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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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The past month has been a fairly satisfactory one all round. The jobbing houses have done a fair trade, and collections are as satisfactory as could be expected. The feeling is that the fall trade will be good. Sealing schooners are still coming in with good catches. Over fifty thousand skins have already been received, and it is quite probable that the estimated catch of sixty thousand skins will be exceeded when all the schooners have returned. Nearly six carloads were shipped during the week to London by houses representing the sealers. The advancing tendency of the market in many lines causes a growing feeling of confidence which is well calculated to cause dealers to carry more goods in stock. It is generally believed that values in nearly all lines have touched bottom and any change in prices will be towards higher figures.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: Merchants report a decided improvement in business during the past week, and as this opinion was expressed by those engaged in nearly every line of trade, it is very encouraging. The week has been a busy one in shipping circles. Three vessels have arrived to load lumber here, and one to load salmon, while the Empress of India has reached port from the Orient once more with a full cargo. Building operations are being actively pushed forward, and the contract for another new block has just been let, so that there promises to be plenty of work during the winter months. Wholesale, despite the fact that the end of the month was so near, the volume of business was larger last week than for some time past.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The only feature of note is the decline of jobbers' prices for Oregon flours, which have declined from 15c to 25c per bu.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian \$4 40
" Strong Bakers 4 10

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots in warehouse in Victoria:

Premier \$4 25
XXX 4 10
Strong Bakers or XX 3 75
Superfine 3 40

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:
Delta, Victoria mills \$4 50 @ 0 00

Lion, " "	4 50 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 50 @	0 00
XXX, " "	4 35 @	0 00
XX, " "	4 00 @	0 00
Superfine, " "	3 65 @	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 75 @	0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 50 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..	4 65 @	0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 50 @	0 00
Oak Lako Patent Hungarian	4 65 @	0 00
Strong Bakers.....	0 00 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 65 @	0 00
Strong Bakers.....	0 00 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	4 35 @	0 00
Portland Roller.....	4 35 @	0 00
Snowflake	4 35 @	0 00
Royal.....	4 50 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	30 00 @	35 00
Oats.....	30 00 @	32 50
Oil cake meal.....	45 00 @	00 00
Chop feed.....	25 00 @	30 00
Shorts.....	23 00 @	30 00
Bran.....	25 00 @	27 50
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 @	23 00
California oatmeal.....	4 25 @	0 00
California rolled oats.....	4 00 @	5 00
Corn, whole..... per ton	37 50 @	40 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @	3 00
Corameal-feed..... per ton	40 00 @	00 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @	00 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @	20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @	0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 77 50
Best Chinarrice "	100 00
Chinarrice No. 1 "	70 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Chit rice "	25 00
Rice Meal "	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There is scarcely any change reported in prices. The weather during the past month has not tended to increase consumption, on the other hand demand is falling off. There is but little native fruit being received, and the crop this year is acknowledged a failure. The season for California small fruits is nearly over, and Oregon is furnishing the bulk of the supply.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Australian.....	2 50 @	3 00
California seedlings.....	3 50 @	4 00
Lemons—California.....	4 50 @	6 50
Australian.....	2 50 @	0 00
Bananas.....	75 @	1 25
Apples..... bxs	1 15 @	1 35
Plums.....	75 @	90
Peaches.....	1 00 @	1 15
Pears.....	1 25 @	1 75
Grapes.....	1 00 @	1 25
Cocoanuts..... per 100	8 00 @	9 00
Watermelons..... per doz	3 00 @	6 00
Nutmeg melons..... per crate	1 25 @	0 00
Cantaloupes..... per crate	3 50 @	1 00
Pineapples—sugar..... per doz	4 50 @	5 00
Hawaiian..... per doz	2 00 @	0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local..... per lb	1 @	11
Onions—Silverskins.....	1 @	2
Cabbage.....	17 @	2
Tomatoes..... per box	75 @	90
large..... per box	1 50 @	0 00
Cucumbers..... per box	1 25 @	1 75

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

American packing houses have advanced quotations for meats and lard. Hams are up from 4 to 4c, breakfast bacon 1/2 to 1 1/2c, and pure lard 10's, 1 1/2c. Local

quotations for creamery butter are unchanged. The situation in the east for both butter and cheese is strong. Recent mail advices quote creamery butter at 21c, while telegraph quotations for car lots are about 23c f. o. b. eastern points, cash before shipment or on arrival with interest. Cheese is also firm. A car load was recently purchased at 10 1/2 f. o. b. east for colored, while quotations in eastern papers of recent date quote at 9c. Manitic creameries are asking 23c and 24c for small lots, f. o. b. for shipment to British Columbia. Sugars continue steady with no change in quotations. The markets both in eastern Canada and the United States have been short of hard sugars, and reports state that refiners are being taxed to their utmost capacity to fill the orders of their customers.

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast, corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.05c; do. 2's per doz., \$1.70; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.00; do. 2's, \$6.00. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15 1/2c per lb; heavy hams, 14 1/2c; choice breakfast bacon, 21 1/2c; short clear sides, 14 1/2c, and dry salt clear sides, 13 1/2c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 15 1/2c 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, 18 1/2c, breakfast bacon, 22c.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 3,700 pkgs. against 6,802 pkgs. for the week previous. As stated by us last week, the August make of creamery has been swept up pretty clean in this province, and one shipper was greatly disappointed when he went through the country a few days ago and found that factory after factory had sold their August and July make. It is questionable if 300 pkgs of August creamery could be found in this province to-day unsold. From 21c to 21 1/2c has been paid for the August goods. As regards September creamery, factorymen refuse to name a price. Eastern Townships dairy in round lots is scarce, and 19 1/2c would be paid by shippers for a round lot of fine fall make. Western dairy is still held at points of production at higher prices than buyers can pay in this market, 18 1/2c being asked here for a lot of choice selected, yesterday. English advices report a firm market, but buyers there come up very slow in their bids. We quote: Creamery, August, 21c to 22c; Eastern Townships, 19c to 20c; Western, 17c to 19c. Cheese receipts during the past week were 28,112 boxes against 61,836 boxes for the week previous. This market is strong, excited and higher, with large transactions, several of the largest combinations having sold their three months' make at prices ranging from 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c, and in one case 10 1/2c was obtained for October. Quebec cheese has sold at 10c to 10 1/2c for August, with a few Septembers. Nearly all cheese east of Toronto has been contracted at good prices. The English market is firm and slow, but steadily advancing.