

**WILLIAM L. KEENE & CO**

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**SHIPBROKERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS**

632 Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.

Importers of Rice, Sacks, Japan, Indian and China Teas, Steel, Iron, Rope, Cement, Oils, Fruit, Canned Goods, Etc., Etc.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.****Business Review.**

January 1, 1894.

Merchants report that as good if not better Christmas trade was done this year than last, but that money is tighter. In Victoria the sealing fleet is being fitted out, and is leaving for the sealing grounds. This is giving employment to a large number of men, and considerable money is being spent for supplies. Otherwise the general business situation remains unchanged. Local butter is coming into the market very plentifully at Victoria, but it has now to compete against the Australian butter, and also the eastern and Californian article. Prices realized for it are therefore not what they used to be.

The Victoria Times reports the value of new buildings for 1893 in and in the vicinity of Victoria as \$460,000, not a bad record considering the dulness of the times.

The imports at the port of Victoria for 1893 were:—Dutiable \$2,195,425; free, \$785,313. For 1892 they were \$2,553,176 and \$771,266 respectively. The exports for 1893 were \$3,568,819. For 1892 they were \$1,484,316, showing a remarkable increase. Inland revenue returns for 1893 amounted to \$144,674, and for 1892, \$134,357. Total customs revenue for 1893 was \$848,439, and for 1892, \$963,664.

During the past year in British Columbia 57 ships loaded lumber for foreign ports, which, in round numbers, will make a total export of 62,000,000 feet, valued at \$250,000, a considerable improvement over the year previous.

Business is very quiet after the Christmas bustle. Shipping is active. The holiday trade was better than anticipated, though not equal to last year in volume, money being particularly tight. Prepared meats have not dropped any lower, but dealers prophesy lower prices owing to competition and over supply. Butter is firm and eggs are higher. The Treseott Packing Co. received their nets, outfit and machinery from Portland yesterday, and are building their cold storage warehouse at New Westminster. Sturgeon and other fish will be shipped East by them in snow and ice. At a trial cast in the Fraser, a few fine sturgeon were caught. The company will commence shipping East on the 5th of January. The American barkentine, W. H. Talbot, sailed to day for South Africa, with 804,183 feet of lumber, valued at \$6,031.37. The British ship Dunboyne arrived to-day, with mixed cargo, consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans.

The following ships have been towed out into the stream ready for departure: barque Colorado, 1060 tons, laden with 707,000 feet of lumber, bound for Shanghai; the ships Snow and Burgess with 1,075,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$7,113.45, en route for Mexico. There are eleven ships reported loading for Vancouver, B.C., or on their way to this port.

Mr. Skinner, inspector of lumber for the Dominion Government, gives the total lumber cut of the province for 1893 on which royalty has been paid as a fraction under 64,500,000 feet. This does not include timber cut on the railway belt or on private property, which Mr. Skinner thinks would be as much again. Six hundred thousand feet of this cut was shipped to Puget Sound.

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**B.C. Market Quotations.**

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes \$17 per ton; onions, 3c; cabbage, 3c; carrots, turnips and beets, 1/2 to 3/4c.

**DAIRY**—Eastern creamery is quoted at 26 1/2 to 27 1/2c, firm; dairy, 24c, scarce; cheese, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c.

**EGGS**—Eastern case eggs, 21 to 22c; fresh eggs 23c.

**FRUITS**—Lemons, Cal., \$4.00 to \$4.50; apples, B.C. 90c to \$1.50; Oregon, \$1.00 to \$1.50; evaporated apples are quoted at 12c per pound; apricots, 18c; peaches, 14c; dates, 7 to 8c; Smyrna prunes, 9c; layer raisins, \$2.75 to \$3; cocoa nuts, \$1 to 1.25 per doz.; bananas, \$1 to 1.10. Japanese oranges are in the market at 60 to 75c per box. Eastern apples of inferior quality are selling at from \$5.50 to 6.00 per barrel. California oranges, seedlings, \$3.25 to 4.00, navels, \$2.50 to 3.50. Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel.

**FISH**—Prices are—salmon 10 to 12 1/2c; flounders 4c; smelt, 5c; seabass, 5c; cod, 10c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered herring, 12 1/2c; bloaters, 10c.

**SUGAR**—Jobber's prices, 1/2 barrels and kegs in each case being 3c higher:—

Dry Granulated (China).....	5 1/2
Extra C (China).....	4 1/2
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Extra C.....	5 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	5 1/2
Yellow.....	5
Golden C.....	4 1/2
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal tins, United States.....	5 50
" 1/2 " ".....	5 35
" 1 " Vancouver.....	5 50
" 1 1/2 " ".....	7 00

**POULTRY**—A large quantity of poultry was sold during holidays at the following prices from markets: Geese, 13c; turkeys, 15c; chickens, 14c.

**FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.**—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$9.00; XXX, \$4.25; strong bakers, or XX, \$4.05; superfine, \$3.55. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.30; ladies choice, \$4.50; prairie lily, \$4.25; Oregon, \$4.90. Enderby mills—three star, \$4.30; two star, \$3.90; oatmeal eastern \$3.00; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.25; National mills, Victoria, \$3.60; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.00 per sack; Westminster Mills, 4c per lb., cornmeal \$2.75; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The

Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; best China rice, do., \$100; China rice, do., \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23; shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$30.00; wheat \$28; oil cake, \$50; hay, \$16. Feed wheat, \$26 to 28; per ton; oats \$31; chop barley, \$30. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$4.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3.95. Shorts, \$23; bran, \$21; barley chop, \$26; Brandon Mills, Hungarian, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.40.

**DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.**—Live steers are 3 1/2; cows 3c; beef, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c—sheep, 4 1/2; mutton, 9 1/2c; hogs, 7 1/2c; pork, 10 1/2c.

**MEATS**—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon, 15c, dry salt, 1 1/2 to 12c; backs 14 1/2c; long clear, 11 1/2c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1/2c; long rolls, 14c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 14c per pound; in pails, 12c; in tubs, 12c. Corned beef, \$8.00 per barrel; mess pork, \$20; short cut, \$24.00.

**Brief Business Notes.**

Gavin Bros., Victoria, have assigned.

The hotel Wilson, Nanaimo, is offered for sale.

Light Publishing Co. has opened business at Vancouver.

Walter Wilson, hotel, Nanaimo, advertises business for sale.

J. Manning has opened a general store at Okanagan Falls.

A. McLennan, hotel, Vancouver, sold out to Durran & Ochier.

L. G. Burns & Co., plumbers, Victoria, have assigned to E. G. Anderson.

J. Fred Ahlin, groceries, stationery and Swedish goods, has opened at Revelstoke.

J. Street, blacksmith, Duncan's Station, effects advertised for sale.

Lambert & Burton, brickmakers, Lulu Island, sold out to J. Mellis.

Shuswap Milling Co., Ltd., Kamloops, re-incorporated Dec. 14th, 1893.

York & Pilling, butchers, Mission City, now in the general store trade.

J. G. Langley, general store, Mission City and Mount Lushan, sold out Mission City business to York & Pilling.

Shupe & Linstrum, feed and produce, Vernon, have dissolved. Jos. A. Shupe continues.

Boston Bar Gold Mining Co., Ltd., Vancouver, incorporated Dec. 13th.

E. J. Morgan, clothing, &c., Victoria, sold out; stock being disposed of by auction.

The estate of S. L. Kelly, stoves and tinware, Victoria, advertised for sale by tender to Jan. 10th, 1894.