a high class. It is now quite certain what the leaders will be for the balance of the summer.

In hats, to a large extent, white dress shapes and sailors will be most largely sold. A few colors will doubtless be sold, but the favor will be given to white shapes where expensive styles are wanted. Flowers are still running strongly, the leading features being foliage and roses. These are leading very strongly. Black flowers are also inquired for, especially black with yellow centres. As the season advances the large flowers will, it is thought, be more favored such as the chrysanthemum and other large styles, but foliage "to no end," to use the words of the leading firm, will be a feature.

Last year chiffon was the feature in trimming, but this season it has to give way to other fancies. Single tips in black, white and cream are well thought of. Among the materials being used for trimmings are laces, taffeta silk, chiffon, tulle, net, mousseline de chine, plain ribbons and black satin and velvet ribbons.—Toronto Globe.

## CANNERY MEN COMBINE.

Toronto, May 17.—Canning and fruit packing men of Ontario have completed the formation of a combine to stop the cutting of prices. It is understood that the syndicate has put up \$25,000 and will on July 1 take over the unsold stock of canners. The only cannery in Ontario that refuses to come in is at St. Catharines.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, May 13.—The stronger feeling which developed in the market for cattle a week ago has been fully maintained and prices this week show a further advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  c per lb. Choice States sold at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  c, and Canadians ranged from 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. The market for American sheep was easier at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14c.

Liverpool, May 13.—The trade in Canadian cattle was slower than a week ago, but prices ruled firmer at 12c.

A bill extending the close time for beaver in the district about Saltcoats from 1901 to 1906 has been read a second time in the Territorial legislature.

Everything is being got in readiness for summer excursionists at Winnipeg Beach, Lake Winnipeg. Work on the cottages and the big pavilion is almost completed. There are about fourteen miles of the railway to the lake to complete.

The board of trade returns for the four months ending April 30, show the following increases in British imports from Canada: Sheep and lambs, \$10,000; cheese, \$202,000; wood pulp, hewn and sawn wood, \$136,000; oats, peas and maize, \$125,000; but cattle decreased \$14,000; wheat, \$223,000; flour, \$38,000, and bacon, \$78,000. In British exports to Canada the chief increases are: Spirits, \$14,000; worsted dresses, \$12,000; earthenware, \$12,000; British East India tea, \$11,000; and the decreases are in wool, \$10,000; pig iron, \$9,000; tin plates, \$43,000; cast and wrought iron, \$10,000; unwrought steel, \$73,000; cotton and linen goods, \$34,000.




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