

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Holiday week is generally the quietest in the year in wholesale houses and this year is no exception to the rule. Merchants generally are getting ready for their annual stock taking.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There are no features in the market this week, and prices are entirely unchanged. Japanese oranges are in good supply, and meet with a steady demand.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

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| Oranges—Sweet Loretta | 35 @ 3 75   |
| Navels                | 1 75 @ 5 00 |
| Riverside Seedlings   | 1 00 @ 0 00 |
| Japanese              | 0 75 @ 0 00 |
| Lemons—California     | 5 50 @ 7 50 |
| Sicily                | 7 50 @ 9 00 |
| Bananas, bunch        | 2 50 @ 3 50 |
| Apples—Red            | 1 50 @ 1 75 |
| Green                 | 1 50 @ 0 00 |
| Canadian, bbls        | 6 00 @ 0 00 |

Vegetables are quoted:

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| Potatoes—Local         | per ton 17 00 @ 18 00 |
| Onions—Red California  | 1 @                   |
| California Silverskins | 1 @                   |

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

During the holidays there is scarcely any activity in wholesale lines and the time for stocktaking has again come round. Prices in all lines continue steady with no special features to note.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 16c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 16½c; short clear sides, 13c, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. 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, 17½c, breakfast bacon, 18½c.

London layer raisins are quoted by Victoria jobbers in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per box; Valencias, 28 lb. boxes, from 7c to 8c per lb.; and sultanas, 10½c to 12c per lb., currants, in bbls., 7½c per lb., half bbls. 7½c, cases 8c to 8½c. Candied peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 26c to 28c. California evaporated fruits are 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, 11½c to 14½c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 16c. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb boxes, 9½c.

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, ½c more, boxes ½c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bbls. 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 Vic-

toria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to a discount of 2½ per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 3,583 pkgs., against 2,450 pkgs., for the week previous. A few small lots are still going forward to the English market, costing 22c to 23c for creamery and 19c for Western; but shippers say that 23c is a very extreme figure for creamery. There is a fair local demand for both creamery and dairy at steady prices. The supply in the Eastern Townships is said to be very limited, most of the fall goods having been picked up. An enquiry has been received for choice creamery from British Columbia, which it is hoped may lead to business. Creamery choice fall, 22½ to 23c; Creamery good to fine, 21½c to 22c; About 1c to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. Receipts of rolls are liberal, several large lots coming to hand yesterday. They meet with good demand at 18c to 19c for Western, anything fancy in baskets bringing 20c. One or two lots of broken rolls, not done up in cloths, were sold at 17c, one lot selling as low as 15c. Cheese receipts during the past week were 1,505 boxes, against 1,103 for the week previous. The market here keeps very firm with actual sales of finest Western at 11½c and 11c, but holders are not anxious to make sales, as they confidently look for higher prices and a brisker market next month. Stocks in this city are estimated by well posted men at 60,000 boxes. The Liverpool public cable is firm at 53s, while private cables quote 51s to 55s for finest colored and white."

The Toronto Empire reports: "The butter market was unchanged and steady to day. Supplies were good and demand brisk. Large rolls sold at 16 to 17c for choice, and 13 to 14c for medium grades. Dairy tub butter continues to be somewhat scarce. A few lots of extra choice packages sold at 18½ to 19c. Common or bakers' butter is held at 13 to 15c. There is hardly any accumulation of butter on the local market. A good local demand is reported for cheese, and prices are firm. Dealers are asking 11 to 11½c for jobbing lots of fall made cheese. English markets are steady. The Liverpool cable was unchanged to-day at 53s for white and colored cheese. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 18c; medium do, 13 to 15c; large rolls, good to choice, 16 to 17c; medium do, 13 to 14c. creamery, in tubs and crocks, 21 to 25c. Cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c."

Dairy produce is quoted:

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| Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs | 27½ @ 30 |
| Manitoba Dairy, choice        | 22 @ 23  |
| Cheese—Canadian, lb           | 13 @ 14  |
| California                    | 16 @ 00  |
| Eggs, doz                     | 24 @ 25  |

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

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| Hams                 | 15 @ 18  |
| Breakfast bacon      | 15 @ 17½ |
| Short rolls          | 12 @ 13  |
| Bucks                | 13 @ 15  |
| Dry Salt, long clear | 11 @ 12½ |
| Pure Lard, 50lb      | 13 @ 14  |
| " 20lb               | 13½ @ 14 |
| Lard Compound        | 11 @ 12  |

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:

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| Dry Granulated | 52 |
| Extra C        | 51 |
| Fancy Yellow   | 5  |
| Yellow         | 42 |
| Golden C       | 41 |
| Syrups, per lb | 3  |

FLOUR AND FEED.

During the past week The Ogilvie Milling Company have reduced the price of their Manitoba Hungarian Flour 16c per bbl. and jobbers have lowered their prices in sympathy. Oregon flour prices are weak, Snowflake is quoted slightly lower than last week. Other quotations are unchanged, and, but little business is reported doing.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "There is a fair local call for best family brands of flour, which are held at \$3.50 per bbl. Lower grades are rather slow sale, although stocks are not especially large, but agents find it quite active work to place any large orders. The output of all mills have been curtailed and receipts show a falling off. The foreign and outside demand is not active and shipments have been light. The Amulree, with 26,505 bbls., sailed during the week for the United Kingdom, and 1800 bbls. went by last steamer to San Francisco. Quotations are nominal at \$3.50 per bbl. for standard brands and \$3@3.25 for lower grades."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots:

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| Premier             | \$5 00 |
| XXX                 | 4 75   |
| Strong Bakers or XX | 4 50   |
| Superfine           | 3 75   |

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

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| Delta, Victoria mills         | \$ 4 75 @ 0 00        |
| Lion, " "                     | 4 75 @ 0 00           |
| Premier, Enderby mills        | 5 25 @ 0 00           |
| XXX, " "                      | 5 00 @ 0 00           |
| XX, " "                       | 4 75 @ 0 00           |
| Superfine, " "                | 4 00 @ 4 25           |
| Ogilvie's Hungarian           | 0 00 @ 5 35           |
| " Strong Bakers               | 5 00 @ 0 00           |
| H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian | 5 35 @ 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               | 4 90 @ 5 00           |
| Snowflake                     | 5 05 @ 0 00           |
| Royal                         | 4 75 @ 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                          | 23 50 @ 25 00         |
| National Mills oatmeal        | 3 50 @ 0 00           |
| " rolled oats                 | 3 50 @ 0 00           |
| " split peas                  | 3 50 @ 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 |
| Corameal                      | 2 75 @ 3 00           |
| Corameal-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 wholesale:

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