

British Columbia Market Quotations.

BUTTER—Eastern creamery, 27; dairy, 22 to 23c; California cheese, 16c; California butter, 23 to 24c.

CURED MEATS—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs 13c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 13c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$18; short cut, \$22.

FISH—Prices are—Spring salmon 10c; steel heads, 8c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 5c; cod, 6c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; blasters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$20 per ton; onions, 4 to 5c; cabbage, 2c; carrots, turnips and beets, ½ to 1c a lb.

EGGS—Eastern case eggs 12½ to 15; fresh 20c; Japanese, 18 to 20c.

FRUITS—Lemons, California \$3.50 to 3 75; oranges, navals, \$3 to \$3.25; seedlings, \$1.75 to \$2; Australian apples, \$2.50; California apples, \$2; bananas, 50c to \$2.00 per bunch; peanuts, 10c per pound.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—BUYING PRICES.

FLOUR—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote, in car load lots at Victoria, and Vancouver: Patent, per barrel, \$4.20; strong bakers, \$4.00. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Eaderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$3.90; XXX, \$3.75; strong bakers or XX, \$3.40; superfine, \$3.10; Oregon, \$2.75; Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.00; strong bakers, \$3 75.

GRAIN—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$29; United States oats, \$28; British Columbia oats, \$24 50; wheat, \$25; hay, \$10; California malting barley, f.o.b. San Francisco, \$18.

MEAL—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$2.60. Cornmeal, per 98 lb sacks, \$2.15; per 10-10, \$2.55.

GROUND FEED—Manitoba chopped feed, \$28 per ton; feed wheat, (U. S.) \$13 per ton, f.o.b. San Francisco; Canadian chop barley, \$21; California chop, \$21.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$18, shorts, \$18, oil cake \$32.

DRESSED MEAT—Beef, 8½ to 9c; mutton, 9½ to 10c; pork, 8 to 10c; veal, 10 to 10½c; Australian mutton 10c.

LIVE STOCK—Calves, 5 to 7c; steers, 4c; sheep, 4 to 4½c; hogs, 6 to 7½c.

SCUARS—Remains steady. Powdered and icing, 5½c; Paris lump, 5½c. granulated 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellow, 4c; yellow, 3½c; golden C, 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.

Brief Business Notes.

James Law, grocer, Vancouver, advertises business for sale.

A. J. Sharpe & Co., tailors, Vancouver, added men's furnishings.

Wm. Beach, butcher, Victoria, ceased doing business here.

L. White & Co., have started as commission merchants, at Victoria.

Johnstone, St. Quintin & Co., confectionery, Vancouver, opened.

Hobson Bros., boots and shoes, Vancouver, advertise giving up business.

J. McDonald, blacksmith, Chilliwack, sold out to John McLeod.

Lewis Lawrence, soda water manufacturer, Courtenay, sold out to D. Jones.

So far this season 6,000,000 salmon fry have been turned loose in Harrison lake.

J. B. Wilson, general store, Kaslo, received bill of sale, \$1 and premises from G. H. Hodgson, assignee.

James Carron, hotel, Nanaimo, advertises business for sale.

Forfar & Wright, general store and hotel, North Saanich, contemplate dissolving partnership.

It is stated that the E. & N. Co. will at once extend the line to the Camox mines from Wellington.

The German barque Gutenberg has been chartered to load lumber at Moodyville for Chili at the rate of 42s 6l.

A saw mill with a capacity of 20,000 feet a day is to be established at Hall's crossing, by F. Floyd, for which machinery has been completed.

W. Maxwell Smith & Co., general grocer, have opened a store on Cordova street, Vancouver.

A shipment of 400 carcasses of Australian mutton has arrived in splendid condition, and is being rapidly disposed of from Chipman & Co.'s refrigerator warehouse.

Mr. Lewthwaite of the wholesale firm of Stewart & Lewthwaite is very seriously ill at this writing with inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Lewthwaite was formerly of Brandon.

The Janion hotel and wharves, adjoining the Esquimalt & Nanaimo station, have been purchased by R. Dunsmuir & Sons, who will move all their offices into the building. The purchase price was \$40,000.

The Kootenay and Columbia Prospecting and Mining Co., Ltd. (foreign), has registered under the Companies Act of British Columbia. The head office of the company is at Ottawa, and the capital stock is \$40,000, in \$100 shares.

