

## British Columbia Markets.

All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole and for quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

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Eggs have declined  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Bran, shorts and bay feed all up  $\$1$  per ton. Beef cattle are lower.

Butter.—Eastern creamery, 22¢; local creamery 23¢; California butter, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Manitoba cheese, 11¢; local cheese, 11¢ lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents; breakfast bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; backs 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; long, clear, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; short rolls 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; smoked sides 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Lard held at the following figures: Tins 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound, in pails and tubs 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lb.

Game.—Mallards, 35¢; wildgeon, 25¢; teal, 20¢; grouse, 85¢ to  $\$1$ ; geese, 75¢ to  $\$1.25$ ; Venison, 4¢; sand snipe, 35¢.

Fish.—Prices are—Flounders 3¢; smelt  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; sea bass 4¢; black cod 5¢; rock cod 4¢; red cod 4¢, tommy cod 5¢; herring 4¢; spring salmon 8¢; steelhead, 7¢; whiting 7¢; sole 6¢; smoked halibut, 10¢; kipper cod 9¢; sturgeon 6¢; smoked salmon, 10¢; Annan haddie, 10¢; kippered herring 12¢; Columbia river co'chans, 7¢.

Vegetables.—Local potatoes,  $\$23.45$  to  $\$21.00$  per ton; onions 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; cabbage, 2¢ lb; carrots, turnips and beets,  $\$7.50$  a ton.

Eggs.—Oregon eggs, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 250 to 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, from 125 to 150 navel oranges. California lemons,  $\$2.50$ ; California oranges, seedling,  $\$1.50$  to  $\$2.00$ ; navel oranges  $\$3.00$  to  $\$3.25$ ; British Columbia apples, 5¢ lb. box, 75¢ to  $\$1$ ; Eastern apples  $\$1.50$  barrel.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11¢ per lb; peaches 9¢; plums 9 to 10¢; prunes, French, 8 to 7¢; loose Muscatel raisins, 6¢; Long-layer raisins  $\$1.90$  box; Italian prunes, 10¢ lb.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13¢; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; pecan, 10¢; Brazil, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; walnuts, 13¢ lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks,  $\$3.00$ ; 45 pound sacks,  $\$3.10$ ; 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  pound sacks,  $\$3.20$ ; 10.7 sacks,  $\$2.60$ . Oatmeal, 10-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\$3.25$ ; 2-50's,  $\$3.00$ . Off grades, 30 lbs,  $\$2.70$ .

Flour.—Delivered B.C. points.—Manitoba patent, per barrel,  $\$5.10$ ; strong bakers,  $\$5.10$ , Oregon,  $\$5.80$ .

Grain.—Local wheat,  $\$30$  to  $\$35$ . Oats,  $\$25$  per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop,  $\$23$  to  $\$24$  per ton; ground barley,  $\$22$  ton; shorts,  $\$19.00$  ton; bran  $\$13.00$ ; oil cake meal,  $\$35$  ton. F.O.B. Vancouver, including duty and on import stuff.

Hay.— $\$16.00$  per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; mutton, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; pork, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; veal, 8 to 9¢ lb.

Live Stock.—Steers,  $\$1.75$  per 100 lbs.; sheep,  $\$1.50$  to  $\$5.00$  per 100 lbs; hogs,  $\$3.75$  per 100 lbs.

Poultry.—Chickens, 10¢ lb., turkeys, 12¢ lb., ducks, 12¢ lb. geese, 11¢ lb.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Paris 5¢; granulated, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; extra C, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; yellow 4¢; yellow 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound, 10 gallon kegs 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 5 gallon kegs,  $\$1.50$  each; 1 gallon tins,  $\$1$  per case of 10;  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon tins,  $\$1.75$  per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; good, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; choice 26¢. Ceylons: Fair 25¢; good 30¢; choice 35¢ per lb.

## British Columbia Business Notes.

F. Carne, jr., Nanaimo, boots and shoes, has sold out to A. B. Erskine.

The West Kootenay Butcher Co., Nelson, is opening a branch at Kamlo.

C. Edwards, hotel, Revelstoke, is reported to be giving up business.

Lesuer & Lemon, contractors, Rossland, have dissolved.

Chas. McLean, general store, Rossland, is giving up business.

Wm. Miller, tailor, Rossland, has moved to Golden.

Dunlop, Cook & Co., men's furnishings, Vancouver, are succeeded by Sheasgreen & Co.

M. Crossman, clothing, Vancouver, has opened a branch at Steveston.

John Spieks, restaurant, Vancouver, is out of business.

Ellis & Given, produce, etc., Victoria, style now Chas. D. Given & Co.

Excelleior Brewing Co., Victoria, has dissolved.

E. Case, furniture, Wellington, has moved to Nanaimo.

## Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Oats.—The breaking up of the roads will, no doubt, check the receipts of oats, and on the strength of this holders here are offering sparingly in anticipation of higher prices later on. We quote: No. 2 white, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.

