

## BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities and are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

### PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial  
Vancouver, May 6.

Ontario creamery butter is now about monopolizing the market, to the exclusion of California and Washington creamery. The price is 1c lower this week. Eggs are 1c lower at 22c all round. There is much cutting in prices of cured meats, between local and eastern goods. Potatoes are down \$1 per ton. Rolled oatmeal has been reduced 10c per sack. Millfeed has advanced \$2 per ton.

**BUTTER**—California dairy, 3c. California creamery, 24c. Ontario creamery, 23c.

**EGGS**—Fresh local, 22c; Washington eggs, 22c. California eggs, 22c per doz.

**CHEESE**—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb., jobbers' price.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c, breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11 to 12 1-2c; Lard, 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

**FISH**—Flounders 3c; smelts 3c, sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 3c, smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 8c; bladders 7c; cod 6c per lb.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, \$24 to \$25 per ton; new California potatoes, 4c lb., California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

**GREEN FRUIT**—California lemons, \$1.25 to \$1.75 box; naval oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 box; seedlings \$2.50 to \$2.75 box.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.70; 3 45 pound sacks, \$2.80; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3; 10 7 lb. sacks \$2.40; oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.15; 2 5's, \$2.90.

**FLOUR**—Delivered B.C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50, strong bakers, \$4.20; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

**GRAIN**—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton wheat, \$24 to \$25 per ton.

**GROUND FEED**—National mills cho., \$25 per ton; shorts, \$24 ton; bran, \$22; oil cake meal \$35 ton, l.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

**HAY**—\$8 to \$10 per ton.  
**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef 8 to 8 1-2c. mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4 to \$4.50; sheep, \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, 75c.  
**EVAPORATED FRUITS**—Apricots 10 1-2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c, prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

**NUTS**—Almonds 12c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, icing and Lar, 6 1-2c; Paris lump 6 1-8c; granulated 5 cts; extra C. 4 3-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-4 cts; yellow 4 1-8c lb.

**SYRUPS**—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb. 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c. 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1 7/2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

**TEAS**—Congo. Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

### PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., May 6.

Ontario fresh eggs are more plentiful and are now selling 1c lower than a week ago at 19c. The supply of good held dairy butter has been exhausted. Creamery butter has a lower tendency, though prices at the moment is unchanged. Shall cheese is scarce. Oats have declined \$1 per

ton. Potatoes are up again \$1 per ton.

Following are jobbers prices here:  
Creamery held—20c.  
Creamery, fresh eastern—23c  
California bricks—25c.  
Cheese, large—11c.  
Cheese, small—13 to 12 1-2c.  
Eggs—Ontario fresh, 19c.  
Oats, per ton—\$28.  
Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel \$4.90.  
Potatoes, per ton—\$36 to \$38.

### British Columbia Items.

Klinton Bros., hotel, Atholmer, B. C., are commencing.

E. Appleton & Co., general store, are opening at Revelstoke.

Morgan & Kinder, painters, Ashcroft, B. C., have commenced business.

Lawson & Rowcliffe are opening a general store at Kelowna, B. C.

G. H. Grant & Co., crockery, New Westminster, B. C., are about selling out.

H. A. Huntley & Co., grocers, Grand Forks, B. C., have sold out to James E. Rice.

A. Macdonald & Co., wholesale grocers, Revelstoke, B. C., are closing out this branch.

John Tobin & Co., tea merchants of Halifax, N. S., have opened a branch at Vancouver.

The Grady Hardware Co., of Macleod N. W. T., are opening a branch at Cranbrook, B. C.

Frank Rodgers, brother of Geo. H. Rodgers Winnipeg, is opening in clothing and men's furnishings at Greenwood.

Ross Bros., painters, paper hangers, etc., Victoria, B. C., are to be succeeded by Ross & Ottaway; F. H. Ross retiring.

At the annual general meeting of the British Columbia Salmon Cannery Association held recently at Vancouver, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R. J. Ker, Victoria; vice-presidents, H. Bell-Irving, Vancouver, G. I. Wilson, Vancouver; committees: Victoria, H. J. Kirk, J. H. Todd and M. T. Johnson; Vancouver, F. Burnett, E. E. Evans and E. A. Wadhams, New Westminster, Alex. Ewen, W. A. Duncan and J. S. Talbot, secretary-treasurer, W. D. Burdick, re-elected. The canners strongly protested against the government regulations regarding the canning industry.

### Western Business Items.

Mr. Amos, of Winnipeg, has opened a harness shop at Clare, Assa.

J. C. Lowrie is opening a lumber yard at Bagot Man.

W. W. Hemming has opened a drug store at Swan River, Man.

Wm. Quirk, general store, Dryden, Ont.; sheriff in possession.

S. Greenwood has opened a machine shop at Douglas, Man., and will also carry implements.

The Rainy River Navigation Co. Ltd. of Rat Portage, Ont., is applying for incorporation.

The oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., has closed for the summer on account of the scarcity of milling oats.

Thos. Oliver, of Carberry, Man., shipped a carload of fat cattle to Winnipeg last Tuesday. G. B. Murphy, of the same place, shipped 400 head of

stocker cattle recently to the western ranges.

Wm. Gordon has opened in the tin smithing business at Crystal City Man.

W. J. Kernaghan, hardware and tin, Prince Albert, Sask., has taken in J. T. Brightmore as partner. The firm name will be W. J. Kernaghan & Co.

R. C. Abbott, who comes from British Columbia, has opened a fruit store at Brandon, and will give special attention to British Columbia fruit in season.

Hugo Dolge, of Dolgevill, N. Y., an expert in the manufacture of wool felt and felt boots, has arrived at Qu'Appelle, Assa., where he will take charge of the factory of the Qu'Appelle Felt and Boot Co. Mr. Dolge was connected with the famous Dolge felt factory. E. Cook, of Gananoque, Ont., it is understood, has also taken an interest in the Qu'Appelle company. The intention is to add machinery for the manufacture of yarns, flannels and blankets. This should make a very important industry at Qu'Appelle.

### Manitoba Wheat Stocks

There were 3,290,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 29. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 553,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,250,000 bushels, three years ago 3,612,000 bushels; four years ago, 589,000 bushels; five years ago, 1,543,000, and six years ago 3,353,000.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Kewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 10,000,000 bushels, compared with about 3,300,000 bushels a year ago, 6,328,000 bushels two years ago and 8,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

### Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns for last week reported 194 cars of wheat inspected — compared with 176 cars the previous week — which graded as follows: 1 hard, 77 cars; 2 hard, 11; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 33; 2 northern, 2; 3 northern, 12; 1 spring, 5; rejected, 6; no grade, 46 cars. The average quality showed a decided improvement compared with recent previous weeks, in the falling off of the quantity of no grade or damp wheat moving.

Navigation opened at Montreal the latter part of last week. The Dominion line steamer Dominion was the first to arrive in port.

Liverpool grain freights have advanced from 9d to 1s and 1s 3d, at Montreal, and ship agents are now asking 2s for London.

G. B. Thompson, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has received the agency here for Geo. A. Bailey, of St. Louis, manufacturer of high grade condiments, relishes, etc.

Lumber prices are advancing at Chicago. Common and cull boards have been raised 50c per thousand and a great scarcity is reported in all grades below No. 2.

"What is raised mostly in damp climates?" asked the teacher.  
"Umbrellas," replied Johnny.