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TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
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VICTORIA.

Business has been fair in all lines since the beginning of the month. The fruit trade is brisk, and all other lines steady. The ss. Miowera, the first of the new Canadian-Australian steamship line, is expected this week. The inauguration of this service will be sure to result in a considerable increase in traffic between the two countries.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter from San Francisco, by ss. Umatilla, June 2, for Victoria: 16 cs, 1,740 lbs; 51 hf-cs, 3,025 lbs; 10 tubs, 700 lbs; 1 hf-bbl, 175 lbs. Total, 5,640 lbs. Receipts May 23, 9,695 lbs; May 28th, 3,710 lbs; May 18, 24,575 lbs; May 13, 6,440 lbs; May 8, 6,310 lbs; May 3, 11,330 lbs; April 28, 7,715 lbs.

Packers' prices for American cured meats have fluctuated slightly, since last week, but jobbers' quotations are unaltered. There has been no change in the sugar situation, and most of the jobbers have sufficient stock on hand to supply their customers for some time.

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows. Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.20; do. 2's per doz., \$1.95; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.25; do. 2's, \$6.25. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 18½c per lb;

heavy hams, 18c; choice breakfast bacon 18c; short clear sides, 15½c. and dry salt clear sides, 14c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 18½c per lb.

Armour's Gold Band meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 21c, breakfast bacon, 22½c.

The Montreal *Troule Bulletin* say: "Butter receipts during the past week were 1,498 pkgs., against 2,321 pkgs., for the week previous. The butter market is weak and prices are lower and, as we stated last week, gradually dropping to the summer basis. There is every probability of a heavy make of creamery, and if factory men hold above an export basis instead of selling at marked prices at stated intervals, they will make a great mistake. To-day 20c is the top figure that would be paid for new creamery in quantities, while 21c of course might be had for single tubs. The American country markets along the frontier have dropped 3c to 4c per lb., during the past week. A fair quotation for creamery for this market is 19c to 20c and for dairy 16c to 18c. Of course 1c per lb., more might be got for single selected tubs. We quote prices as follow: Creamery 19c to 20c; Dairy, 16c to 18c. Rolls are in too large supply, and sales have been made of Western at 15c to 16c. Fancy in small packages might bring 17c. Cheese receipts during the past week were 8,006 boxes against 5,318 boxes for the week previous. The tendency of the market towards lower prices reported in our last issue has taken more definite shape, sales having been made of two thousand boxes of Western white and colored at 9½c to 10c for shipment by this week's steamers, which is a decline of ½c for finest Western since this day week. The market on the other side is dull and drooping, the copious rainfall in England have put an altogether different construction on the outlook there, and cable limits have been reduced. There is every prospect of a heavy make, and the shortage at the beginning of the season will no doubt soon be made up. French cheese at the boat sold at 9½c to 9½c."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27 @ 00
Manitoba Dairy choice	00 @ 00
California rolls, extra choice	26 @ 00
" fancy	27 @ 00
" squares	28 @ 00
" tub	26½ @ 27½
Cheese—Canadian, lb	12 @ 14½
California	16 @ 00
Eggs, case, per doz	18 @ 20

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15 @ 18
Breakfast bacon	17 @ 18
Short rolls	14 @ 15
Long rolls	15 @
Dry Salt, long clear	13 @ 14
Pure Lard, 50lbs	16 @ 17
" 20lbs	17 @ 17½
Lard Compound	14½ @ 15

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:

Dry Granulated	6½
Extra C	6
Fancy Yellow	5½
Yellow	5½
Golden C	5½

Syrups, per lb.	3
" 1 gal. tins, American	6 50
" " "	6 00
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1½ " "	7 00

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Umatilla, June 2, for Victoria: 313 cs oranges, 1 crt bananas, 19 crts cabbage, 9 cs apricots, 4 pkgs containing 12 cs apricots, 1 bx gooseberries, 2 cs currants, 5 crts containing 10 cs strawberries, 67 bxs cherries, 135 pkgs containing 516 bxs cherries, 400 scks potatoes, 86 scks onions, 22 cs lemons, 11 cs cucumbers, 8 cs beans, 16 cs peas, 5 cs pines, 26 cs asparagus, 4 bxs squash, 1 cs horseradish, 10 cs cauliflower. Early Rose potatoes have been received from California and are selling at 2½c per lb. New potatoes are now very fair size and are filling the principal demand with a decreasing call for last years growth. Very few strawberries are being received they are perishable and dealers do not care to handle many of them. Prices are reduced to 80c a drawer, and probably will be cheaper when the steamer arrives this week. Mediterranean sweet oranges are quoted at \$2.75 to \$3.25 a case, and St. Michael's, a fancy sweet seedling with paper rind, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a case. Cherries are a little lower than last week. Trade is fair.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Navels, common to good	3 00 @ 3 50
" fancy	4 00 @ 4 25
Riverside Seedlings	2 00 @ 2 25
" fancy	2 35 @ 2 75
Los Angeles	1 90 @ 2 00
Mediterranean sweets	2 75 @ 3 25
Lemons—California	4 00 @ 5 00
Sicily	5 50 @ 6 00
Bananas	3 50 @ 3 75
Strawberries	per box 80 @
Cherries	1 25 @ 1 50

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes	per ton 35 00 @ 40 00
New California	per lb 2½ @
Onions—Red California	2 @ 0
Oregon Yellow Danvers	0 @ 0
Cabbage	2 @ 2½
Asparagus	per lb 6 @ 7
Cauliflower, per doz	1 20 @

FLOUR AND FEED.

Prices on the whole are about the same as last week. Oats continue very scarce, and prices are reported advancing.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "In spite of the rather weaker tone to the wheat market, flour holds quite steady, standard brands being held at about \$3.40 per barrel, and most local business has been worked on or about that basis. Receipts have been moderate, about the average at this season of the year, whilst shipments are fair to San Francisco, good to China and poor to Europe. The last steamer sailing hence to connect with the China steamer at Vancouver took out between 8,000 and 9,000 barrels, and there are several hundred tons now in sight to go out by the next steamer."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots delivered at Victoria:

Premier	\$4 75
XXX	4 65
Strong Bakers or XX	4 25
Superfine	3 65