

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

There are no features in the markets of special note. The fruit crop of British Columbia will this year be an abundant one. A few varieties of this season's small fruits have arrived from San Francisco. Large quantities of English merchandise are going into warehouse ex the three large ships at present discharging cargo. Wholesale houses in all lines report a fair trade but collections show little improvement.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Umatilla, May 3, for Victoria: 51 crates cabbage, 35 cs asparagus, 20 sacks potatoes, 148 cs oranges, 30 cs lemons, 6 crates cauliflower, 1 bxs sweet potatoes, 3 bxs cucumbers, 4 bxs onions, 14 crates bananas, 13 bxs peas, 1 cs horseradish, 2 cs berries, 6 bxs vegetables. Receipts per steamship City of Puebla, May 8, were as follows: 240 cs oranges, 40 crates bananas, 74 crates cabbage, 59 bxs asparagus, 54 sks potatoes, 8 crates cauliflower, 6 bxs sweet potatoes, 6 bxs cucumbers, 18 cs lemons, 8 sks onions, 20 cs peas, 1 cs garlic, 3 cs vegetables, 3 cs beans, 1 cs cherries, 6 sks cocoanuts, 6 pkgs containing 18 cs strawberries. A shipment of potatoes has arrived from the east and quoted from \$35 to \$37.50. There will be a fair supply on the market shortly, and the famine can be said to be over for the present. New California potatoes are quoted at 6c per lb. A few cherries have arrived and found a quick sale at \$3 a case. Asparagus is slightly cheaper.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Navels, common to good	3 50 @ 0 00
" fancy	4 00 @ 0 00
Riverside Seedlings	2 00 @ 2 25
" fancy	2 35 @ 2 75
Los Angeles	2 00 @ 2 25
Lemons—California	1 00 @ 5 00
Sicily	5 50 @ 6 00
Apples—California, bxs	2 00 @ 2 50
bbls.	6 00 @ 7 50
Bananas	3 50 @ 3 75

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes	per ton 35 00 @ 40 00
New California	per lb 6 @
Onions—Red California	00 @ 0
Oregon Yellow Danvers	0 @ 4 1/2
Cabbage	21 @ 2 1/2
Asparagus	per lb 9 @
Rhubarb	10 @
Cauliflower, per doz.	1 20 @

FLOUR AND FEED.

There has been another drop in the price of flour, and jobbers quotations are weak. The latest quotation for standard brands of Manitoba Hungarian Flour in carload lots is said to be \$1.55 per bbl., at Victoria. Oregon flour is also weak and good brands are being sold by jobbers at \$1.60 and \$1.65 per bbl. There is a steady consumptive demand and low prices do not tend to much increase in the quantity consumed. Jobbers quotations on many grades of flour are to a certain extent nominal, as sales have been reported in many instances below regular quotations.

The Portland Commercial Review says:

"The past week's receipts of flour per rail have been 4,835 bbls., from the Valley and 1,500 bbls., from Eastern Oregon and Washington. Shipments have been light. A small amount went to China via British Columbia, but not much to American Sound ports. Standard brands continue to be listed at \$3.30 per bbl., but sales at less figures are reported. At present cost of wheat the milling interests are compelled to depend upon good prices for offal which thus far have been good. The European export trade is not at all of an encouraging nature and two of our loading vessels will take part cargoes of wheat. The milling situation here, however, is no worse than in the great milling centre of Minneapolis, where the profits of trade have been so small that the great Pillsbury-Washburn combination have not been able to more than meet working expenses and no dividends have been paid during the past six months."

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

Premier	\$1 75
XXX	4 65
Strong Bakers or XX	4 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	1 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	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	4 85 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	4 85 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	4 65 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	4 85 @ 5 00
Snowflake	4 75 @ 0 00
Royal	4 60 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	28 00 @ 35 00
Oats	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal	40 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed	28 00 @ 32 00
Shorts	28 00 @ 32 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 @ 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 wholesale:

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

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter from San Francisco, by ss. Umatilla, May 3, for Victoria: 32 cs, 3,670 lbs; 31 hf cs, 1,760 lbs; 175 tubs, 5,900 lbs. Total, 11,330 lbs. Receipts by City of Puebla May 8 as follows: 10 cs, 1,120 lbs; 26 hf cs, 1,310 lbs; 100 tubs, 3,850 lbs. Total,

6,310 lbs. Receipts April 2ⁿ 7,715 lbs. April 23, 10,207 lbs; April 13, 12,605 lbs; April 8 3,830 lbs; April 2, 4,895 lbs.

San Francisco advices state that the butter market there is firmer, and prices have advanced 1/2c per lb. Local quotations are not yet affected, but will probably be advanced after the arrival of the next steamer. The American market is stronger for pork products, but quotations are unaltered. Sugar quotations are the same as last week, although raws dropped 22 points, nearly 1c, last week, in New York.

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 7 1/2c; Paris lumps, 7c; granulated 8 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; fancy yellow, 5 1/2c; yellow 5 1/2c; golden C, 5 1/2c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, 1c; more, boxes 1c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bls. 2 1/2c; 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 1/2 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 2 1/2 per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows. Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.10; do. 2's per doz., \$1.85; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.25; do. 2's, \$6.25. 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, 18 1/2c per lb; heavy hams, 18c; choice breakfast bacon, 18 1/2c; short clear sides, 15c, and dry salt clear sides, 14 1/2c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 18 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, 19 1/2c, breakfast bacon, 19 1/2c.

California evaporated fruits are quoted as follows: Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 14c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13 1/2c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 20c; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 14c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14 1/2c to 14 3/4c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 17c. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb boxes, 8 1/2 to 1c.

The Trade Review, of Montreal, says: "The butter market continues much the same. According to all accounts, holders of held dairy stock are going to have a turn in their favor shortly. Some Americans are, it is understood, looking round this market to see what can be picked up cheaply, but, as stocks are not large, holders are disposed to wait a bit, especially as there will soon be some boats going down below, and there is a strong probability that buyers there will want some butter with keeping qualities, and the held dairy on spot is the only supply of this description available. There is only one large line, some 1,000 boxes Kamouraska, the remainder being made up of an aggregation of small lots. New dairy is arriving