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BRITISH COLUMBIA**Business Review**

September 10, 1891.

Wholesale trade is reported still improving and collections are easier made. Lumber, mining and railway camps are expected in town soon for the winter, when money will begin to circulate more freely. There are several new charters in the lumber trade and the Oriental-Australian through traffic continues very large. At this writing both trans-Pacific steamers are in besides a Portland steamer and the Gulf ferry and three Union Steamship steamers, all freight laden. The exact net tonnage of the steamers at the C. P. R. wharf was 6620, gross 12,000, amount of freight 5820 tons. The tonnage of the Union Steamship steamers was about 1,200; making the total amount of freight handled at one time over 6000 tons. This is worthy of attention, as it is the biggest steamer day on record for Vancouver, and the Empress of China breaks the trans-Pacific Canadian record by carrying 3330 tons, or 330 tons more than her registered tonnage, while the Warrimoo has a full freight list and will not be able to take back the freight waiting for her. The China is unloading 2,000,000 pounds of tea, and the 'alongshoremen' had just finished unloading a tea ship on the same wharf, whose cargo totaled 1,000,000 pounds of tea. So that 3,000,000 pounds of tea will be shipped directly over the C. P. R. to all points in Europe and America, to be steeped in pinches by three million families, who in less than a month will have to have more sent across the Pacific for them, besides the millions of pounds that go through the other gateways besides the great gateway at Vancouver.

The local markets are well stocked with fruit and vegetables. Native fruit is in large quantities, but lacks flavor and brings poor price. The late rains have done a great deal of good to crops, and the market is flooded with good potatoes and garden stuff. The advance in many lines reported in the east has not as yet been felt here on account of the market being well supplied.

B. C. Market Quotations.

Butter.—Eastern creamery, 23 to 24c; California butter, 22c; dairy, 15 to 18c; California cheese, 18c; Canadian cheese, 12c.

Cured Meats.—Hams, 14-15c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 12c; mess pork, \$18; short cut, \$22.

Fish.—Prices are: Spring Salmon, 6c; sockeyes, 5c; steelheads, 7c; flounders, 4c; smolt, 6c; seabass, 6c; cod, 8c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c; colicans, 6c; sockeye salmon, 4c. Halibut and cod scarce.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$18 per ton; onions, red, 1½; cabbage, 1c.

Eggs.—Manitoba, 15c; fresh local, 25 to 30c.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$1.50 to \$5.00; Australian lemons, \$2.75; bananas, Honolulu,

Every Mackintosh

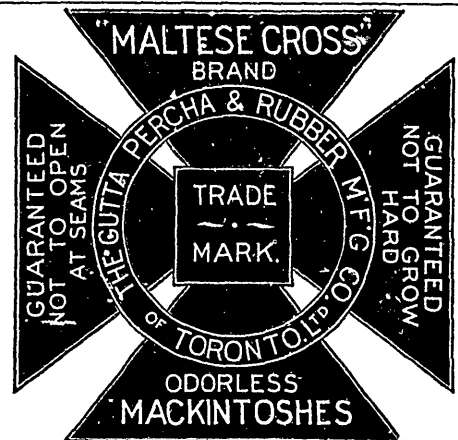
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crate, single, \$3; pineapples, per dozen, \$2.00; coconuts, per dozen, 60c; apricots, per box, \$1; pears, per box, \$1.25; raspberries, \$2 per box; plums, California, \$1.00, Native, 50c; peaches, \$1.2; California grapes, ½ box, \$2, full, \$3; melons, per crate, \$5.50; Australian oranges, \$2.50; nectarines, \$1.22; Apples, native, 50 to 75c, California, \$1.25 to \$1.50; prunes, \$1.10; watermelons, \$3 per doz.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote, in car load lots at Victoria, and Vancouver: Patent, per barrel, \$4.00; strong bakers, \$3.80. The Columbia Flouring mills quote Enderby flour in car lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$1.50; XXX, \$3.75; strong bakers, or XX, \$3.50; superfine, \$3.10, Oregon, \$3.80; Oak Lake patent, \$1.00; strong bakers \$3.70.

Grain—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31; United States oats, \$31; wheat, \$25; hay, \$10 on bank. New hay, \$15.

Meal—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 50-lb racks, \$3.30. Cornmeal, per 98-lb sacks, \$2.15; per 10-10, \$2.55.

Ground Feed—Add freight and duty to the quotations on stuff from the United States. Manitoba chopped feed, \$28 per ton; feed wheat, United States, \$16 per ton; Canadian chop barley, \$26; California chop, \$19.00.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20.00; shorts, \$2; oil cake, \$32.

Dressed Meat—Beef, 6½ to 7½c; mutton, 8 to 8½c; pork, 8 to 10c; veal, 9c; lamb, per head, \$5.50 to \$4.00.

Live Stock—Calves, 5 to 6c; steers, 8½ to 4c; sheep, 3½c; hogs, 6 to 7½c; cows, 2½ to 3c. Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow, yellow, 4½c; golden C, 3½c.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.25 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

Business Notes.

Tat. Carey, hotel, Vancouver, has sold out. R. M. Eagleton, has opened a hotel at Clinton.

R. A. Walker, hotel, Clinton, is out of business.

G. I. Wilson, dry goods, Vancouver, has sold his branch store to G. Harvey.

Wishart & Meldrum, hotel, Victoria, have dissolved; G. G. Meldrum continues.

Colbert & Warner, plumbers, Victoria, have dissolved; John Colbert continuing.

The estate of Janey & Crossan, general store, Northfield, is advertised for sale by auction.

Schl-Hastie Erskie, Furniture Co. Ltd, Victoria & Vancouver, have sold out their Vancouver branch to Chas. Hach.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Sept. 13, were \$741,297, balances, \$127,606. For the previous week clearings were \$769,426.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Clearings.	
	6th Sept.	30th Aug.
Montreal.....	\$8,459,281	\$9,285,449
Toronto.....	3,495,267	4,388,346
Halifax.....	1,030,617	1,033,590
Winnipeg.....	769,426	568,587
Hamilton.....	672,403	516,613

Total..... \$14,427,997 \$16,080,585

Canada's Financial Statement.

The Dominion Department of Finance has closed the account books of the Dominion for the financial year ending the 30th of June last. The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure for the 12 months, compared with the previous financial year:

	Year 1890-91.	Year 1891-92.
Revenue—		
Customs.....	\$2,053,700	\$19,103,545
Excise.....	3,334,247	3,930,131
Post-office.....	2,773,503	2,809,311
Public Works (including rail-ways)	3,770,638	3,700,112
Miscellaneous.....	2,299,610	2,248,503
Total.....	\$33,131,701	\$38,236,753
Expenditure.....	\$36,745,121	\$37,393,773

The result of the year's operations will be somewhat of a disappointment. The prevailing depression throughout the world has affected Canada as well as other countries, but happily in a less striking manner. Possibly also the uncertainty which prevailed with regard to the tariff changes, resulted in a suspension of importations for a period. The falling off in the revenue from customs in round figures is one million and three-quarters. Under the head of excise and the post-office there are slight increases. The net debt on June 30 was \$246,163,920, an increase of \$1,483,918, which is accounted for by the expenditure on capital account, amounting to \$5,078,593, as compared with \$3,881,876 in the previous year.

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