

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The general trend of business continues steady without any special features. The letting of contracts for city sewers will give considerable employment to idle laborers and be the means of putting quite a sum of money in circulating channels. The salmon canning season is over, and the pack of the Province is estimated at from 430,000 to 440,000 cases, which is about a two-thirds pack. Shipments of sealskins are being forwarded to London markets. The financial situation remains unchanged.

The Vancouver News Advertiser says: "On the whole, business may be said to have shown a slight improvement during the last few days in this city, though in other parts of the Province, especially Nanaimo, several heavy failures have occurred. The shipping trade has been a little more active, two new lumber vessels having arrived, while one has sailed during the past week. Advices from Australia state that the Warrimoo is bringing a full cargo on her next trip. The wholesale fruit trade continues active, but in other lines there is nothing special to note."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Receipts by the last steamer from San Francisco were well up to the average, and arrived in good condition. California watermelons are quoted in crates of 18 to 22 \$5.00. The price of bananas in good condition keeps steady at about \$1.75 per bunch. Over ripe fruit sells at 75c a bunch. Quotations on plums, pears and grapes are easier. A small lot of Oregon peaches was received and sold readily at \$1.00 a box.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian..	1 50 @	0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's)	5 25 @	0 50
" "	3 00 @	3 50
Pineapples	per doz 2 00 @	3 00
" " sugar	per doz 4 25 @	0 00
Bananas—Honolulu	crates 2 25 @	0 00
" "	bunches 1 75 @	0 00
Apples—California	1 25 @	1 45
Cocoanuts	per 100 \$ 00 @	9 00
Peaches	1 00 @	0 00
Plums	80 @	1 15
Pears	1 00 @	1 15
Nectarines	1 15 @	1 25
Grapes	1 25 @	1 40
Watermelons	per crate 5 00 @	0 00
Nutmeg melons	per crate 1 25 @	0 00
Musk melons	per crate 0 00 @	0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins	per lb	1 @	1 1/2
Cabbage	per lb	2 @	
Potatoes	per ton	20 @	60
Tomatoes		75 @	
Sweet potatoes	per lb	2 @	00
Cucumbers	small boxes	50 @	

FLOUR AND FEED.

Bran shorts and feed are quoted lower, because of sharp competition in trade and consequent cutting in prices. Victoria Mills Delta flour is lower this week. The Columbia Flouring Mills at Enderby will start up about the beginning of next month to grind new season's wheat. The deliveries at Enderby are of the usual excellent quality of the Okanagan Valley wheat, and receipts average about the same as previous seasons.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The flour market as a whole has been in slightly better shape, although there has been no general expansion in the volume of business. While jobbers have been free to admit that prices are low, they contend that there is no valid reason for a decided advance. The Portland Flouring Mills Co. are loading 1,200 tons of flour, or 12,000 barrels, on the steamer Geo. W. Elder to connect with the steamer Empress of Japan for China at Vancouver. Values remain at \$2 55 per barrel for standard brands."

The Ogilvie Milling Co., quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian	\$1 10
" Strong Bakers	3 90
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:	
Premier	\$0 00
XXX	0 00
Strong Bakers or XX	0 00
Superfine	0 00

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	\$3 50
Victoria XXX	0 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 3 75 @	0 00
Lion	3 50 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	0 00 @	0 00
XXX	1 10 @	0 00
XX	0 00 @	0 00
Superfine	0 00 @	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	4 50 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 35 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	4 50 @	0 00
" " Strong Bakers	4 35 @	0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	4 50 @	0 00
" " Strong Bakers	4 35 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian	4 50 @	0 00
" " Strong Bakers	4 35 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon	3 75 @	0 00
Portland Roller	3 85 @	0 00
Vashon, Washington	3 90 @	0 00
Snowflake	3 75 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton	25 00 @	00 00
Oats	30 00 @	32 50
Oil cake meal	35 00 @	50 00
Chop feed—California	30 00 @	00 00
Shorts	20 00 @	25 00
Bran	20 00 @	22 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @	0 00
" " rolled oats (90-lbs)	3 50 @	0 00
" " " 10 7s, baled	3 00 @	0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @	0 00
" " pearl barley	1 75 @	0 00
" " Chop feed	25 00 @	27 00
California oatmeal	3 85 @	0 00
California rolled oats	1 15 @	0 00
Corn, whole	per ton 37 50 @	40 00
Peas, field	per ton 40 00 @	00 00
Cornmeal	2 50 @	3 00

Cornmeal-feed	per ton	40 00 @	00 00
Cracked corn		40 00 @	00 00
Hay, per ton		15 00 @	18 00
Straw, per bale		1 00 @	0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 75 00 @	80 00
" " (polished)	90 00 @	00 00
Best China rice	80 00 @	100 00
China rice No. 1	(nut) 65 00 @	00 00
" " (sacks)	63 00 @	00 00
Rice flour	70 00	
Broken rice	30 00	
Rice Meal	17 70	

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Beyond a sharp advance in the cured meat market, quotations are steady. American glucose syrups are reported very strong and advancing. There are fair stocks in the hands of local jobbers. Raw sugars are reported strong and advancing. The local situation remains unchanged.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quote prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100 lb bags	41
Yellow, according to quality	37 to 41
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	54
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls	6

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins	per lb \$ 7 @	\$ 0
Malaga raisins	per box 3 00 @	3 25
Currants (barrels)	per lb 4 1/2 @	
" " half bbls	per lb 5 @	5 1/2
" " (cases)	per lb 5 1/2 @	7 1/2
Sultana raisins	per lb 8 @	10
Taragona almonds	per lb 11 @	18
Grenoble walnuts	per lb 11 @	18
Filberts	per lb 11 1/2 @	14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	24 @	24 1/2
Manitoba dairy	18 @	19
Cheese—Canadian, lb	12 1/2 @	13
Canadian Stilton	17 @	18
Eggs—Canadian	per doz 15 @	00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	16 @	17 1/2
Breakfast bacon	15 @	16
Short rolls	11 @	12
Dry Salt, long clear	10 1/2 @	11
Bacon	13 1/2 @	13 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 12 1/2	
" " " 50-lb tins	0 12 1/2	
" " " 20-lb "	0 12 1/2	
" " " 10-lb "	0 12 1/2	
" " " 5-lb "	0 12 1/2	
" " " 3-lb "	0 12 1/2	
Lard Compound, 10-lbs	10 1/2 @	00
" " 20-lbs	10 1/2 @	00
" " 5-lbs	10 1/2 @	00
" " 3-lbs	10 1/2 @	00

Sugar Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated (China)	4 1/2 to 4 1/2
Extra C, China	4 1/2
China, yellow	3 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	4 1/2 to 4 1/2
Extra C	4 1/2
Fancy Yellow	4 1/2
Yellow	4 1/2
Golden C	3 1/2
Cubes	6 1/2
Powdered	6 1/2
Syrups, per lb	
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)	5 50
" 1/2 " " (16)	5 25
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1 1/2 " "	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.: