

FLOUR AND FEED.

Flour prices continue steady, but oats, bran and shorts are reported slightly higher. Pearl barley is also reported stronger, but quotations are unchanged.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "The movement in flour is slow and prices variable. Standard brands are quoted all the way from \$3.25@3.40 per bbl., with competition active and agents are inclined to work business at a sacrifice of values. Receipts for the week by rail have been moderate, aggregating 6,500 bbls., from both sections. Shipments to San Francisco and British Columbia have been fair but European exports show a marked falling off."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots delivered at Victoria .

Premier.....	\$1 75
XXX.....	1 65
Strong Bakers or XX.....	1 25
Superfine.....	3 65

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are :

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 1 75 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	4 75 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 00 @ 0 00
XXX, " ".....	4 90 @ 0 00
XX, " ".....	4 50 @ 0 00
Superfine, " ".....	3 90 @ 1 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 85 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 85 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	1 80 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	1 65 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	4 85 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	4 75 @ 0 00
Royal.....	4 60 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	28 00 @ 35 00
Oats.....	32 50 @ 40 00
Oil cake meal.....	40 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed.....	28 00 @ 32 00
Shorts.....	30 00 @ 35 00
Bran.....	27 50 @ 30 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 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	4 00 @ 5 00
Corn, whole.....per ton	37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-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 whole-sale :

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

LUMBER.

The Hawaiian bark John Ena, 2,600 tons, Capt. Schnauer, has completed her cargo at the Genoa Mills, for Port Pirie on account of Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., She has cleared with a cargo of 2,580,797 feet rough lumber, valued at \$19,500 and will sail shortly. The Sigurd sailed May 21, for Port Pirie, with 1,426,000 feet rough lumber valued at \$10,698. The bark May Low sailed May 24, from the Hastings Mill for Pisagna, with a cargo of 663,000 feet lumber comprising 566,000 feet rough and 97,000 feet dressed, valued at \$6,206.

The Wythorp sailed May 20, for Sydney, with a cargo of 1,019,007 feet, comprised of 836,000 feet rough, 83,607 feet lath and 100,000 feet of pickets valued at \$8,365.

There are at present eight vessels loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—Br. bark Blairhoyle, 1,291 tons for Sydney; Ger. bark Heinrich, 923 tons, U. K. Cork, f. o.; Br. ship Gryfe, 1,069 tons, U. K., Cork f. o.; Br. bark Dochra, 960 tons, for Adelaide. At Cowichan—Haw. bark John Ena, 2,600 tons for Port Pirie.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association :

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 10 feet inclusive, per M feet..	\$ 8 50
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M.....	19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M.....	17 00
Pickets, rough per M.....	9 00
Laths, 1 feet, per M.....	00

The local quotations established by the Victoria lumber dealers are as follows, including delivery to any part of the city : Rough lumber, per M feet, \$10.00; shiplap, \$12.00; rustic, 6 & 8 in, \$18.00; 6-in flooring, \$18.00; 4-inch flooring, \$20.00; do, edge grain, \$22.50; dressed lumber, four sides, \$17.00; second quality flooring and rustic, all kinds, \$14.00; shingles, \$2.25; laths, \$2.25.

Work is to be begun and that, it is said, without delay on the new Government buildings on James Bay, the contract for the foundations having been awarded to Mr. Joseph Phillips, of Victoria. The question once more arises—is the entire work to be done by contract or is some of it to be carried out by days' labor? So far, the principle of contract has been affirmed, but how will it be with the rest of the work? We are assured that not a few votes were cast in favor of the public buildings project on the strength of the belief that it would afford employment to a considerable number of our own people, but who is to say that the contractors to whom the different descriptions of work are awarded will not bring their help from almost the four quarters of the globe?

PRESIDENT VAN HORNE, of the C. P. R., whenever he comes to the coast brings with him men of capital and enterprise and at others is not unfrequently instrumental in inducing others to come out and see what the lay of the land is. Last week, in addition to Assistant General Manager Shaughnessy, Chief Engineer Petersen and Telegraph Manager Hosmer of the C. P. R., he had with him a prominent London banker, Mr. R. Horne Payne, Mr. J. H. R. Molson, president of Molson's Bank, Montreal, Mr. R. B. Angus, formerly cashier of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. Searth of Winnipeg. These gentlemen, though they did not stay long enough to see much of Victoria are going into the Kootenay country, their good account of which will no doubt have a useful influence when they return to their homes in the east. What a pity, Victorians cannot fail to say, that Mr. Van Horne's guests cannot spend a longer time in this city and on the Island of Vancouver!

BUSINESS CHANGES.

John Henderson, hotel, South Saanich, is dead.

J. B. L. Jones, general merchant, Northfield, is dead.

Richard Hilbert, Nanaimo, has been granted an extension.

J. G. Jacques, insurance and real estate, Westminster, is dead.

Gallagher & Stevenson, livery, Vernon, are giving up business.

D. C. Mackenzie, furniture, Nanaimo, is opening in undertaking line.

D. A. Lamey, general merchant Illecillewaet, has removed to Lardeau.

Geo. Gles, ex-manager of the B. C. Mercantile Agency, left town suddenly.

Trahey & McDonald, ship builders, Victoria West, have dissolved. T. H. Trahey, continues the business.

Ross J. Ferguson, saloon, Victoria, is reported having left town. Has given bill of sale to Lowen & Erb, who are in possession.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending May 20—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPMENT.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
15.	Pioneer, str., Port Townsend.....	57
16.	Gen. Fairchild, bk., Wilmington	2,400
17.	Sen. Lion, str., Port Townsend ..	61
18.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend.....	50
18.	Tyco, str., Port Townsend.....	97
18.	Montserrat, str., San Francisco ..	1,452
19.	Grandholm, ss., San Francisco....	1,637
20.	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend ...	60
Total.....		5,817

The following are the shipments for the week ending May 27:--

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
22.	Pioneer, str., Port Townsend....	42
22.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend.....	48
22.	Louis Walsh, ship, Wilmington.	2,325
23.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend....	21
23.	Kelipse, ship, San Francisco.....	2,517
25.	Angeles, str., Port Townsend....	69
27.	Bawnmore, ss., San Francisco....	3,017
Total.....		8,042

THE CANADA PAINT COMPANY.

The Canada Paint Company of Montreal, Toronto and Victoria, B. C., manufacturers of varnishes, paints and colors, have just completed the most comprehensive price list in book form ever issued in Canada,

L. Godbolt, the western representative of J. & T. Bell, boots and shoes, Montreal, is on the way to the coast.

Herb. Simpson, representing the well known house of Greene & Sons Co., Montreal is in the city.

The Swiss exhibit in the arts building at Chicago was closed temporarily, owing to alleged indignity to the Swiss Government.

The result of the sugar season in Cuba, now practically ended, shows that the yield of the whole island will amount to between 750,000 and 800,000 tons, a yield considerably below the average total production.