

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The month which is just closing has been a fine one for trade, and business men in all lines are feeling better and have more confidence in the future development of the city and provincial trade.

Money still continues generally scarce. The banks continue to grant liberal discounts on approved commercial paper. Eastern travellers who have been selling the trade dry goods, clothing, etc., report a healthier trade than for the past two years. Merchants are buying conservatively, and seeking good value. Fancy lines in dry goods are reported in better demand than for the last two seasons.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "Business is still reported as fairly active, the orders for fall goods having been well up to the average. Collections are, however, not very brisk, and complaints as to the scarcity of money are general. It has been currently rumored during the last few days that the Ross McLaren Mill Co. has secured a large order for lumber for South Africa, and that both their mills will be started up at once. If this rumor is correct, and it seems to be so, it will do a great deal to relieve the present dull times, besides providing employment for a large number of men. In wholesale, a steady trade is being done and there are no special features to note, prices being for the most part unchanged."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The American meat market is easier but the reduction is not sufficient to warrant a change in wholesaling figures. Eastern creamery butter is quoted firm at 25c. It is stated that there is no first class goods offered at less than that figure. Eggs are still advancing and at present quotations cannot be made at less than 20c to 21c.

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

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	4 1/2
Yellow, according to quality.....	4 to 4 1/2
Patent lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	5 1/2
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls.....	6 1/2

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins.....	per lb	\$ 7 @ \$ 0
Malaga raisins.....	per box	3 09 @ 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
Fileberts.....	per lb	11 1/2 @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	25 @ 26
Manitoba dairy.....	18 @ 19
" creamery in tins.....	27 1/2 @ 29
" " in tubs.....	26 @ 00
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 @ 11
Canadian Stilton.....	17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian.....	per doz 20 @ 21

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15 1/2 @ 16
Breakfast bacon.....	15 @ 15 1/2
Short rolls.....	11 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @ 11 1/2
Bacon.....	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.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 20 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 5 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 3 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00

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

Dry Granulated (China).....	100-sack	4 65
Extra C, China.....	"	4 37 1/2
China, yellow.....	"	4 12 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	1 1/2 to 1 1/2	4 1/2
Extra C.....	1 1/2	4 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	1 1/2	4 1/2
Yellow.....	1 1/2	4 1/2
Golden C.....	1 1/2	4 1/2
Cubes.....	1 1/2	4 1/2
Powdered.....	1 1/2	4 1/2
Syrups, per lb.....	3	7 00
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50	
" 1 " " (16).....	5 50	
" 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 16
" " " heavy.....	0 15 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 15 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 15 1/2
" " " 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 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb boxes.....	8 75
" " " quarter boxes.....	9 60
Malt vinegar, English, 25-gal. bbls.....	11 25
" " " octaves.....	6 50
" " " cases of 3 doz., per cs.....	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria.....	1 25
" " " California.....	1 30
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs.....	80 @ 90
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs.....	80
Coal oil, per case.....	2 80
Nails, per keg—1d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 40d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.	

FLOUR AND FEED.

Manitoba Hungarian is quoted by jobbers at \$4.25 per bbl., in consequence of the late drop of 10c per bbl. by the Manitoba millers. The course of the local market is rather uncertain, in the meantime. All other lines are reported unchanged.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$3 90
" Strong Bakers.....	3 70

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

Premier.....	\$1 00
XXX.....	3 85
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3 10
Superfno.....	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
Superfno.....	3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 3 50 @ 0 00
Lion.....	3 50 @ 0 00
Victoria XXX.....	3 50 @ 0 00
Superfno.....	3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 25 @ 0 00
XXX.....	4 10 @ 0 00
XX.....	3 65 @ 0 00
Superfno.....	3 40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	4 25 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers.....	4 10 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	4 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 25 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10 @ 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 (99-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.....	4 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole.....	per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Peas, field.....	per ton 40 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal.....	2 50 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed.....	per ton 40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
" " (polished).....	80 00 @ 00 00
Best China rice.....	90 00 @ 100 00
Chinarice No. 1.....	(mats) 65 00 @ 00 00
" " (sacks).....	65 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour.....	70 00
Broken rice.....	30 00
Rice Meal.....	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Quotations are reported steady on all lines on the market, which at this season of the year are but few. Grapes, apples and bananas are the leading lines. Australian oranges are out of the market.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	6 25 @ 6 75
" Australian.....	3 00 @ 0 00
Apples—California.....	1 15 @ 1 50
" Oregon.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Cocoanuts.....	per 100 8 00 @ 9 00
Peaches.....	1 00 @ 1 10
Pears.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Grapes.....	1 25 @ 1 35
" Delaware.....	1 00 @ 0 00
Bananas—bunches.....	2 50 @ 0 00
" crates.....	3 25 @ 0 0

Vegetables are quoted: