

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The new month has opened without any notable change in the situation. The usual spurt in sorting trade is noticeable, and money is reported tight. R. G. Dun & Co., report 78 commercial failures in this province last year, with assets amounting to \$1,047,073, and liabilities of \$925,106. The total commercial failures for the Dominion, including Newfoundland, were 1,856, with assets of \$13,510,056, and liabilities of \$17,616,215.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: Business continues steady, and there are no features of importance to note. The present season of the year is usually very quiet, and, until the opening of the spring, not much activity is expected. About the usual volume of wholesale business is being transacted, and there are no changes of any importance to note in this week's prices.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin*, of Jan. 24, says: "The past week's business in wholesale circles has not been encouraging, either as regards volume of business or general prospects. Still, we are not far enough advanced in the new year to be able to form any definite idea as to the probabilities of 1895, although it is generally admitted that there is no reason why our merchants should depart from the conservative policy that has been observed by them during the past six months. We know it has been advanced by some that now is the time to invest in different kinds of merchandise owing to low prices; but the same argument was used at the beginning of 1894, and those who acted on it are not as well off as they were."

FLOUR AND FEED.

Quotations are steady and unchanged, except hay, which has been reduced \$3.00 per ton.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....\$1 50
" Strong Bakers..... 1 20
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier.....\$1 25
XXX..... 1 10
Strong Bakers or XX..... 3 65
Superfine..... 3 40
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.....	4 50 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	4 35 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	3 90 @ 0 00
Superfine, ".....	3 65 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 55 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	4 85 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers.....	4 55 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 55 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	3 75 @ 3 85
Snowflake.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Gold Drop.....	3 65 @ 3 75
Wheat, per ton.....	25 00 @ 00 00
Oats.....	21 00 @ 28 00
Oil cake meal.....	33 00 @ 45 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 lbsks).....	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.....	4 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole..... per ton.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Peas, field..... per ton.....	10 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal.....	2 40 @ 2 75
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton.....	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn.....	37 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	12 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 80 00 @ 90 00
" " (polished).....	90 00 @ 100 00
Best China rice ".....	90 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1 " (mats).....	68 00 @ 00 00
" " " (sacks).....	63 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Broken rice ".....	30 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There is still quite a stock of Japanese oranges on the market and they are in good demand. California oranges are in good supply and prices reasonably low. Local quotations are unchanged.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Japanese.....	0 00 @ 0 65
" California Navals.....	3 75 @ 4 00
" " Seedlings.....	2 50 @ 3 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	4 00 @ 4 50
" California selected.....	3 50 @ 4 00
Apples—California.....	1 35 @ 1 65
" Oregon.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Coconuts..... per 100.....	8 00 @ 9 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins..... per lb.....	1 ½ @ 2
Cabbage..... per lb.....	2 @
Potatoes..... per ton.....	15 00 @ 18 00

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The only feature to note is another drop of ½c in the prices of the British Columbia Refinery, which cut has been followed by the jobbers in China and German sugar. The Halifax *Maritime Grocer* makes the following comment on the sugar situation. "Undoubtedly the

acumen of competition from all sources has had its effect upon a market already tottering under the weight of an enormous surplus of this product. We have seen granulated tumble from 4½c, six weeks ago, to a present price of 3½c cash, immediate delivery and 3½c for delivery next month. The refineries are taking a decided step in their attempt to crush out the German importation, and at present prices they should be in a position to hold their trade. Yellow sugars are now offered at 3 cents.

The St. Paul *Trade Journal*, in an article on the trust and German beet sugars, says: The steamer *Hollywood*, from Hamburg, carried to Philadelphia refineries during the week ending December 22nd, 1894, 26,169 bags of sugar, containing 5,835,356 pounds of German beet sugar, invoiced at \$120,364, or about 2.06 cents per pound. At the same port for the week ending December 29th, 46,500 bags were landed by the *Glencig*, from Hamburg, and the *Monmouth*, from Bremerhaven, and at New York 60,998 bags, making for the week 107,498 bags, holding about 24,000,000 pounds of beet sugars. It would appear from this that the sugar trust can and does buy vast amounts of beet sugar from German makers, pays freight, insurance, commissions, discriminating duties, etc., and then can afford to refine it and sell it in competition with sugars from American and Cuban plantations. The claim of the American Sugar Refining Company that it "cannot compete with German refineries," "is losing money," etc., is as false as the rest of the hypocritical, mendacious and brazen statements with which it has sought to gull the American people. How long will respectable trade papers lend themselves to aid the deception and corrupt practices of this unutterable disgrace to ourage and country?

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, delivered in warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	4 ½
Extra C.....	4 ½
Fancy Yellow.....	4
Yellow.....	3 ½
Golden C.....	3 ½
Paris lumps in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	5 ½
Powdered icing and bars, in bbls.....	5 ½
Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:	
Dry Granulated (China)..... 100-sack.....	4 25
Extra C, China..... ".....	4 12 ½
China, yellow..... ".....	3 75
Refined German Beet.....	4 ½ c @ 4 ½
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	4 ½
Extra C.....	4 ½
Fancy Yellow.....	4 ½
Yellow.....	4 ½
Golden C.....	3 ½
Cubes.....	6 ½
Powdered.....	6 ½
Syrups, per b.....	3
" 1 gal. (ins, American (10).....	5 50
" ½ " " (10).....	4 0
" 1 " Vancouver.....	5 0
" ½ " ".....	7 0