TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

There is little of special notice to report since last week. Trade continues steady with jobbers and there is considerable activity among retail dealers preparing for the holiday trade. Stocks in all lines are said to be very heavy this fall and brisk business is looked for.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Pickled eggs are quoted at 22c, fresh 27c, and cold storage 25c. Butter continues very firm. Manitoba dairy butter in assorted sizes is quoted at 23c, Manitoba creamery, 30c. Ontario and Quebec creamery, 28c in round lots. Eastern Townships, 25c. A strong butter market is reported from the East, of which the Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "From present appearances the chances seem to favor a continuation of good prices for butter during the coming winter and early spring, as Canada, the United States, and Great Britain are about entering the great consumptive season completely bare of old stock, coupled with moderate prices and the generally good condition of the working classes in all three countries. There has been a heavy consumption of the product of 1891 so far, and it is only fair to assume that as soon as the cold weather sets in to stay, consumers' requirements on this side will show a material increase, and should England experience a severe winter, the demand will of course be all the more urgent for export." A late advice from Winnipeg quotes: Turkeys 13c, ducks 12c, geese 11c, and chicken 11c per lb. f.o.b. there. Canadian meats are quoted: Hams, 15c, rolls, 12½c, Dry salt sides, 11½c to 12c per lb. Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 8¼c, in half-bbls. 8½c.; valencias, 8½c; sultanas, 14c; London layers, $2.25 a box; California sultanas, $2.25 a box; dates, 9c; prunes, 9c to 12½c. California evaporated fruits in 25 lb. boxes are quoted as follows: Peaches, 12½c; apricots. 14c; nectarines, 14c; pitted plums, 11c. About the same grade of fruits in cotton sacks are quoted from 1c to 2c per lb. less. New Canadian evaporated apples are quoted at 11c per lb.

The San Francisco *Herald of Trade*, speaking of California canned fruits, says: "There is now some talk of a considerable carry over to next season. It is known that the pack has been large all through the country and that the trading movement has not been up to expectations, but it cannot be said that there will not be a good demand in the early spring. There always has been and there is good reason to take a hopeful view of the future, though the canners deserve none too well of the market for their foolhardiness in overpacking. It is about time that they disabused themselves of the notion that the people of the United States are agoing to sit down in the winter and industriously eat canned fruits so that the packers can come out with a profit in the spring."

The local jobbers are now carrying full stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which include apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot marmalade, etc. Quotations are 1½ lb. size, $3 per dozen; 3 lb. size, $5 per doz.

Falconer's malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce and mushroom catsup are now quoted by the leading grocers.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Ogilvie's flours declined 15c a barrel last week, and are now the same price as two weeks ago, they having risen 15c and declined the same amount. There are no changes in any of the other brands to note. Local jobbers are now quoting Ogilvie's Hungarian $6.10 per barrel, and strong bakers' $5.85. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: Enderby flour for carload lots, Premier, $5.60; XXX., $5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., $5.00; Superfine, $4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 85 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 65 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian	6 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 85 @ 0 00
Snowflake	6 10 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	6 10 @ 0 00
Royal	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	$40 00 @ 45 00
Oats	28 00 @ 35 00
Oil cake meal	32 50 @ 35 00
Chop feed	33 00 @ 35 00
Shorts	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	3 75 @ 4 00
Cornmeal	3 00 @ 3 25
Cracked corn	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 1 25

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

It is said, in some quarters, that apples may be scarce this winter. A few peaches received by last steamer found a ready sale at $1.50 a box, also a few boxes of persimmons at $2.50. Prices are unchanged since last steamer.

Quotations are: Pears, (winter), $1.40; grapes, Tokays, Black Ferrara and Verdal in boxes, $1.75, in crates, $1.80. Oregon apples (greenings), $1.00; Baldwin, Bellflower, Rose and Blue Pearmain, $1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, $5.25; California Messina lemons, $5.75; silverskin onions, 1½c. per lb; island apples, $1.25 per box: tomatoes, $1 to $1.25; sweet potatoes, 2½c. per lb; potatoes, island, $20 per ton; Chilliwack, $18 per ton; Fraser River, $16 per ton; Bonapartes, $25 per ton.

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	$77 50
China rice "	70 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Chit rice "	25 00
Rice Meal "	17 50

SALMON.

The arrivals of Alaska, up to November 23rd, at San Francisc, were 707,124 cases, as against 594,386 for 1890 and 652,993 for 1889. As far as is known, these are final figures These, however, show a larger pack than was anticipated. The price remains on the basis of $4 per case for Red Alaska.

The *Herald of Trade* says; There is no activity in trade, but what little movement there is has been controlled by the Alaska Packers' Association, who have under lock and key all the salmon of the Alaska pack yet remaining on this coast and have fixed a price for it which is being realized on all sales and which will be realized until the pack is distributed. They have fixed prices as follows: For King salmon, $1.05; Red, $1.00; Pink, 95 cents.

There really is little to say beyond the reiteration of the statement that the Association has all the salmon and has named prices which will be held with unswerving rigidity. We have seen an intimation somewhere that the future of the market depended on the ability of the Association to hold out. In other words that a slow demand might cause a change of heart among the membership of the Association.

If there are any foreign buyers who are waiting for some of the members of the combine to grow weak in faith they may as well abandon that idea and make their purchases at once. The Association will not only take care of its present holdings but will carry the war into the next season, should such a course become necessary in the protection of the pack now in their hands.

LUMBER.

The British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons, Capt. Dexter, which arrived from Iquiqui seeking, has been chartered to load at Burrard Inlet for Adelaide direct port at 47s 6d. The only clearance last week was the Norwegian bark Dominion for Adelaide for orders at 65s. She carried a cargo of 978,302 ft rough lumber, 1,047 bdls. p'kts, and 1,606 bdls. laths, valued at $9,272. The Moodyville Mills have shut down for repairs. There are four vessels loading at present at Burrard Inlet: Am. ship Benj. Sewall, 1361 tons, Capt. Sewall, for Valparaiso; Chil. ship Atacama, 1,235 tons, for Valparaiso, owner's account; British bark Nineveh, 1,174 tons, Capt. Broadfoot, for Sydney; British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons, Capt. Dexter, loading for Adelaide; and the American schooner F. S. Redfield, 446 tons, loading for Sydney at the Chemainus mills. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, $9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, $10; dressed flooring, $17; pickets, $9; laths, 4 feet, $2.

For local trade, the Rock Bay Saw Mill quotes:

Rough lumber, per M	$10 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M	00 00
Second " " "	00 00
Laths, per M	2 50
Shingles, "	2

VANCOUVER.

The usual volume of business is being done, with but slight changes in quotations. The flour market is still unsettled. The mills dropped the price 15c last week, but local prices are unchanged. Potatoes, Fraser River, $16; Ashcroft, $20 per ton. Ontario eggs 22c to 25c. Butter, creamery, 27c to 28c; dairy, 20c to 25c. Manitoba cheese, 12½c to 13½c. British Columbia apples are worth 75c to $1 per box; Oregon, 90c to $1.25; British Columbia pears, $1.25 per box, California, $1.75; grapes, $1.65;