Flour.—Locally a fair jobbing business is reported, and prices show no change. We quote: Winter wheat patents at  $\$1.30$  to  $\$1.50$ ; straight rollers at  $\$3.90$  to  $\$4.10$ , and in bags, at  $\$1.90$  to  $\$1.95$ . Manitoba spring wheat patents at  $\$1.60$  to  $\$1.80$ ; and strong bakers' at  $\$1.25$  to  $\$1.50$ .

Bran.—Sales of Manitoba bran are reported  $\$12$ , and shorts at  $\$13$  per ton, including bags.

Oatmeal.—The market is dull at  $\$2.75$  per barrel in car lots, at  $\$2.70$  to  $\$2.80$  and  $\$1.35$  to  $\$1.40$  per bag for rolled oats in a jobbing way.

Hay.—Sales slow at  $\$8.50$  to  $\$9$  for No. 1, and at  $\$7.50$  to  $\$8$  for No. 2 in car lots on track.

Butter.—There is a steady jobbing demand for good creamery butter at 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, with under grades down to 19¢. All dairy is becoming scarce and sells steady at 14¢.

Eggs.—The demand for small lots is good at 11¢ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and larger quantities at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 11¢ per dozen. Lined eggs continue dull at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, and held fresh at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 8¢ per dozen.

Provisions.—The only change in the local provision market was the firmer feeling in lard, and prices have advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb., with recent sales of fair sized lots at 6¢, and small lots at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for pure in pails, and at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 5¢ for compound. Packers in some cases claim to be getting 10¢ to 12¢ for hams, while others state they are selling freely for future delivery at present prices. We quote: Canadian pork,  $\$11.50$  to  $\$12.50$  per barrel; pure Canadian lard, in pails, at 6¢ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and compound refined at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.; hams, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and bacon 9¢ to 10¢ per lb. —Gazette, March 24.

## The Live Stock Trade.

At London on March 22nd the offerings of United States cattle were large but prices were, nevertheless, well maintained for choice grades. Sales were made at 12¢ for choice. For Argentine stock there was a better feeling and values for choice advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ with sales at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Sheep were easier, the best being quoted at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, which is  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ lower than a week ago.

A private cable received from Liverpool reported the market for Canadian cattle weaker, and noted a decline of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb., choice being quoted at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and middling at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

The Montreal Gazette says "The feature of the local export live stock trade is the engaging of ocean freight space for May shipment, and we understand that all the first boats sailing from this port to Liverpool and Glasgow in the first week of the above month have been taken at 45s for the former and at 40s for the latter, without insurance. In regard to export cattle there has been a stronger feeling through the country for choice stall feed stock, and prices within the past two weeks have been advanced fully  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. and it is reported that some extensive buying has been done for May delivery on the basis of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 5¢ per lb., live weight."

At the East End Abattoir market Montreal, on March 22 there was a firmer feeling, prices advancing  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per lb. The quality of the cattle offered was somewhat better. Choice butchers' stock sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; good at  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; fair a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 3¢ and common at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per lb. The supply of h-o-p and lambs was small, and sales were made at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Spring lambs  $\$3$  to  $\$7$  each. A few milk cows were offered and sold at prices ranging from  $\$15$  to  $\$35$  each.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards, Montreal, on March 22 a bunch of 25 sheep and lambs sold at  $\$5.25$  each. The supply of hogs was small, and the market was steady, prices advancing 10¢ per 100 lbs., to  $\$5.10$  per 100 lbs.

At Toronto on March 23 the run of cattle was light, and the market was firmer in nearly every line. There was a fair amount of buying for Montreal and Buffalo. Export cattle were in good demand. Export ruling figures were from 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Poorer classes went at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. In butchers' cattle, everything sold early and some of the best cattle went for high prices. For ordinary to good carload lots the prices were 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3¢. Quotations for export bulls ruled from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4¢ per lb., and stock bulls were in fair demand at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Steekers,  $\$2.75$  to  $\$2.90$  per cwt., a few good ones touching 30¢ per lb. Feeders brought from 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Sheep in better demand and firm; bucks sold at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb., and good ewes 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Lambs, good grain-fed, weighing from 90 to 100 lbs, sold for 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. Hogs, light run; market firm choice selection of bacon hogs sold at 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

At Chicago on March 23, hogs ranged at  $\$3.75$  to  $\$4.25$  as to quality, heavy packing hogs bringing  $\$3.75$  to  $\$4$ ; pigs,  $\$3.85$  to  $\$4.15$ .

G. Stewart, general store, Methven, Man., is advertising his business for sale.

Joshua Anderson, general store, Oakville, is advertising his business for sale.

Leon Ray, general store, Somerset, Man., has sold out.

Pince & Merrick general store, Virdon, Man., are advertising their business for sale.

The business of the Central Dry Goods Co., Winnipeg, Man., is now carried on under the name of The N. R. Preston Co., Ltd.