

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

An active demand is reported for money for all trade purposes. The rates of sterling exchange are high.

As is usual toward the end of the month, business quiets down, and last week was no exception to the rule.

Building operations are progressing favorably, and the ready money put in local circulation will brighten up things in all lines, but especially among the smaller traders.

The present fine weather will give a stimulus to the local dry goods trade, which has been reported rather quiet for some time, and a moderately busy time is looked for by the trade during the remainder of the season.

The steamship Danube arrived on April 26th and brought down the winter's catch of furs and skins, which are valued at \$10,000, and were consigned to R. P. Rithet & Co. (Id.), the Hudson's Bay Company, and R. Cunningham. The current price of sealskins may be quoted at \$12, which price is being paid by foreign buyers.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter by SS. Umatilla, on April 27, from San Francisco. For Victoria: 45 cs, 20 tubs, and 20 kits, amounting to 7,370 lbs. For Vancouver: 18 cs, 15 half cs, 100 tubs, 10 firkins, amounting to 7,320 lbs. Total, 14,690 lbs. The receipts by City of Puebla, May 1, for Victoria, were: 45 cs, amounting to 5,430 lbs. For Vancouver: 23 cs, 10 half cs and 65 tubs, amounting to 6,100 lbs. Total, 11,530.

The *Commercial News* says: Fresh roll butter still continues in very heavy supply; in fact, dealers say that they cannot recollect corresponding weeks in years past when receipts were so large as during the past few weeks. The market is overstocked, and although there is a good demand, as there always is when prices are low, receipts are so large that stocks are accumulating, and dealers are shading prices below quotations, in many instances, to effect sales; in fact, no reasonable offer is refused.

Quotations are: California fancy roll 25c per lb.; Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 29½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairy, 18c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c. Cheese is quoted at 11c.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4½c.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½c@11½c; lard tins, 12½c@13½c.

P. D. Armour says: "I feel certain that July and August prices of meats and lards will be higher. It is not possible to make any prediction on pork, as nobody wants to eat it. The trade is big; the stocks just about half what they were last year. Speculators, however, are almost to a man sellers; that makes a bear market. With ribs at 5½c, however, a man can

afford to lay them away as he would cord wood, comfortable in the assurance that they will make him a profit some day."

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Brackman-Ker Milling Company has imported 1,200 bales of hay from Washington, and it is meeting with good demand at \$18 to \$20 per ton. The flour market remains steady with no change to note since last week. A carload of National Mills' rolled oats was shipped, last week, to a firm in Vancouver, where these goods command the best trade.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.50; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$1.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 35 @ 0 00
XXX., " ".....	5 35 @ 0 00
XX., " ".....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " ".....	4 25 @ 1 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	6 00 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 00 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	35 00 @ 1000
Oats.....	5 10 @ 00 00
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	26 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.....	30 0 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 90 @ 4 00
Cornmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Umatilla, on Wednesday, April 27th:—For Victoria—182 cs oranges, 11 cs lemons, 39 crts bananas, 2 cs limes, 4 bxs pines, 20 drawers strawberries, 23 crts cabbage, 21 cs asparagus, 8 cs peas, 44 scks potatoes, 2 cs beans, 5 cs horse radish, 1 cs peppers, 5 cs vegetables; total; 372 cs. For Vancouver—90 cs oranges, 5 cs lemons, 5 crts bananas, 4 bxs pines, 6 bxs rhubarb, 10 crts cabbage, 4 scks potatoes, 3 cs beans, 2 cs celery, 1 cs peas, 1 cs cucumbers; total, 131 cs. Grand total, 503 cs.

The receipts for Victoria by the City of Puebla, May 1, comprised 171 cs oranges, 1 cs pineapples, 15 cs containing 45 drawers strawberries, 4 bxs cherries, 16 cs lemons, 20 crts bananas, 16 cs asparagus, 60 crts

cabbage, 123 scks potatoes, 9 cs peas, 2 cs beans, 3 cs vegetables; total, 440 cs. For Vancouver—13 cs oranges, 9 cs lemons, 5 crts bananas, 15 crts cabbage, 4 cs celery, 5 cs beans, 1 cs peas, 4 cs grass, 14 scks potatoes, 1 bx horse radish; total, 71 cs. Grand total, 511 cs. There was also a consignment of 300 boxes of Sicily lemons, which were a direct importation from New York, and are quoted at \$5.75.

The first shipment for local jobbers of strawberries and cherries were received by the City of Puebla—strawberries quoted at \$1.10 a drawer and cherries at \$2 a box. New potatoes are quoted at 2c a lb, and are coming in freely from San Francisco. A carload of potatoes brought in from the Sound by the Brackman-Ker Milling Co. sold at \$18@20 per ton and found a ready market. Regular importations are being made from the Sound to supply local demands. The quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$3.50; navels, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Los Angeles, \$2.75; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$4.75; Sicily lemons, \$5.75; bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.50; cabbage, 2c per lb.; asparagus, \$2.75 per box Oregon yellow danver, 1½c per lb; apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$15 to \$18 per ton; rhubarb, 5c; cranberries, \$3.75@4 per box; new potatoes, 2c per lb; strawberries \$1.10 a drawer; cherries, \$2 a box.

LUMBER.

There was one clearance during the past week. The British bark Riversdale, 1,453 tons, Capt. Finlayson, sailed April 25 for Sydney, with a cargo from the Hastings mills. The Norwegian bark Ursus Minor, 605 tons, arrived from San Diego and loads at the Brunette mills, New Westminster, for Sydney, and the British ship Earl Granville, 1,140 tons, arrived from San Francisco and loads at Cowichan for the U. K. There are seven vessels loading lumber at B. C. ports for foreign, and three vessels are on the way under charter for lumber. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton, bar-risters, Victoria, have dissolved. Dumbleton & Pemberton will carry on business at the old premises, and F. G. Walker at 51 Langley street.

The following is the analysis of a sample of building stone taken from Haddington Island, above Seymour Narrows:—Specific gravity, 3.15, water being taken as 1. Glass has a specific gravity of 3.2, so it will be seen that both are nearly the same weight bulk for bulk. The moisture in the sample was 5 per cent. Matter insoluble in boiling acids, 97.80 per cent. This consists principally of Silica with a very small quantity of alumina. Sodium Salts and traces of organic matter, 1.635 per cent., Iron Oxide, .005 per cent.; this equals as iron .050 per cent. The analysis was made by H. Carmichael. Gang saws have been ordered from a Vermont maker, and the quarries will be fully developed by the owners,