

in proportion. Snowflake flour is down 10c a bbl.

The Portland Commercial Review says of flour: "The market is barely steady and the movement light. Shipments to Victoria and China are fair, but Tacoma and Seattle are not doing much buying here at present owing to the very sharp competition from California, whose millers are placing their product at above cities at extremely low prices. The result is noted here by light shipments of Oregon brands which cannot be laid down on the Sound and sold as cheap as California stock without severe loss to shippers. Prices now ruling on the Sound practically prohibit a market there at present for the output of our mills. The local demand is well up to natural consumptive demand, but values have not responded to the advance in wheat. Quote standard brands \$3.20@3.30 per bbl. Receipts from Eastern Oregon and Washington continue up to the average, the larger portion going to San Francisco. Valley receipts have been light by rail, but boats are bringing some down. Rail receipts valley 1,250 bbls.; Walla Walla, 4,000 bbls. Two of the loading fleet will take part flour cargoes."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria: Premier.....\$1 75
XXX..... 1 65
Strong Bakers or XX..... 1 25
Superfine..... 1 65

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 4 75 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	4 75 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 00 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	4 90 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	4 50 @ 0 00
Superfine, ".....	3 90 @ 1 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 85 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 85 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 85 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	4 85 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	4 85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	4 85 @ 5 00
Snowflake.....	4 75 @ 0 00
Royal.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	28 00 @ 35 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal.....	40 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed.....	28 00 @ 32 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 32 00
Bran.....	25 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.....	26 00 @ 28 00
California oatmeal.....	4 25 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	4 00 @ 5 00
Corn, whole..... per ton	37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 77 50
Best China rice ".....	100 00
China rice No. 1 ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

LUMBER.

The Ger. bark Heinrich, 923 tons, Capt.

Henne, has arrived from Callao, to load at the Hastings mills for the West Coast of South America. The Chil. ship Atacama 1,235 tons, has completed her cargo at the Moodyville Mill, for Valparaiso, consisting of 967,361 feet valued at \$7,800, and composed of 963,410 feet rough, and 23,670 laths. The Blain Athole, 1,097 tons, on the way from Samarang has been chartered to load lumber at Vancouver.

There are at present seven vessels loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—Br. bark Blairhoyle, 1,201 tons for Sydney; Chil. ship Atacama, 1,235 tons, for Valparaiso; Nor. bark Sigurd, 1,530 tons, for Port Pirie; Br. bark Wythop, 1,218 tons, for Sydney. Br. bark May Low, 813 tons, for Pisagua. Ger. bark Heinrich, 923 tons, West Coast of South America. At Cowichan—Haw. bark John Eua, 2,600 tons for Port Pirie.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet.....	\$ 8 50
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M.....	19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M.....	17 00
Pickets, rough per M.....	9 00
Laths, 1 foot, per M.....	00

Local selling prices have been advanced to a basis of \$10 per M feet. An agreement has been made among the city mills to establish a regular scale of prices on a more profitable basis from what they have lately been selling for. No forfeit has been arranged and dealers are relying on the honor of each other to keep up the new scale of prices.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Bradstreet's say: "In the Canadian Dominion the weather has been sufficiently unsettled to have an unfavorable effect on trade, particularly in Ontario and Quebec, where mercantile collections are slow and country orders scarce. The agricultural season there will be late also. Trade for April has been smaller than usual. Similar conditions prevail in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where a delayed and discouraging agricultural outlook, due to unseasonable cold weather is responsible. The mercantile failures in Canada number 35 this week against 31 last week and 19 in the corresponding week one year ago, while the bank clearings at Hamilton, Montreal and Halifax aggregate \$15,912,000 for this week, ten per cent. less than the total of last week and fifteen per cent. smaller than the like aggregate a year ago."

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending April 29:—

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
25.	Willamette, str., San Francisco..	2,423
24.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend.....	50
24.	Tyce, str., Port Townsend.....	58
25.	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend.....	67
27.	Bertha, str., San Francisco.....	673
28.	Danube, str., Portland.....	284
29.	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend.....	20
29.	Pioneer, str., Port Townsend.....	35
29.	W. H. Macy, ship, San Francisco	3,343
	Total.....	6,953

BUSINESS CHANGES.

J. J. Daly, hotel, Duncans, has sold out to C. H. Dickie.

S. W. Whitley, saloon, Victoria, advertises business for sale.

Rennie & Campbell, succeed the Columbia Carriage Factory, Vancouver.

Mackinnon & McFarlane, hotel, Vancouver, have been sold out by mortgagees.

D. W. Morrow, of Morrow, Holland & Co., Insurance and financial agents, deceased.

Richard Hilbert, Lion boot and shoe store, Nanaimo, has assigned. Liabilities not known.

The Victoria Plumbing Co., have taken over the business of A. J. Thomas, plumber, Victoria.

R. G. Dun & Co., the mercantile agency have removed their Victoria office to the new Board of Trade building.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of April at the port of Victoria, were as follows:

Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:

Spirits.....	\$ 4,458 00
Malt.....	2,061 28
Tobacco.....	6,138 38
Cigars.....	787 95
Bonded warehouse licenses.....	19 00
Petroleum inspection.....	3-3 00
Total.....	\$13,778 61

The Customs returns follow:

Duty collected.....	\$63,511 91
Chinese duties.....	8,979 00
Other revenues.....	1,834 43

Total collections.....\$79,345 34

B. C. Sealers are assured by Capt. Cox, who has just returned from Japan, that so long as they keep outside the three mile limit there is no danger of their being interfered with on the Japanese Coast.

They talk of holding a convention of retail dealers in Winnipeg at an early date, probably during exhibition week in July. It is said that the first commercial convention held some time ago at the prairie capital was a success, from the point of view of attendance, and also from the fact that the discussions were of a very useful nature.

France is soon to adopt an interesting innovation in the postal card system. Cards will be issued in the form of check books, with stubs. The sender of the postal card can make memoranda of its contents on the stub, and can have this stamped at the Post Office before the card is detached, so that a verified record of the correspondence can be kept.

At a meeting of the provisional directors of the British Pacific Construction Company held in the office of Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, on Tuesday, Mr. R. P. Rithet was elected chairman, and Mr. F. Innes, secretary, pro. tem. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: R. P. Rithet, Thos. Earle, Col. E. G. Prior, F. S. Barnard, Theo. Lubbe, C. A. Vernon, E. Crowe Baker, W. H. Ellis and Frank Bakem n.]