

Farmers hold their butter and eggs longer than they should, and then the merchants who buy from the farmers frequently hold the goods too long. The result is, that instead of going to the consumer in fresh palatable condition, our butter, cheese and eggs are more or less impaired in quality, and consequently the value is depreciated. Instead of securing higher prices, the custom of holding results in depreciating the value of our commodities, thereby actually causing them to sell at lower prices. Whatever may be said about holding grain, when it comes to dairy goods, eggs, etc., nothing but harm can result from the holding policy. If the policy of weekly shipments were adopted by country traders Mr. Griffin said, it would result in good to all concerned, and would enable the wholesale shippers to get better prices for our products. British Columbia merchants, he said, were disposed to give our goods the preference over eastern or imported commodities, quality being equal.

Another feature Mr. Griffin noticed at the coast cities is the extreme competition in the produce trade. There were altogether too many in this business. The conditions were similar to what they were in Winnipeg years ago, when men and firms in other lines of trade also handled produce. It would be far better for this branch of trade in the coast cities if it were left to those who understand the produce business and have proper facilities for handling it.

The public cold storage warehouse in Vancouver, Mr. Griffin said, will be enlarged this year at a cost of \$30,000.

Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—There was a nervousness in the British Columbia wholesale market this week which might indicate rapid fluctuations in the near future. Although cheese is quoted at 10c in the east on the other side of the long haul it can scarcely be sold here at 12c, but the early makes bought when cheese was much cheaper in Ontario and Winnipeg are about consumed and jobbers say that when these stocks are exhausted the advance will be very sharp. That will likely be within the next 15 or 20 days. Creamery butter is selling at 25c, the best being firm at that price. The stock of creamery is very low, but jobbers are afraid of purchasing in any quantity, as this commodity costs 24c to lay down at British Columbia points on the coast, and they fear the influx of California butter. The United States article is too high yet to warrant British Columbia shipments, but wholesalers state that they expect an early decline in San Francisco when the California butter may for a short time entirely take the place of the Manitoba butter and will sell much lower than the present prices. The mild weather is enabling the British Columbia ranchers to bring their eggs to market, which is having an effect on the market and excellent fresh local eggs are being retailed at 35 cents. Potatoes are scarce and Ashcroft are about off the market. \$20 being cheerfully offered for the few that are obtainable. Fruit is becoming much cheaper. Oats have made a sharp advance of \$2 a ton.

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pect in the scheme to erect a saw mill on a portion of Stanley Park, Vancouver—known as Dead Man's Island—the additional industry in Vancouver will be a great boon to the city. The scheme is backed by millionaire capitalists of Chicago, and their representative here, Mr. Ludgate, states that the mill will employ about 800 hands counting those employed in the lumber camps, and will have a capacity of 200,000 feet per day. The Hastings mill, in spite of the fact that Japanese were largely employed, was worth to Vancouver thousands of dollars a month, and now that three mills capable of turning out half a million feet a day will soon be running in Vancouver harbor—one of them employing white labor only—an era of added prosperity seems to be imminent. The opposition to the alleged desecration of Stanley Park by a noisy, smoky, industry, is very strong, but comes mainly from residents who have spent large sums for the purpose of securing a picturesque view of the Inlet from their breakfast rooms, and who will now get the full benefit of the screech of the mill whistle and the orchestra of hammers and saws—and those politicians who wish to make capital out of the fact, that the concession was secured from the government on the quiet, in the face of the fact that the city itself was striving to get the island for the city. The deal, however, is closed and the lease is in the possession of Mr. Ludgate. It is for 25 years at \$500 a year.

J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg, is on his way, accompanied by other members of his family, for an extended trip to Europe and points of interest in the Mediterranean.

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