

15c; bacon, 16c to 17c; short rolls, 13c; long rolls, 14c; smoked sides, 13c; long clear, 12c; barrel pork, \$23; 3, 5, and 10 lb tins lard, 14c; 20 lb pails lard, 14c; 50 lb tubs lard, 13c; tiorces lard, 13c. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria duty paid as follows: Medium hams 16c, per lb; heavy hams, 15c; choice breakfast bacon, 16c; short clear sides, 13c; and dry salt clear sides, 12c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb pails, 15c per lb. Armours gold band meats, hams, 17c; breakfast bacon 18c.

FRUITS, NUTS, ETC.—There is nothing of note in respect to the fruit market. Japanese oranges are plentiful from 50c to 75c a box; River-side (Cal.) seedlings are \$3.25 to \$4; tavelis, \$4.50 to \$5. Coast apples \$1.35 a box; Ontario apples, \$5.50 per bbl; Sicily lemon, 8.50; dates, 8c to 9c; figs, 12c to 15c; apricots, 18c; virginia peanuts, 13c; California, 10c; walnuts, 15c; beans, all kinds, 4c; coconuts, \$1 per doz.

LIVE STOCK, DRESSED MEATS, ETC.—There is no change in prices. Mutton is becoming firmer. The prospects for a great scarcity of meat next spring are most pronounced. Ranches in the interior have been covered with snow for some weeks and feed is very scarce, so that as far as is evident at the present time there must be great mortality in stock and those weathering through will be unfit for beef. Quotations are: Live steers are quoted at 3 to 3½c; cows, 2 to 3c; dressed beef, 7 to 7½c; sheep, 5½ to 7c; mutton, 12c; hogs, 4½ to 5c; pork, 8 to 10c.

FISH.—Small fish such as herring, soles, smelts, etc., have been in fair supply for some time. But speaking generally all varieties are now scarce, especially salmon, and the market during holidays was quite bare. There are several steamers out for halibut and a large supply may be expected shortly. Prices are: Salmon, 8 to 10c; codfish, 6 to 7c; flounders, 4 to 5c; sturgeon, 4 to 5c; sole, 10c; herrings, 5 to 6c; smelt, 6 to 7c.

GAME.—Notwithstanding the large quantities of poultry imported, with the expectation that the market would be drugged, the demand has been more than equal to supply and prices remained high. Poultry wholesaled from 16 to 18c and was retailed as high as 25c per lb. Game has been extremely plentiful. Venison is now out of season. Prices are: Grouse, per pair, is worth 75c and scarce; mallards, 50c; chickens \$4.50 to \$5.50; ducks, \$6; geese, \$7; turkeys, 15 to 16c per pound, live weight.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—Market remains practically unchanged in all lines. There is probability of hay advancing. Quotations are: Flour Manitoba patents, \$5.50; strong bakers, \$5.20; ladies choice, \$5.70; prairie lily, \$5.30; Oregon, \$5.50; Spokane, \$5.65; Enderby mills—Premier \$5.65; three star, \$5.25; two star, \$5.00; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.35; National mill, Victoria, \$4.25; rolled oats eastern \$3 to \$3.25; California \$3.75; National mills \$3.65; cornmeal \$3.10; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale. Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice do \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal; do, \$17.50; chopped feed, \$31 per ton; bran \$24; shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$28 to \$32; B. C. oats; \$26; wheat \$27 to \$32; oil cake, \$10; hay, \$16. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$22 to \$23 per ton; oats \$23½ in bulk and in sacks \$25; chop barley \$25. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. The Western Milling Co. quote bran in car lots \$19.00 per ton; shorts, \$20.50; barley chop, \$25; rye, \$38; patent flour, \$4.60; strong bakers \$4.25. Graham flour, \$4.40; B. C. wheat is quoted at \$29 to \$30 per ton, and oats at \$25; beans are 4c per lb. Hay is quoted at \$12.50 ton on the river bank or \$13.00 placed on the scows.

VEGETABLES.—The vegetables in season are somewhat scarce. Potatoes from being a glut on the market are getting quite scarce and prices have gone up. There is every proba-

bility of their being very scarce and dear before spring. Californian onions 1½c; B. C. onions 1½c; turnips beets and carrots, \$15 a ton; Fraser Valley potatoes average about \$19 to \$20 a ton.

EGGS.—Eggs are steady from 22 to 24c. The quality of eastern stock has been first class. Fresh eggs are away up in price and difficult to obtain.

DAIRY.—Butter remains steady in price. Eastern creamery rules from 28 to 28c; Manitoba dairy from 22 to 24c; cheese is 13 to 13½c with small fancy sizes 15c.

LUMBER.—No change in the situation or prices.

FREIGHTS.—Little or nothing doing. Quotations are as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 37s 6d; direct port on West coast, South America, 33s 9d, Sydney 30; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 35s; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 45s; Shanghai, 45s; Yokohama, 40s nominal.

SHIPPING.—The tonnage of shipping continues large, and is as follows.

