

British Columbia Markets.

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By Wire to THE COMMERCIAL.

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The supply of hay on the coast is short owing to the drouth in California, and prices are firm. California buyers have been securing all they can. Oats are very firm owing to the supply being concentrated in few hands, as previously reported. Ontario creamery and dairy butter is now selling freely at 2 @ 3c lower prices than the former price here. Fresh meats and lard are 1 @ 1c higher.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 24c; local creamery 25c; Eastern Dairy 17c.

Eggs—Local, 20c; Eastern eggs 17 @ 18c.

Cheese—Manitoba 11 @ 12c. per lb.

Cured Meats—Hams 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon 13c; backs 12 1/2 @ 13c; short clear 10 1/2c; short rolls 10 1/2c; smoked sides 11c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 1 1/2c per lb, in pails and tubs 1 1/2c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; kippered herring 8c; fresh halibut, 6c; spring, salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 8 @ \$12 per ton; ashcroft \$19.50; California onions, 2 1/2c; cabbage 2 1/2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$12.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons 2.25 @ \$2.75 box; Navel oranges, 3.00 @ \$3.25; seedling oranges, 1.80 @ \$2.25; bananas, bunch \$2.75; California cherries, \$1.75 box; strawberries, 15c for small boxes.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.05; 2 1/2 pounds sacks \$3.10; 4 2 1/2 pound sacks \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50 Oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.75 per sack.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$7.50; strong bakers \$7.25; Oregon, jobbers price \$6.50.

Grain—Oats, \$30.00 per ton; wheat 28 @ \$30 per ton; barley, 27 @ \$30 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$26.00 per ton; ground barley, \$26 ton; shorts \$24 ton; bran \$22; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$17 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 10c; mutton 11c; Australian mutton, 10c; pork 10c; veal 11c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$5.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.50 per 100 lbs; cows, 4.50 @ \$5.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$1.50 to \$1.60 pair.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 7 1/2 @ 9c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9 @ 10c; prunes, French 5 @ 7 1/2c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6 @ 8 1/2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C. 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 1/2c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.65 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.25 case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.00 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, May 28

Pig Iron—\$15.50.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45 @ 1.55; hoop and band iron, \$1.35 for Canadian and \$2 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18 @ 20, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 22 @ 24, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 26, \$2.35 @ 2.45; 28, \$2.45 @ 2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3 1/2c; 18 @ 24, \$3.87 1/2c; 26, 4 1/2c and 28 at 4c.

Lead—Pig, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2c; sheet, 4 1/2 @ 4 1/2c per lb; shot, can., dis. 7 1/2 per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10 @ 12 gauge, \$2.25 @ 2.40 per 100 lbs; 14 @ 16 gauge, \$2.60 @ 2.70; 18 @ 20 gauge, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 22 @ 24 gauge, \$2.35 @ 2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30 @ 2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45 @ 2.55.

Coil chain—1 in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; 3/4 in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1/2 in., \$3.10; 5/8 in., \$2.80; 3/4 in., \$2.75.

Zinc—Sheet, 5 1/2c per lb.

Antimony—10 1/2 @ 11c; solder 11 1/2c @ 12 1/2.

Ingot Copper—12 1/2c @ 13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—16 1/2 @ 17c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tinplates—Cokes, \$3.00 @ 3.10 for 14x 20; do, squares, \$3.15 @ 3.25; \$6.25 for 20 x 28; charcoal plates, \$3.50 @ 3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., 1 to 3 inch, 1.87 to \$2.00; 1/2 inch, 2.15 @ \$2.20; 1 inch, \$2.62 1/2; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.60; 2 inch, \$4.75; 2 1/2 inch, \$6.20; 3 inch, \$8.30. Galvanized, 1/2 inch, \$3.80; 3/4 inch, 4.60 to \$4.80; 1 inch, 6.40 @ \$6.70; 1 1/2 inch, 8.25 to \$9.20; 2 inch, 11.25 @ \$11.80; 2 1/2 inch, 15.20 @ \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$2, terms 30 days or 2 per cent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent.; galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.90 for delivery in Toronto, Montreal and London; terms, four months or 3 per cent off for cash 30 days.

