

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business is settling down again. The holiday trade, last week, among retailers, is reported ahead of last year, although the weather has been very disagreeable. There has been little doing in wholesale circles, as the end of the year is drawing to a close and new arrangements are under consideration for the New Year's business.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There are very few grapes now coming in, and the receipts will shortly stop for the season. Oranges are coming in freely, and meet with a good demand. A car of the celebrated Griffin & Skelley brand of Riverside and Washington navels arrived last Thursday evening, and were re-shipped same evening, having been mostly sold to arrive. There is no change in prices to note.

Quotations are: Pears, (winter), \$1.50; grapes, Tokays, Black Ferrara and Verdal in boxes, \$1.75, in crates, \$1.80; Cornichon, in boxes, \$2.00; Oregon apples (greenings), \$1.00; Baldwin, Bellflower, Rose and Blue Pearmain, \$1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, \$3.50; Riverside seedlings, \$3.50; navels, \$5.00; California Messina lemons, \$6.00 to \$6.50; silverskin onions, 1½c. per lb.; island apples, \$1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 3½c. per lb. potatoes, island, \$20 per ton; Chilliwack, \$18 per ton; Fraser River, \$10 per ton; Bonapartes, \$25 per ton; persimmons, \$1.75.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The quiet season may be said to have set in. Trade has been excellent for the past year. The holiday trade was brisk, and helped to bring the averages well up all round. Merchants all seem very pleased at the close of the season, for it has been a successful one.

Butter is still firm. Recent reports from Montreal say that there are no more small tubs of creamery that will be shipped to B. C. It is all cleared up.

Quotations are: Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 29½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairv, 23c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c.

Canadian meats are quoted: Hams, 13½c to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; short rolls, 12c; dry salt sides, 11½c.

Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 8½c, 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 Vancouver refinery dropped the price of dry granulated in bags to 4½c on the 23rd and 24th inst. and raised it again on the 25th to the old figure 5½c in bags or barrels. It is stated that quite a few carloads were sold during the two days the price was low, and this market is supplied

for a few weeks to come, as this is the dull season. Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., (ld) are still quoting dry granulated 4½c below the refinery prices, and it is to their action together with the move made by the Redpaths' of Montreal, to which can be accounted the drop by the B. C. Refinery. Reports say that Montreal sugars were quoted, delivered at Vancouver, at 4½c for best yellows and 5½ for granulated in bbls., less 2½ per cent. for cash.

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 Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

There was a drop in Manitoba flour, last week. Ogilvie's Hungarian is now quoted by jobbers at \$6 and Strong Bakers at \$5.75. It is not expected to go any lower, but dealers are very uncertain how the price will remain. It is said that according to the price of wheat, flour should be higher. Portland flour is stronger, and Portland Roller and Snowflake are quoted at \$6.25, an advance of 15c since last week. All the other products are reported unchanged. Enderby flour and Victoria Mills' flour are unchanged in price. "In order to sell in these days," said a Montreal dealer recently, "we have to shade quotations, and those who deny it exaggerate."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in 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 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake	.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	.....	6 25 @ 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

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

LUMBER.

The British ship Angerona, 1,215 tons,

Capt. Anderson, is reported on the way from San Francisco under charter to load a cargo of lumber from Burrard Inlet or Puget Sound to Valparaiso at 42s.6d. The Titanla is now loading lumber at Vancouver, filling up between decks for London. There are two vessels loading at present at Burrard Inlet: British ship Athlon, 1,371 tons, Capt. Dexter, loading for Adelaide; Nor. ship Morning Light, 1,316 tons, Capt. Johansen loading for Australia. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Assn. ton: Rough mercer table, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; 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 25

SALMON.

The Titanla has completed her cargo of salmon on the Fraser River, and is filling up with lumber at Vancouver. The bark City of Carlisle is loading at Victoria on account of Robert Ward & Co. for London. The *Herald of Trade* says: They are beginning to talk about another season, and the attitude of the association is an important matter for consideration in the current discussions. It is said that should such a course be deemed necessary, the association will limit the Alaska packs next year and so make sale for whatever is left of the pack of last season. There is, however, some feeling that such a course will not be necessary for the reason that some salmon is moving all the time; that steady consumption east at the low prices that have prevailed has very much reduced the stocks, and that there will be a good demand early in the next year for the stocks in the hands of the association.

MANIFEST TO ARRIVE.

British bark Glenbervie, 800 tons, Capt. T. F. Groundwater, sailed from London August 21 for Esquimalt and Victoria, R. P. Rithet & Co. (Ld.) consignees—50 cs, 10 cs, 10 cs, A B Gray & Co; 23 cs, H Saunders; 6 cs, T W Fletcher; 10 bbls, T McNeely; 29 bales, M W Waitt & Co; 200 cs, 50 cs, Boucherat & Co; 4000 bxs, 1000 boxes, 50 tons red car pig iron, 500 bbls cement, 5502 sash weights, 100 tons, smithy coal, 9 bags, 4 hhd, 24 bbls, 100 drums, 15 cs, 12 cs, 105 cs, 3 tanks, 10 cs, 5 cs, 20 cs 50 cs, 1 cs, tank, 90 cs, 40 cs, 1 cs, 2 csks, 20 bbls, 10 octaves, 300 cs, 100 cs, 200 cs, 100 cs, 100 cs, 20 cs, 100 cs, 1 cs, R P Rithet & Co. (Ld); 20 cs, Turner, Beeton & Co; 1500 kgs Curtis & Harvey Gunpowder, R Ward & Co; 1 cs, C Harrison; 10 hhd, 27 cs, 2 cs, 2 cs, 2 cs, Boucherat & Co; 35 cs, H Saunders; 268 sashweights, order; 65 cs, Turner, Beeton & Co; 100 cs, A B Gray & Co; 1 cs, 1 cs, Turner, Beeton & Co; 50 cs, 1 cs, A B Gray & Co; 91 slabs, 97 slabs, 190 pigs, Findlay, Durham & Brodie; 25 cs, 10 cs, 20 cs, Baker Bros & Co, (ld); 500 csks, order; 1 cs, L W Dodds; 2 cs Staff Surgeon R N hospital; 103 tins, Naval storekeeper.