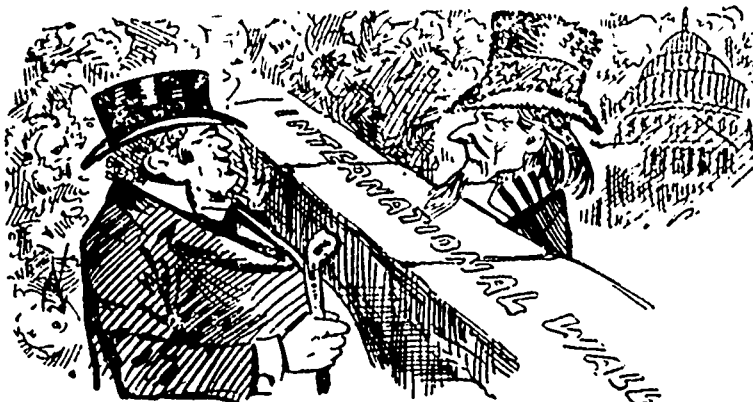


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this fall. The latest mail quotations for Canadian cured meats are as follows, laid down in Victoria: Hams, 15½c per lb; breakfast ham, 16½c; rolls, 12½c; smoked clear, 13½c; long clear, 12½c. American meats are also very high. Queen brand hams are now quoted at 16½c in Seattle, which amounts to 20½c laid down in Victoria, at which price the trade cannot handle them to any advantage. Lard prices are still increasing and will probably rise further. Armour's white label pure lard in 10-lb pails is quoted at 17½c for car-load lots, f. o. b. Victoria, by the local agents of the Armour Packing Co. The second advance has taken place in the prices of American canned meats. Prices are now 10c to 15c a doz. higher than last week. Local prices of meats are as yet unchanged, but dealers will probably put up their prices as soon as the present stocks are exhausted. A well informed merchant says that he does not expect to see any weakening in the situation until October.

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, 13½c, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 17½c 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. Canded peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 20c 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, 14½c to 14c; 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. 5c; 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. bls. 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 Victoria, 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 1,130 pkgs., against 966 pkgs., for the week previous. The English export demand is believed to be pretty well over, and judging from the stocks of creamery held in this city and in the country, we do not think there need be any fear of a

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VICTORIA.

Trade generally has been quiet during the last week. The unusual change in the weather has for a time locked things up. People are not inclined to get around much when the weather is unpleasant.

The end of the month is usually bad for business. January has been a fair month, and there is a feeling of hopefulness among merchants generally throughout the province that the present year will be a prosperous one.

The British bark Formosa, 915 tons, is now on berth at Liverpool for Victoria, on account of Messrs. H. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., taking cargo for Vancouver city and New Westminster at through rates. She will sail previous to March 10—probably in February.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The strong situation of the meat market is about the only feature worthy of notice. Mail advices from Toronto state that the hog supply of Ontario is only about half of what it was a year ago, and the outlook is not expected to show improvement until