Cut Nails—\$1.80 @ 1.85 base price Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 @ 3.35 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 8 1/2c and 10; round head bright, 80 and 10; flat head brass, 8 1/2 and 10; round head brass, 75 and 10 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 70 and 10 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4 1/2c; hexagon, 5 1/2c. Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent, all sizes; copper rivets, 50 and 10.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.45, and in 100-foot boxes, \$2.75; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 45 and 2 1/2 per cent.

Harvest Tools—Discounts 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 9 1/2c; 3/4 in., 9 1/2c; 1 and 5-16 in., 10 1/2c; 3-16 inch, 10 1/2c; Manila, 7 16 and larger, 10 1/2c; 3/4, 11c; 1 and 5-16, 11 1/2c; 3-16, 11 1/2c.

Binder Twine—Pure Manila, 7 1/2c @ 7 1/2.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, May 28.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4 1/2c; No. 2 granulated, 4 1/2c; Dutch granulated, 4 1/2c; yellows, 3 15-16 @ 4 1/2c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 28c @ 30c; special bright, 35c @ 42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c @ 45c; New Orleans, 23c @ 30; for medium and 35c @ 50c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 15c @ 17c per lb; mediums, 18c @ 24c; fines, 30 @ 35c; Hysons, mediums 16c @ 19c; Congous, low grades, 10c @ 15c; mediums, 22c @ 25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Oologs, 25c @ 65c; Ceylons, 17 @ 45c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7 1/2 @ 12c; Mocha, 26c @ 30c; Java, 28c @ 32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20 @ 1.25; peas, 90c @ \$1; sifted peas, 1.05 @ \$1.20; corn, 90 @ 95c; beans, 75 @ 90c; pumpkins, 70 @ 75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.60 @ 1.80; raspberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.40 @ 1.65; 3's, \$2 @ 2.40. Coloes Salmon, 95c @ \$1; sock-eyes, \$1.17 1/2 @ 1.30; mackerel, \$1.30 @ 1.40; lobsters, halves, \$1.60 @ 1.70; tall lbs, \$2.40 @ 2.65; flats, \$2.90 @ 3.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk, 4 1/2c @ 5c; fine, off-stalk, 5 1/2c @ 5 1/2c; selected, 6 @ 6 1/2c; layers, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Provincial, currants, 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2c; Filiatras, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Patras, 7c @ 7 1/2c; Vostizzas, 8c @ 8 1/2c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 9c @ 14c; pears, 9c @ 10c; peaches, 10c @ 14c; prunes, 40's to 50's, 9c @ 10c; 50's to 60's, 7 1/2c @ 8 1/2c; 60's to 70's, 8c @ 8 1/2c; 70's to 80's, 7 1/2c @ 8c; 80's to 90's, 7c @ 7 1/2c; 90's to 100's, 6 1/2 @ 7c. Bosnia prunes, 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2c; Sultanias, 9c @ 13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 15c per lb; citron, 18c @ 20c; lemon 11c @ 14c. Hallowee dates, 4 1/2 @ 5c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30 @ 1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags, 4 @ 5c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7 1/2c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10 @ 12c; 6-crown; 12c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4 @ 4 1/2c; 4-lb Glove boxes, 14 @ 15c.

Nuts—Marbots, 10 @ 11c; filberts, Sicily, 9 @ 11c; Grenoble Walnuts, 11 @ 12c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3 1/2 @ 4c; do Patna, 5 1/2 @ 5 1/2c; do Japan, 6 @ 6 1/2c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 27c; Cochins, 15 @ 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboy, 18 @ 25c; allspice, 16c, nutmegs, 50c @ \$1; cream tarrar, pure, 25 @ 28c, 15 @ 23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$17.00 for Canada mess; short cut, \$18.00; clear mess, \$15.50

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8 1/2c, ton and case lots, 8 1/2c. Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11 @ 11 1/2c; hams, large 10 @ 11c and 11c for medium; picnic hams, 8 1/2 @ 9c; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces, 7 1/2c; tubs, 8 1/2c; pails, 8 1/2c.

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