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VICTORIA.

The heavy rains of the past week have had a depressing tendency on business in nearly all lines, and the effect upon collections has not been at all favorable. Merchants in all lines are beginning to make preparations for the holiday trade. Sterling exchange is reported firmer, while Hong Kong exchange is down to 68c for the Mexican dollar.

Of trade at Vancouver the *News-Advertiser* says: "On the whole business has been satisfactory during the past week, although the wet weather has had an unfavorable effect on some lines of trade. Collections are only reported as fair, and in some cases are very slow. No failures have been reported for some time past, and this is an indication of the solidity of the city, and the fact that a number of new firms are opening in business here shows that Vancouver is regarded elsewhere as a centre of considerable commercial importance."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Walla Walla Nov. 18, comprised the following: For Victoria—303 cs grapes, 5 cs lemons, 16 bxs oranges, 1 cs dates, 3 bxs figs, 30 sacks onions, 20 bxs apples, 5 bxs peppers, 1 cs sweets, 16 sacks nuts. Total 493 packages. The receipts by previous steamers were as follows: Nov. 8 677 pkgs.; Oct. 29, 818 pkgs.; Oct. 19, 98 pkgs.; Oct. 9, 1,030 pkgs.; Oct. 4, 1,072

pkgs. Business is quiet and the price list is without change this week. Canadian apples of the following well-known brands are offered by jobbers: 70, per bbl, northern spys, pippins, baldwins, phoenix, blenheims, and Canadian red. A large supply of Japanese oranges are expected on the Empress, due on the 20th of the month. These will meet with a large sale as they will arrive in good time for the holiday trade.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Sweet Loretta	\$1 25 @	0 00
Tahiti Seedlings	4 50 @	1 75
Riverside Seedlings	0 00 @	0 00
Japanese	0 75 @	0 00
Lemons—California	7 50 @	8 50
Sicily	7 50 @	9 00
Australian	7 00 @	0 00
Bananas, bunch	2 50 @	3 50
Pears	1 75 @	2 15
Quinces	1 50 @	0 00
Apples—Red	1 50 @	1 75
Green	1 25 @	1 40
Grapes	1 60 @	1 75
Pine Apples, doz	5 00 @	0 00
Cocoanuts, doz	1 00 @	0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes California, sweet ..	2 ½ @	
Local	per ton 15 00 @	16 50
Onions—Red California	1 ½ @	
California Silverskins	1 ½ @	

FLOUR AND FEED.

The market continues quiet and practically featureless. There are considerable stocks on hand, and prices are firm.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots.

Premier	\$5 20
XXX	5 12
Strong Bakers or XX	4 75
Superfine	3 80

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 4 75 @	0 00
Lion, "	4 75 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 45 @	0 00
XXX, "	5 35 @	0 00
XX, "	5 05 @	0 00
Superfine, "	4 05 @	4 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian	5 45 @	5 50
Strong Bakers	5 00 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian ..	5 40 @	0 00
Strong Bakers	5 00 @	0 00
Lake of the Woods Hungarian ..	5 35 @	0 00
Strong Bakers	5 00 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon	4 85 @	0 00
Portland Roller	5 00 @	0 00
Snowflake	5 15 @	0 00
Royal	4 80 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton	28 00 @	35 00
Oats	25 00 @	30 00
Oil cake meal	40 00 @	45 00
Chop feed	28 00 @	30 00
Shorts	26 00 @	28 00
Bran	21 00 @	25 00
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @	0 00
rolled oats	3 50 @	0 00
split peas	3 30 @	0 00
pearl barley	4 50 @	0 00
Chop feed	26 00 @	28 00
California oatmeal	4 25 @	4 35
California rolled oats	3 75 @	3 85
Corn, whole	per ton 37 50 @	40 00
Cornmeal	2 75 @	3 00
Cornmeal-feed	per ton 40 00 @	50 00
Cracked corn	40 00 @	45 00
Hay, per ton	17 00 @	18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @	0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 77 50
Best China rice	100 00
China rice No. 1	70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Chit rice	25 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The principal feature of the market is the receipts of new season's Mediterranean and Californian fruits by the wholesale grocers, who are doing an active business in these lines with the trade throughout the province. Dates and figs have not yet been received in any quantity by the wholesale trade, although small lots have been received by leading retail grocers, who try to have them as early as possible for select family trade. London layer raisins are quoted in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per box; Valencias, 20 lb. boxes, and from 8c to 8½c per lb.; sultanas, 10½c to 14c per lb., currants, in bbls., 7½c per lb., half bbls., 7½c, cases 8c. Canned peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 20c to 28c. California evaporated fruits are very high this season, and may be quoted as follows:—Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 12½c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13½c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 18c; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 14c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14½c to 14½c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 16c.

Smoked meats continue scarce and dealers who have placed orders with Eastern packers have been disappointed in not receiving their goods. Hams and breakfast bacon are high in price and very strong at price quoted. Lard compound and lard was advanced in price by packing houses toward the end of last week. Local jobbing prices are firmer in sympathy. The American meat market is somewhat stronger this week, although quotations show but little change. Eggs are very scarce, and prices have advanced to 25c per doz. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15½c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 15½c; short clear sides, 13½c, and dry salt clear sides, 11c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1c lb. pails, 15½c 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, 17c, breakfast bacon, 18c.

Canadian meats are quoted f. o. b. Victoria: Hams 14c, breakfast bacon 15½c, long clear side 10c; spiced rolls, 11½c; pure lard, tubs, 12c; do, 3 lb and 5 lb tins, 13c.

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6½c; Paris lumps, 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 pound kegs, ¾c; more, boxes ¾c 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, \$1.50 per case of 10; ditto in ½ gal. tins, \$6 per case of 20. Prices cover delivery in Vancouver, and at Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to 2½ per cent discount for cash in fourteen days.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Holders of creamery butter have realized by this time that prices here are too high to admit of business to any extent. Factorymen have been in the city during the past week or ten days trying to get 2½c for