

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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B. C. Market Quotations.

EGGS—There are no eastern eggs in the market. The only imported stocks in hand are fresh American rancho eggs, which are sold at 33c. Fresh British Columbia eggs are becoming more plentiful and are selling at 35c.

DAIRY—Creamery is unchanged at from 26 to 29c; no dairy is offering; cheese, 13½c.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—Prices in flour remain very unsatisfactory. Quotations are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$5.20; strong bakers, \$5.00; ladies choice, \$5.30; prairie lily, \$5.75; Oregon, \$5.50; Spokane, \$5.65; Enderby mills—Premier \$5.25; three star, \$5.00; two star, \$4.75; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated in gunnies, \$4.35; National mills, Victoria, \$4.25; rolled oats eastern \$3 to \$3.25; California \$4.10; National mills \$3.65; corn meal \$3.10; split peas \$3.5; pearl barley \$4.50. **RICE**—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice do \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.5; chopped feed, \$32 per ton; bran, \$24; shorts, \$25; Man. oats, \$28 to 32; B. C. oats \$26; wheat \$27 to 32; oil cake, \$10; hay, \$18. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$20 to 23 per ton; oats \$25 in bulk and in sacks \$26; chop barley \$25. California malting barley, \$26 to 27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to 33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian, \$5.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$5.00. The Wester Milling Co. quote bran in car lots \$19.50 per ton; shorts, \$20.50; mixed chop, \$25; rye, \$38; patent flour, \$4.00; strong bakers, \$5.30. Graham flour, \$4.40.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have come down considerably in price. Fraser River potatoes are \$28 to 30 a ton; and Ashcroft's, \$32 to 35 a ton; Californian onions are 3½c; R. C. onions, 2 to 2½c; turnips, beets and carrots, \$18 a ton.

FISH—No change in prices. Spring salmon are coming in the market. Prices are: Salmon, 8 to 10c; codfish, 6 to 7c; flounders, 4 to 5c; sturgeon, 4 to 5c; bass, 4 to 5c; herring, 5 to 6c.

FRUITS—Oranges are advancing in price. Coast apples are out of the market. Eastern Canadian apples, in barrels, \$7. Oranges, navel, are quoted at \$4.50; and seedlings, \$3 to 3.25; lemons (Cal.) \$4.50 to 5; Sicilies, \$6; peanuts, Virginia, 12c; California peanuts 10c; cranberries, \$12 for Cape Cod and 40c for natives; dates 7 to 8c; figs, 10c.

GAME, POULTRY—Both are scarce and high.

MEATS—Are unchanged at the following prices: Hams, 16 to 17c; breakfast bacon, 17 to 18c; short rolls 13½ to 14c; backs, 15½ to 16c; dry salt, long clear, to 12½ to 13½c; pure lard, 50 pound, 16 to 16½c; do, 20 pounds, 16½ to 17c; lard, compound, 15½ to 16c.

Commission agents quote American meats f.o.b. Victoria, duty paid as follows: Medium hams, 17½c per lb; heavy ham, 17c; choice breakfast bacon, 18c; short clear sides, 14½c, and dry clear sides, 14c. Armour's white label pure lard, lb. pails 19½ per lb. Armour's Gold Band meats, are quoted (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 19c, breakfast bacon, 19½c.

DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Advances all round. The meat supply is principally in the northwest and the quality is excellent. Prices are: Live steers are quoted 5½c; cows, 4½c; dressed beef, 9½c; sheep, 7c; mutton, 14c; hogs, 8c; pork, 11c; calves, 7c; veal, 11½c.

SUGAR—Is unchanged; the British Columbia sugar refinery's quotations are as follows: Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c per pound; Paris lumps, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5c; fancy

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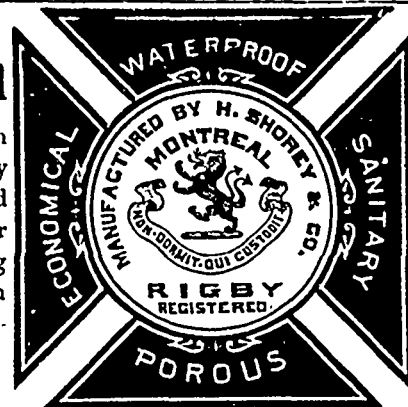
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These prices are subject to 2½ per cent discount for cash in fourteen days, and cover delivery in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo or New Westminster.