Port.	No.	Tonnage.
Vancouver.	8	6,925
Victoria.	3	4,531
New Westminster.	1	1,123
Nanaimo.	11	10,183
Cowichan.	1	1,036
Total.	22	20,698

SUGARS.—The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quote sugar as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6½c; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated 5½c, extra C 4½c; fancy yellow 4½c; yellow 4½c; golden C 4½c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 lb kegs ½c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows:—Finest golden, in 30 gal. bls, 2½c; ditto, in 10 gal. kegs, 3c; ditto, in 5 gal. kegs, \$2.25 each; ditto, in 1 gal tins, \$4.50 per case of 10; ditto, in ½ gal tins, \$6 per case of 20.

These prices are subject to 2½ per cent discount for cash in fourteen days, and cover delivery in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, or New Westminster.

Jobbers' prices less discounts are:—Dry granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellow, 5c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4½c; syrups 3c per lb.

Brief Business Notes.

Examinations B.C. Medical Council Jan'y 10, 1893.

The German barque Katharine is loading lumber in Burrard Inlet.

Barker & Climo, plumbers, Victoria have dissolved. Barker continues.

John B. Johnson, New Westminster, dry goods, has assigned.

The survey of the Kaslo Slocan railway has been completed.

J. F. Ritchie has completed the survey of Kesteven city.

J. Bvelofsky has closed his Kaslo restaurant until spring.

S. Brightman, butcher, Nanaimo, has resumed business.

Great Northern's business at Bonner's Ferry for B.C. in November amounted to \$15,000.

British barkentine Bittern is loading lumber at the Hastings Mills for Australia.

The steamer Cognitum has been chartered by A. Fader, Vancouver, to go halibut fishing.

Preliminary steps have been taken at both Nelson and Kaslo for the formation of boards of trade.

McCorvie & Bonson, contractors and bridge builders, Westminster, have dissolved partnership.

A. F. Tero and W. Alexander, known as A. F. Tero, Donald, have dissolved; Alexander continues.

Annual meeting B. A. Horticultural & Fruit Growers' Association in Vancouver, 23th and 26th inst.

Third annual meeting Okanagan Land and Development Company will be held January 10th.

British ship Alicona has loaded 775,140 feet lumber at Hastings Mills for Port Pirie; value \$6,979.

There have been forwarded from St. Louis 27,000 ore sacks for the "Freddy Lee" and "Idaho" mines in Slocan.

The American hotel, Huntington, has been reopened under the management of W. Gillvray formerly of Yule.

British ship County, 2154 tons, has been chartered to load lumber at Hastings mills for Cork, Ireland.

H. Abbott, gen'l supt. Pacific division, C. P. R. has gone to discuss railway matters with the officials there.

A specimen of coal, 609 lbs in weight, was taken from No. 2 tunnel, Nico's Valley. The mine is being worked for local supply.

J. A. MacFarlane, ex-manager of the Boles Copper Co., South California, has become a partner of J. M. MacKinnon, Vancouver, in mining and real estate.

The B. C. Iron works Vancouver, have been awarded the contract for making the machinery for the steamer being built by the C. P. R. at Okanagan lake.

A man named Osgoodby has been sounding the citizens of Nanaimo to the tune of \$1,000. He canvassed the city for orders for "Nanaimo Illustrated" and got part in advance and has not been seen since.

The B. C. Southern Railways Company is applying to amend its charter by making provision for an alternative line from Cranbrook to Pilot Bay by way of St. Mary's River, and also for the extension of time for the completion of the main line and all the branches.

Several changes in bank of B. C. officials. W. C. Ward, manager, Victoria, is made inspector for the province, Frederick Townsend being confined to the branches on the American Pacific coast. Wm. and W. Murray the Vancouver branch.

At an adjourned meeting of the Vancouver board of trade, it was decided to ask the government to introduce legislation requiring the registration of partnerships, and asking the co operation of other boards of trade in securing the passing of a creditors' relief act.

The *Miner* says: "Contracts have been let for all the work on the Spokane and Northern as far as the boundary line. On the actual line of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard no contracts have been let, and none will be, until the return of Mr. Corbin from the east, which is expected in about a month."

Hugh Mann has completed the Nakusp sleigh road and is now engaged in making a road to the Mahon group of mines. He is going to haul ore from these mines to the Nakusp wharf, and expects to have several hundred tons there awaiting shipment by the time the boats commence running. Some of this ore assays as high as 3,000 ozs. silver to the ton.

James Brady has employed on the Thunder Hill mine, East Kootenay, some 47 men. The greater part of the machinery is now on the property, the balance will be taken in by sleigh at any early date. By March 1st it is supposed that the works will be in operation and producing 50 tons of good ore per day.

What may be called the increase in speculation value of West Kootenay this year, has led to numerous applications for railway charters. There are three conflicting charters applied for, for a right of way between Balfour and Kaslo, two of the proposed railways making Nelson their terminus, and one designed to connect with the Great Northern at Bonner's Ferry. There is, in addition, a short line contemplated to tap the Trail Creek country. Last, but not least, the C. P. R. has applied for a charter to connect West Kootenay with Revelstoke.—*Nelson Miner*.