

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Conservative buying continues the order, and is generally expected will be so until there is more confidence in general business and money circulates more freely. The decline in sealskin values has a depressing effect on those engaged in that industry and others indirectly connected therewith. Some the sealers are preparing to start on their voyage to the coast of Japan and a number of schooners will probably be away before the end of the year. All lines are preparing for the holiday trade. The principal industries of the country are depressed in common with other business centres and not till there is a general revival of trade can good times be expected.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "On all sides preparations for the Christmas trade are now apparent. Windows are being dressed with extra care, and merchants generally are making arrangements for the holiday trade. Business, however, is reported dull in the upper country and in this city it is not very brisk at present. Nanaimo on the other hand is a pleasing exception, as trade there is picking up as the result of an improvement in the coal trade. Money is still tight here and collections suffer accordingly. Merchants are, however, holding their own surprisingly, well, and obligations are met with very creditable promptness. Notices have been issued by the local banks, that on and after the 1st of January next, the interest on Savings Bank deposits will be reduced to three per cent. All mining operations in the interior are now being shut down for the winter and a large number of men who have been employed there during the summer have returned to town. Everything points to great activity in mining next season, and the employment of a large number of hands. In wholesale a fair trade is being done, about equal in volume to that of previous years. Quotations do not show much change."

FLOUR AND FEED.

The advance recently noted has been maintained and prices continue steady.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says of flour: "The mills are all busy and turning out fair quantities of stock. Immediately after our issue of last week was out flour advanced 10: per barrel for standard brands. The market is rather firm and the majority of mills are all working on orders. Large quantities of stock are going to San

Francisco and eastern points. The British Bark Silverhow finished loading and took 20,581 barrels of flour to Europe this week. Quote standard brands \$2.40 per barrel, inferior grades 10c per bbl. less."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian	\$1 10
" Strong Bakers	3 99

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
Superfine	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
Superfine	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
Superfine	3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX	1 10 @ 0 00
XX	3 65 @ 0 00
Superfine	3 10 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	1 35 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 15 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	1 35 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 15 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	1 35 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 15 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	1 35 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	1 15 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	3 85 @ 0 00
Vashon, Washington	3 90 @ 0 00
Snowflake	3 75 @ 0 00
Gold Drop	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
Washington	22 50 @ 00 00
Shorts	20 00 @ 25 00
Bran	17 00 @ 20 00
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
rolled oats (90-bkcs)	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	1 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole	per ton 35 00 @ 00 00
Peas, field	per ton 10 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal	2 10 @ 2 75
Cornmeal-feed	per ton 40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn	37 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton	15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$75 00 @ 80 00
" (polished)	90 00 @ 00 00
Best China rice	80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarice No. 1 (mats)	65 00 @ 00 00
" (sacks)	63 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

A carload of Valencia raisins and other Mediterranean fruits have arrived

and the quality is said to be poor. Several carloads are expected early this week and importers are anxious to see how they turn out. The quotations on dried fruits, nuts, have only been slightly changed.

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

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	14
Yellow, according to quality	1 to 14
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	54
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls	64

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins	per lb \$ 6 @ \$ 64
Valencia Layers	per lb 7 @ 74
Malaga raisins	per box 3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels)	per lb 5 @
half bbls	per lb 0 @ 0
(cases)	per lb 54 @ 0
Sultana raisins	per lb 8 @ 10
Taragona almonds	per lb 17 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts	per lb 14 @ 18
Brazil Nuts	per lb 16 @ 0
Shelled Almonds	per lb 324 @
Smyrna Figs	per lb 16 @ 0
11-ozbox each	124 @
Filberts	per lb 114 @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	25 @ 26
Manitoba dairy	18 @ 19
creamery in tins	274 @ 29
in tubs	26 @ 00
Cheese—Canadian, lb	13 @ 14
Canadian Stilton	17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian	per doz 21 @ 22

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15 @ 154
Breakfast bacon	15 @ 154
Short rolls	12 @ 124
Dry Salt, long clear	11 @ 114
Backs	134 @ 134
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 124
" 50-lb tins	0 124
" 20-lb "	0 13
" 10-lb "	0 134
" 5-lb "	0 134
" 3-lb "	0 13
Lard Compound, 10 lbs	104 @ 00
" 20 lbs	104 @ 00
" 5 lbs	104 @ 00
" 3 lbs	104 @ 00

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

Dry Granulated (China)	100-sack 1 65
Extra C, China	4 374
China, yellow	4 124
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	14 to 144
Extra C	42
Fancy Yellow	44
Yellow	44
Golden C	34
Strbes	64
Powdered	64
Syrups, per lb	3
1 gal. tins, American (10)	5 50
" 16	5 50
" 1 Vancouver	5 50
" 14	7 00

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 154
" heavy	0 15
" breakfast bacon	0 154
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 164
" breakfast bacon	0 164

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton	11 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton	16 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl	3 60
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs	8 50
" quarter boxes	
28 lbs, per cwt	8 75