FREIGHTS—Freights remain steady at about previous rates. A charter is reported for lumber to Port Pirie at 40s, but otherwise there is very little doing. Lumber freights from British Columbia or Puget Sound are quoted as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 37s 6d; direct port on West coast, South America, 35s; Sydney, 35s; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 40s; United Kingdom, calling at Gork for orders, 50s; Shanghai, 50s; Yokohama, nominal.

LUMBER—Quotations for Douglas fir lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment are:—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; dressed T. and G. flooring, per M, \$17; pickets rough, per M, \$9. Local selling prices are quoted as follows: Rough lumber per M feet, \$7; shiplap, \$8; 1x4 t and g flooring, No. 1, \$14; do No. 2, \$12; 1x6 t and g flooring No. 1 \$12; No. 2, \$10; rustic, same as 6 inch flooring Nos. 1 and 2; laths, \$1.50; shingles, \$1.50.

Brief Business Notes.

John Perry, Nanaimo, advertises brickyard for sale.

Louis Lawrence, Nanaimo, sold out saloon to H. Dempsey.

Henry Grubbe, toys, Victoria, is asking for an extension.

White, fruits and tobacco, Nanaimo, sold out to Mrs. Thompson.

Ross & Howard, foundry, Vancouver, dissolved; Ross continues.

R. J. Armstrong has sold his stock of groceries to A. McInnes.

Lanamay & Muir, grocers, Vancouver, dissolved; Muir continues.

A. M. Harvey & Co., drugs, Westminster, burned out; fully insured.

Kinnand & Wilson, tailors, Victoria, dissolved; Kinnand continues.

T. Diamond and F. Schmitz intend starting a steam bakery in Nanaimo.

Beall & Mowatt, coppersmiths, Victoria, dissolved; W. F. Beal continues.

J. & E. Taylor, have succeeded D. Sutherland, general store, Mt. Lehman.

Chapman & Small, restaurant, Victoria, have dissolved. Henry Small continues.

The British Columbia Gazette announces the incorporation of Kamloops and Nelson.

Robertson & McEwan, jewellers, etc., Chilliwack, dissolved; Robertson continues.

Mrs. James Tutheway, general store, Mission City, has sold out to M. DesBrissay.

Wright Bros., groceries fish, etc., Westminster, have been granted an extension.

Kootenay Smelting & Trading Syndicate, Revelstoke, effects advertised by sheriff's sale.

D. Goldberg & Co., clothing and men's furnishings, Vancouver, succeeded by Flora Goldberg.

R. Cameron and A. Inglis, of Vancouver, are establishing a steam dyeing and cleansing works.

The Texada Island Gold & Silver Mining Co. intend carrying on extensive operations on their property in the spring.

Messrs. Cameron and Inglis have started a business in Vancouver, under the title of the Perth (Scotland) Dye Works.

Chas. J. Loewen, of Victoria, has entered into partnership with A. Holman, Vancouver, under the firm name of Holman & Loewen.

The imports of Vancouver for February amounted to \$45,514; the duty collected was \$17,300.10 and the exports were \$33,214. Inland revenue, \$58,353.62.

The Leland House, Vancouver, has again changed hands, Messrs. Insley and Perks selling out to W. Hamilton, late of the Holbrook House, New Westminster.

Frank Bateman, of the Canada Western Railway, has arrived, and announces the completion of the arrangements for all the money required to construct that road.

W. A. Jowett, of Nelson, who recently negotiated the sale of the mines in the Lardeau district, has left for England on important business connected with the mining interests of this province.

The Brunotto Saw mills Company, Westminster, have decided to go in for a general expansion of their business, and with that end in view will increase their capital stock to \$300,000.

George Cassady & Co., Vancouver, have loaded a car of fine dressed lumber for the World's Fair. It consists largely of mantels

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