

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The business of the past week showed unmistakable signs of improvement. This desirable state of affairs is attributable to many causes, the most generally credited being the return of the sealers and the returning confidence of the financial men. Extensive preparations have been made for the fall fair, and both wholesale and retail houses expect to do a good trade with country buyers. The magnificent prize list gives promise of the fair this year being a most successful one.

The Vancouver *World* says: "It is indeed encouraging to hear from every wholesale house visited, that individually each is experiencing a revival of better times, and that orders are more plentiful, with cash usually added to them. Not for the last 10 months have prospects looked as bright as at present, and although some may treat these remarks with caution, they are vouched for by reputable firms of long standing, and are therefore beyond cavil. During the week several firms engaged in importing fruit have met with an unpleasant experience, apples especially received by them being pronounced unfit for human food by the Inspector of Fruit Pests, with the results that the consignments have been returned to the shipping houses in the States. In contrast with this, not a local apple, speaking from limited experience, has been found in such a condition, but some farmers complain that it is impossible to get their products on the market owing to alleged excessive freight rates charged, fruit being allowed to rot on the ground as it would not pay to handle it. Such being the case from both points of view the public generally is robbed of benefits which should be enjoyed, but how to overcome the difficulty is a question, and a problem which cannot but right itself in time. The market at present is very firm in every line, but eggs and butter still remain scarce, with a big demand for the former fresh."

FLOUR AND FEED.

Since the drop noted last week, there have been no changes in the market.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian \$1 00
" Strong Bakers 3 50

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier	\$4 00
XXX	3 85
Strong Bakers or XX	3 40
Superfine	3 15

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

Delta	\$3 50
Victoria XXX	3 50
Superfine	3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$3 75 @ 0 00
Lion	3 50 @ 0 00
Victoria XXX	3 75 @ 0 00
Superfine	3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	4 25 @ 0 00
XXX	1 10 @ 0 00
XX	3 65 @ 0 00
Superfine	3 10 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	4 10 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	4 25 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	4 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 25 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	4 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 25 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	4 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 25 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	3 75 @ 0 00
Vashon, Washington	3 90 @ 0 00
Snowflake	3 65 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	25 00 @ 00 00
Oats	27 00 @ 30 00
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California	27 50 @ 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	4 75 @ 0 00
" Chop feed	20 00 @ 25 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	10 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal	2 50 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed, per ton	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn	10 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
Chinarice No. 1	65 00 @ 00 00
" (mats)	65 00 @ 00 00
" (sacks)	65 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Jobbers have advanced quotations on eggs 2 cts per doz., and the market is reported strong. Quotations on American lard and lard compound are advanced, in sympathy with recent advances by the packing houses. Sugar, in the meantime, is steady, but the conditions outside of this Province are such that many are of the opinion that local quotations may be advanced at any time. Inquiries, however, fail to ascertain any change in the present condition of the market. The best posted persons refuse to make any prophecies as to the possibilities of a change in the situation.

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

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	1
Yellow, according to quality	4 to 4 1/2
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	3 1/2
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls.	6 1/2

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	14 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts	per lb	14 @ 18
Filberts	per lb	11 1/2 @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted.

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	24 @ 24 1/2
Manitoba dairy	18 @ 19
" creamery in tins	27 1/2 @ 29
Cheese—Canadian, lb.	13 @ 13 1/2
Canadian Stilton	17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian	per doz 19 @ 20

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
Backs	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 13
" " " 10-lb "	0 13 1/2
" " " 5-lb "	0 13 1/2
" " " 3-lb "	0 13 1/2
Lard Compound, 10 lbs	11 1/2 @ 00
" " 20 lbs	11 1/2 @ 00
" " 3 lbs	11 1/2 @ 00
" " 3 lbs	11 1/2 @ 00

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

Dry Granulated (China)	12 to 14
Extra C, China	12
China, yellow	12
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	11 to 12
Extra C	12
Fancy Yellow	12
Yellow	12
Golden C	3 1/2
Cubes	6 1/2
Powdered	6 1/2
Syrups, per lb	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)	5 50
" 1 " " (16)	5 25
" 1 " " Vancouver	5 50
" 1 1/2 " "	7 00

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 17 1/2
" " " heavy	0 17
" " breakfast bacon	0 16 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 18
" " breakfast bacon	0 18

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100 lb bags, per ton	12 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton	18 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.	3 40
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs	8 75
" " quarter boxes	
25 lbs, per cwt.	9 00
Malt vinegar, English, 25-gal. bbls	11 25
" " octaves	6 50
" " cases of 3 doz., per cwt	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria	1 25
" " California	1 30
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs	90
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs	90
Coal oil, per cwt.	2 80
Nails, per keg 1d, \$3.40; 6d, \$3.20; 8d, \$3.05; 10d, \$3.00; 12d, \$3.15; 20d and 30d, \$2.95; 40d, 50d and 60d, \$2.85.	

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The number of varieties of fruit on the market has been cut down quite a bit, of late. Pineapples and bananas are both sold out of jobbers' hands, also melons and plums are about over. Concord