

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The markets continue to develop strength and the fact that prices of staple articles are steadily advancing in value, serves as a stimulant to merchants in all lines of trade. Returning confidence is increasing the faith of the people in the vast undeveloped sources of the country and the grand possibilities there are with a judicious investment of capital to obtain most gratifying results in the near future.

The increase of tonnage heading for British Columbia as compared with previous years is worthy of attention, and indicates an extended volume of trade.

According to an announcement in the London Standard the ships of the Holt-Oceanic line, which have been running from Liverpool to Yokohama, will continue their journey to Vancouver and San Francisco, and will carry ore from here to England, their route on each trip being Vancouver, San Francisco, the Orient and England.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

California navals are almost out of the market, Mediterranean sweets and seedlings taking their place at higher values.

Silver skin onions are firmer.

New potatoes are now on the San Francisco market. Old potatoes are moving slowly, and are steadily falling in value.

Cherries are increasing in supply, and prices are weakening.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—California Navals.....	0 00 @ 0 00
" " Seedlings	2 50 @ 0 00
" Mediterranean Sweets	3 00 @ 3 50
Bananas, per crate	3 00 @ 0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's) ..	3 50 @ 3 75
California selected	2 50 @ 3 00
Apples—British Columbia	1 25 @ 1 50
Oregon	1 25 @ 1 50
Australian	2 50 @ 3 00
Cherries, per case	1 50 @ 1 65
Coconuts.....per 100	8 00 @ 9 00

Vegetables are quoted.

Onions—Silverskins	per lb 2 @ 24
Cabbage	per lb 2 1/2 @
Potatoes.....per ton	11 00 @ 17 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

An advance of 40 cents per bbl. was announced by the Ogilvie Milling Company on Friday, and the market is reported very strong. Jobbers prices are advanced in sympathy. Washington flours are also higher. Jobbers are not disposed to push sales unless at full market prices, being confident of the firmness of the market.

Monday evening a further advance of 20c was announced on Ogilvie's flour, making a rise of 60c per bbl. since last week. Mr. G. M. Leishman, agent for

Ogilvie's, says "Manitoba has had severe frosts which have cut down the wheat plants. They have already lost the early part of the season, so that their position is no farther advanced than at this time last year. The markets are steadily advancing everywhere."

Wheat advanced four cents at Chicago yesterday.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian	\$5 50
" Strong Bakers.....	5 20

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10 bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	\$3 75
Victoria XXX.....	3 75
Superfine.....	3 25

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$4 00 @ 0 00
Lion, "	4 00 @ 0 00
Victoria XXX.....	1 00 @ 0 00
Superfine.....	3 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	0 00 @ 0 00
XXX, "	0 00 @ 0 00
XX, "	0 00 @ 0 00
Superfine, "	0 00 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 55 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 55 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 50 @ 0 00
Olympic	1 25 @ 0 00
Big Bend	1 00 @ 3 75
Superb.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Plansifter.....	4 00 @ 0 00
Gem	3 90 @ 0 00
Alliance	3 75 @ 0 00
White Lilly.....	3 90 @ 0 00
Gold Drop.....	3 80 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	4 00 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton, feed.....	27 50 @ 00 00
Oats	28 00 @ 32 00
Oil cake meal.....	33 00 @ 15 00
Chop feed—California.....	27 50 @ 00 00
" Washington	20 00 @ 25 00
Shorts	18 00 @ 23 00
Bran.....	16 00 @ 20 00
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats (90-lbs) ..	3 50 @ 0 00
" " " 10-7, 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
Corameal.....	2 65 @ 2 90
Cornmeal-feed.....per ton	10 00 @
Cracked corn.....	37 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	10 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 "	80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1 " (mats) ..	65 00 @ 00 00
" " (sacks) ..	63 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There is no appreciable change in the American meat or lard market. Canadian cured meats are reported to be very scarce and quotations are now said to be

higher than American. Some of the leading packers in Eastern Canada are reported to have withdrawn from this market in consequence.

Coal oil has been reduced to \$3.00 per case by jobbers.

Canned peaches are reported a shade higher, being quoted at \$2.45 a doz., while apricots are \$2.50 per doz.

In canned vegetables Corn is quoted at \$1.20 per doz. Tomatoes \$1.25 and Peas and Beans \$1.15.

American syrups are up 25c per case on account of rise in duties.

The sugar situation continues interesting. Raws are steadily advancing, and the refinery list remains unchanged. Local wholesale merchants state that they are selling below the current market, i.e., they either charged 1/2c. too much before the rise in duties or they are 1/2c. now. Heretofore the price of sugar was based on the Montreal local quotations were used.

Granulated is now quoted at 4 1/2c. in Montreal, and would cost about 5 1/2c. laid down here. Dry granulated is quoted at 5 1/2c. for round lots at San Francisco.

It is reported on the one hand that stocks of China are low, and its presence will soon be a thing of the past; but on the other hand the importers state that China will still be imported and be kept prominently before the trade of this Province.

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms 60 days.

Dry Granulated (China)	100-sack 1 50
" " "B. A. Coarse" ..	1 50
Extra C, China.....	1 25
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)....	1 1/2
Extra C.....	1 1/2
Fancy Yellow	4 1/2
Yellow.....	1 1/2
Golden C.....	
Cubes.....	6 1/2
Powdered	6 1/2

SALMON.

There is a good inquiry from England where buyers' ideas are about 19s to 19s 6d, while cannery agents anticipate that with a lessened pack this season they will realize much better figures. A large line has been purchased at 20s for Fraser River tolls. There is nothing doing with Eastern Canadian buyers, as they believe by holding off they will do better than the present market. The holders are offering in store at Montreal a line of old pack at \$4.40 per case. They are said to be of an inferior grade, presumably Cohoes. A fourth charter has been announced, that of the Mary Jose, 625 tons, for salmon from Fraser River to U. K. by H. Bell—Irrving & Co.

LUMBER.

Two more charters for U. K. are announced and three coasters are on the way to load return cargoes for California.