The steamer Arawa sailed for Australia on April 16. She had eleven saloon passengers, amongst them being the Earl of Kintaro, governor of South Australia. Her cargo amounted to 500 tons, consisting of machinery, lumber, flour, salmon and paper.

The Bon Accord cannery is to be converted into a sturgeon fishing and freezing establishment. A railway switch has been built from the Northern railway direct to the cannery, and the company propose going extensively into the freezing and packing business.

A carload of spring salmon was shipped to New York from Westminster to day. A ton of fresh spring salmon will be shipped to Australia by the s.s. Arawa which leaves Vancouver in a few days.

Grain and Milling Items.

In Germany anything in the shape of food adulteration is sharply punished. To sell wheat flour containing a particle of rye, or the reverse operation, is a great offence in the eyes of the law. Not so long ago a baker in a large way of business was sent to prison for selling a 10 per cent admixture of bean flour. A sensation has been caused by the recent proceedings taken against a baker at Halle on the Saale. Some rye bread seized by the police on his premises was submitted to the town analyst. The latter reported that some loaves, although ostensibly pure rye bread, were baked simply and solely from wheat flour.

Will wheat growing pay in Australia? Discussing this question, a writer in the Australian Miller observes that the wheat lands in Australasia are not as a rule rented by occupiers, but are freehold, being purchased from the State by deferred payments. They are worth from £2 to £5 per acre. Real estate loans can be obtained at 5 to 7 per cent. The average rental is from 2s to 5s per acre per annum; The farm laborers get from 15s to 20s a week, with board, and work 10 hours a day. There is little manure used; its cost is about 56 per ton. The same writer goes on to say, wheat growing in Australia pays; its production is decreasing in old districts, but increasing in new districts.

F. O. Fowler, reeve of Oakland municipality, Manitoba, states that they are on the look-out

for a man with money to invest in a good roller mill. They offer \$5,000 of a bonus, a free site, and a switch into the mill.

The Dominion Millers' Association met at Toronto on Tuesday and discussed a report from the freight committee dealing with the export rate on grain compared with that of flour. Finally, a resolution asking that the rate on flour be reduced was drawn up and will be presented to the managers of both of the local railway companies.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for week ending April 19, were \$769,139; balances, \$151,410. For the previous week clearings were \$797,699.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	April 12th.	April 15th.
Montreal	\$9,816,175	\$11,277,356
Toronto	5,285,264	5,162,993
Halifax	993,240	1,174,215
Winnipeg	797,699	781,226
Hamilton	643,972	1,216,921
Total	\$17,536,350	\$19,612,711

London Wheat Prices

L. Norman & Co., of London, write as follows on April 2:—

Wheat—A Californian cargo off coast sold at 24s 3d, and a handy sized for prompt shipment at 25s. For New Zealand 24s has been taken. Australians are not pressed for sale, sellers holding off and indisposed to sell under 25s 6d April May shipment. Russians are held too high, and met with little enquiry. La Platas offered freely, sellers asking 21s for steamer cargoes and 21s 6d to 22s for sailers, according to quality and position. Indians have been offering at less money, but are still too dear in comparison with other wheats. Americans quiet.

Hard Manitobas—Quiet. For parcel on passage 25s 6d c.i.f. London taken. For April and April May shipment 25.91 asked, with buyers at about 25s 6d.

Hard Duluth—Unchanged. No. 1 for prompt shipment still offering at 26s 6d c.i.f.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

Money continues plentiful and easy at Montreal at 4½ per cent on call, with discount rates on mercantile documents unchanged at 6 to 7 per cent.

A. C. McEown, late general merchant of Boissevain, Man., has accepted a general agency of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, of which A. R. McNicol, Winnipeg, is the manager for this province. Mr. McEown purposes to make Brandon his headquarters.

R. K. Latimer's carriage store and factory, with the adjoining establishment of Brayley, Sons & Co., wholesale druggists, the Imperial Waterproof Co., B. Hughman & Sons, manufacturers of window shades, and Thomas Hacking, Montreal, were badly damaged by fire on Wednesday. The total loss was \$60,000. The Messrs. Brayley suffered the heaviest, their loss being \$25,000, of which \$20,000 insured. The other losers had no insurance.

At a meeting of the dry goods section of the Toronto board of Trade it was decided to take determined steps to restrict the practice of dating ahead. It was also decided to appoint a deputation to go to Ottawa to act in conjunction with a deputation of the Montreal board of trade in urging the government to make changes in the tariff relating to wool, elastic, webbing, parasols.