

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

As spring advances it is generally expected that business will resume more satisfactory conditions of activity. At the moment there are no changes to note in the local situation. There is a fair amount of activity, but business is not sufficiently large to influence the situation to any appreciable extent. It is acknowledged that both buyers and sellers are, as a rule, following a course that is well intended to keep down liabilities, retailers carrying light stock and wholesalers being sparing of their credit.

There is a steadily increasing call for goods from the mining districts, and an improvement in demand for logging camp supplies is anticipated. The banks are expecting a more active demand for money with the advance of spring.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

California fancy roll butter is now quoted by the local jobbing trade at 23c per lb. There is a tendency to higher prices in some varieties of canned and dried fruits. Beans are reported firm and in the United States markets holders have made a noted advance. Australian creamery butter received ex-Miowera is quoted 3½c lower than the former shipment. Prices of eggs are low because of the full supply. Jobbers are quoting currants in cases 2c higher. Prunes have advanced in the primary markets. A shipment of one hundred tons of Hong Kong sugar was received ex-Victoria by R. P. Rihet & Co., Ltd.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, for lots of one barrel and upwards, delivered into warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by net spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	14
Extra C.....	1
Fancy Yellow.....	3½
Yellow.....	3½
Golden C.....	3½
Paris lumps in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	5½
Powdered Icing and bar8, in bbls.....	5½

Above prices are for barrels or bags, 100 lb. keg ½c. higher; half bbls. ½c. and boxes ½c.

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms 60 days.

Dry Granulated (China).....	100-sack	1 25
Extra C, China.....	"	00
Standard C.....	"	3 65
Refined German Beet.....	1½ c @	14
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	"	14
Extra C.....	"	44
Fancy Yellow.....	"	14
Yellow.....	"	4
Golden C.....	"	3½
Cubes.....	"	6
Powdered.....	"	6½
Syrups, per lb.....	"	3

" 1 gal. tin American (10).....	5 50
" 1 " " (10).....	5 50
" 1 " " Vancouver.....	5 00
" 1 " "	7 0

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins.....	per lb	\$ 6 @ \$ 7½
Valencia Layers.....	per lb	7 @ 7½
Malaga raisins.....	per box	3.00 @ 3.25
California London Layers.....	per box	2.00 @ 2.25
Currants (barrels).....	per lb	5 @ 0
" half bbls.....	per lb	0 @ 0
" (cases).....	per lb	5½ @ 7½
Sultana raisins, Eastern.....	per lb	8 @ 10
" California 20 lb. box	1 20	
Shelled Almonds, Jordan.....	per lb	15
" Valencia.....	"	32½
Taragona almonds.....	per lb	17 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts.....	per lb	16 @
Brazil Nuts.....	per lb	16 @
Shelled Almonds.....	per lb	32½ @
Smyrna Figs.....	per lb	16 @ 0
" 11-oz box each	12½ @	
California Figs.....	per lb	8
Egyptian Dates.....	per lb	8 @ 8½
Filberts.....	per lb	11½ @ 12½

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	25 @ 26
Manitoba dairy.....	15 @ 20
" creamery in tins.....	27 @ 28
" in tubs.....	26 @ 00
Australian.....	56 lb box 22½ @ 00
California Roll-Fancy.....	23 @ 0
Cheese—Canadian.....	12 @ 11
Canadian Stilton.....	17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian.....	per doz 10 @ 13

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	12 @ 14
Breakfast bacon.....	11 @ 14
Short rolls.....	10 @ 11
Dry Salt, long clear.....	9 @ 10
Mess Pork, per bbl.....	17 00
Bacon.....	11 @ 13
Lard Compound, 20 lbs.....	9½ @ 10
" 10 lbs.....	9½ @ 10½
" 5 lbs.....	9½ @ 10½
" 3 lbs.....	9½ @ 10½
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0 11½
" " 50-lb tins.....	0 11½
" " 20-lb ".....	0 11½
" " 10-lb ".....	0 11½
" " 5-lb ".....	0 12
" " 3-lb ".....	0 11½

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 14
" heavy.....	0 13½
" breakfast bacon	0 14
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 15
" breakfast bacon.....	0 15

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton.....	10 50
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton.....	16 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.....	3 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs.....	8 50
" quarter boxes	
23 lbs, per cwt.....	8 75
Malt vinegar English, 25-gal. bbls.....	12 00
" octaves.....	6 00
" cases of 3 doz., per cs.....	5 50
" in bbls. 24 grain, per gal.....	50
" 21 ".....	65
" qts per doz.....	1 85
Pickles, Crosse & Blackwells, qts.....	6 40
" pts.....	3 40
Matches, block, in tins, California.....	1 25
Macaroni, No. 1, 1½-lb bxs.....	65 @ 00
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs.....	65 @ 00
Coal oil, per case.....	2 70
Nails, per keg—1d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 10d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.	

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There are no charges to report in quotations. A few pine apples and bananas were received by the Miowera.

Apples are getting very high because of their scarcity.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—California Navals.....	3 60 @ 1 00
" Common.....	2 75 @ 3 00
" Seedlings.....	2 25 @ 3 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	3 50 @ 1 00
California selected.....	3 00 @ 3 25
Apples—British Columbia.....	1 10 @ 1 50
Oregon.....	1 25 @ 2 00
Coconuts.....	per 100 8 00 @ 9 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins.....	per lb 1½ @ 2
Cabbage.....	per lb 2 @
Potatoes.....	per ton 11 00 @ 20 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

Flour and feed quotations remain unchanged. Oats are reported firmer owing to an advanced market in the Northwest.

The weather has been most favorable to farmers and it is reported that a very large acreage will be put under crop this season. If the summer continues genial there will be the largest harvest of grain and root crops ever known in the history of the province. A heavy demand is reported for seed grain. The Brackman & Ker Milling Co. are making a specialty this season of "Surprise" and "American Beauty" oats for seed, which varieties are the best seed oats in the market, and are quoted at \$35.00 per ton guaranteed choice selected and mill cleaned. They are considered to be the best oats for milling purposes, and farmers are beginning to realize the difference in the market value of milling and feed grain.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: The trade has passed through another dull and unsatisfactory week, both as to a mount of product, output and prices realized. Receipts keep pace with the present limited demand. Small shipments are sent to British Columbia and San Francisco, about an average amount being despatched by each steamer. Quote standard brands at \$2.30 per barrel with the usual 10 to 25c less on inferior brands.

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 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.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Superfine.....	0 00 @ 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