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VICTORIA.

The volume of trade is falling off toward the end of the month in wholesale lines. The cold, raw weather for the past week has had a stimulating effect on rubber goods, boots, shoes, clothing, dry goods, furs and kindred lines with retailers. Buying continues of a conservative character, and, as stocks carried by retailers are light, they will require sorting oftener than in previous seasons.

The important feature of the grocery market is a drop in sugar prices with prospects of still lower prices.

The last of the salmon fleet, the *Primera*, has arrived, making a fleet of 10 vessels, aggregating 9,563 tons, which is double the number hitherto engaged in this industry.

There is no improvement to note in collections. Bankers are conservative and drawing in for the close of the year.

At Vancouver, business during the past week has been a little slack in all lines. Collections are reported by all as being slow. The wholesale business has been quiet during the past few days, probably on account of the near approach of the end of the month.

To *Bradstreet's*, Montreal reports that Canadian cattle exporters have had an unprofitable season. Grain exports at that port this season are 16 per cent. heavier than last year. At Toronto, as elsewhere in the Dominion, the business week has been broken into by Thanks giving Day and orders are small. Wheat is low in price and has been moving forward a little more freely. At Halifax, colder weather has stimulated the demand for dry goods and clothing.

#### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The principal feature in the market is a drop of  $\frac{1}{2}$  which was announced by the Refinery on Monday, which brings the jobbers' quotations for Refinery dry granulated down to  $\frac{5}{8}$ ¢ per lb. A short time ago the Refinery lowered their list prices  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ by two reductions of  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ each within a week. China granulated has been reduced in sympathy, and is now

quoted at  $\frac{5}{8}$ ¢ or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ below prices for Refinery. Various causes are assigned for the action of the Refinery but the large sales of China sugar in their territory is the real cause. Two Victoria houses alone handle about 150 tons per month. The other jobbers are under agreement to the Refinery to handle only their sugar and have to stand by and see that trade slipping from them, by reason of the lower prices of China sugar. They have, it is said, asked the Refinery to meet the China quotations or they purpose cancelling the agreement. This will lead to a peculiar situation, for China granulated will be sold at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ below the Refinery quotations, say the dealers who handle it. A firm of brokers at Vancouver now represent the other refinery at Hong Kong, and their consignment of 1,000 sacks by last steamer increases the quantity of China carried in this Province. A quantity of Australian sugar is coming on the ss. *Arawa* and the sugar situation promises to become more interesting for the parties concerned. Creamery butter is reported by Alice & Ault at 28¢. The markets in the east are quoted  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ higher for December delivery. The American packers' quotations f.o.b. Victoria in bond are a little lower than last week, and jobbers' prices will be reduced in sympathy. Hams are  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower and pure leaf lard  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

The *Montreal Truth Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 4,281 pkgs against 3,911 pkgs for the week previous. The market remains very steady, despite the talk of a liberal November make. Since our last report, sales have been made at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, but it is said that the quality was not strictly gilt edge. Dealers inform us that the quality of fall made creamery is running very irregular this year, and that there is fully one cent per lb., difference in the quality of the September and October make of different factories, and we have good reason for believing this to be the case. Besides the above sales we have been given transactions in September and October creamery at 23¢ to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; but we were not told whether the lots were for England or not; it is supposed they were for the local trade. The scarcity in Eastern Townships dairy, referred to by us last week, continues, and buyers in the country are picking up a few fall ends at 22¢. An Eastern Township straight dairy from June to October was sold at 20¢. Creamery, August 22¢ to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb., Creamery, September and October, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 23¢. For single tubs of selected, 1¢ per lb. may be added to the above. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 58,000 boxes against 28,587 boxes for the week previous. Very little if any change has taken place in the cheese market on this side since our last issue, although the Liverpool public cable has been lowered 61, which is not a good sign. The *Mona Lee* combination sold about 800 boxes comprising the balance of season's make at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; but finest September and October Western cannot be bought under 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 11¢. Of course, it is a waiting market as usual at this time of year, and shippers are beginning to discuss stocks, and it is claimed by well informed that after next week's boats leave port, there will be considerably less cheese in Canada than there was a year

ago. It is stated that there are not more than 140,000 boxes west of Toronto, about 80,000 or 90,000 boxes of which are still in farmers' hands. Last year at this time, however, there were 210,000 boxes west of Toronto. The shortage in the fall make west of Toronto is said to be very heavy; factories which last year turned out 600 boxes during the fall have this fall only made from 300 to 350 boxes. It is estimated that there are in this city all the way from 80,000 to 100,000 boxes. But it matters not how big or how small stocks may be, if the recent big strike has had such a disastrous effect upon general trade in England as some make out. That will be the governing factor in the situation."

New season's dried fruits are quoted:

Valencia raisins	per lb	\$ 6 @ 9	7
Malaga raisins	per box	3 00 @	3 25
Currents (barrels)	per lb	51 @	6
" (cases)	per lb	61 @	71
Sultana raisins	per lb	10 @	121
Taragona almonds	per lb	11 @	151
Filberts	per lb	13 @	14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	28 @	00
Manitoba dairy	20 @	23
Cheese—Canadian, lb	121 @	11
California	16 @	18
Eggs, case, per doz	221 @	23

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	16 @	18
Breakfast bacon	17 @	18
Short rolls	14 @	15
Dry Salt, long clear	14 @	60
Pure Lard, 50 lbs	131 @	00
" " 20 lbs	131 @	00
" " 10 lbs	121 @	00
" " 5 lbs	121 @	00
" " 3 lbs	121 @	00
Lard Compound, 10 lbs	121 @	00
" " 20 lbs	121 @	00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices  $\frac{1}{2}$ -barrels and kegs in each case being  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ higher:

Dry Granulated (China)	51
Extra C, China	5
Dry Granulated	51
Extra C	51
Fancy Yellow	51
Yellow	5
Golden C	41
Syrup, per lb	3
" 1 gal. tins, American	5 50
" 1 " "	5 35
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1 1/2 " "	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured ham, medium	0 16
" " " heavy	0 151
" " " breakfast bacon	0 171
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 181
" " " breakfast bacon	0 21
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 14
" " " 50-lb tins	0 111
" " " 20-lb " "	0 141
" " " 10-lb " "	0 111
" " " 5-lb " "	0 111
" " " 3-lb " "	0 141
Lard compound	0 111

#### FLOUR AND FEED.

The Columbia Flouring Mills have further reduced their quotations on carload lots on wharf in Victoria 15¢ per bbl. Jobbers' prices will be affected in sympathy. These quotations only affect the coast markets and are made to meet the competition of the Oregon millers who seek to make this a slaughter market. Some of the Oregon millers are becoming dissatisfied with the low prices received in this market because of the keen competition, and their brands will not be represented