

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

There has been little perceptible change in the situation since the floods set in. The interruption of traffic has caused inconvenience to wholesale merchants who have goods en route and the call for goods from storekeepers in the upper country has also been interfered with. Orders that were in hand cannot be filled until regular communication is established.

The warm weather which has prevailed during the past week has had the usual effect of creating a demand for light summer clothing.

The sealing schooners in port are preparing for their departure to Behring's Sea and have been taking on supplies.

It is worthy of note that notwithstanding the acknowledged hard times and general depression the number of failures this spring have been comparatively few.

Collections continue close.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "Trade is still reported as quiet in all lines, and as Vancouver is still virtually deprived of communication with the East, merchants are suffering not a little inconvenience. Supplies can of course be obtained from San Francisco, but merchants are only purchasing enough to keep up their stocks, in the hope that communication will soon be restored. Collections are reported as slow. The prospects are, however, a little better, as heavy orders are expected to come in from the interior as soon as communication is restored. Wholesale business is rather quiet, and collections are slow. Some little stir was occasioned by the receipt of some large shipments of Australian fruit, which were very welcome at the present time."

FLOUR AND FEED.

Jobbers' quotations are unchanged, and the market is bare of features. A prominent merchant is authority for the statement that Washington and Oregon mills are pushing sales in this city and Province at figures averaging from 15c to 25c per bbl. below their best quotation for local trade, in order to "raise the wind."

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "Flour, oats, barley and mill stuffs are all at a standstill. No new quotations. The market is practically dead, no receipts nor shipments. The high water has practically killed the business, and quotations remain the same as our last."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$4 00
" Strong Bakers.....	3 80
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote	
Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf	
in Victoria:	
Premier.....	\$3 90
XXX.....	3 75
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3 30
Supertine.....	3 05

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

Delta.....	\$4 00
Victoria XXX.....	4 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 4 25 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	4 25 @ 0 00
XXX.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 25 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	4 10 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	3 65 @ 0 00
Supertine, ".....	3 40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	4 10 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	4 10 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 10 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	3 85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	3 85 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	3 85 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	27 50 @ 30 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	25 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	23 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	25 00 @ 27 00
California oatmeal.....	3 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole.....	per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Peas, field.....	per ton 50 00 @ 60 00
Corncmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Corncmeal-feed.....	per ton 40 00 @ 0 00
Cracked corn.....	10 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
Best China rice ".....	80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarice No. 1 ".....	68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Broken rice ".....	30 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There are no changes to report in quotations. The foreign sugar market is, however, said to be strengthening. Meats and lard are reported advancing.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says:

"The receipts of butter during the past week were 3,725 pkgs, against 2,948 pkgs for the week previous. The market is quiet but steady, with sales of the last half of May creameries at 17½c and 18c at the factory; but it is said that the last half of May is fully equal to the June make of former seasons. A few lots have been reported as bought either on speculation by shippers, or on English orders for fall shipment, some of which has already gone into cold storage. Local jobbers have also made a few purchases, one lot of last half of May make being sold at 17½c delivered here. We made enquiry regarding the quality of this lot and the buyer was well satisfied with it, as it was choice in both texture and flavor. In dairy butter, holders in the Eastern Townships are not shipping it in very freely, nor from the West.

The English market for present shipment is not in it; but we are not so sure about how things stand for futures. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, fresh, 17½c to 18c; Eastern Townships dairy, 16c to 17c. Cheese receipts during the past week were 63,102 boxes, against 36,529 for the week previous. Quite an active enquiry has been experienced for shipment by this week's steamers, and several thousand boxes have been purchased on this market at 9½c for finest Western white and 9½c for

finest Western colored, while finest Quebec white and colored has sold at 9½c to 9½c, and undergrades at 8½c to 9c. The English market continues to recede steadily, leaving a good margin of profit for shippers. The price in Liverpool dropped about ½c per lb. during the week, and prices dropped the same here. This is as it should be. Up to the close of last week, the shipments from this port at the commencement of the season were 110,658 boxes, against 61,461 boxes for the same period last year, showing an increase of 49,197 boxes. The shipments last week were 19,000 boxes, against 50,000 boxes for the corresponding week last year. This week's exports are expected to be heavy. We quote: Finest Western colored, 9½c to 9½c; finest Western white, 9½c to 9½c; finest Quebec colored, 9½c; finest Quebec white, 9½c; undergrades, 8½c to 9c; cable, 50s."

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins.....	per lb \$ 7 @ \$ 0
Malaga raisins.....	per box 3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels).....	per lb 5 @ 5½
" half bbls.....	per lb 5 @ 6
" (cases).....	per lb 5½ @ 7½
Sultana raisins.....	per lb 8 @ 10
Taragona almonds.....	per lb 11 @ 11½
Grenoble walnuts.....	per lb 11 @ 11½
Filberts.....	per lb 11½ @ 11

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	21 @ 25
Manitoba dairy.....	00 @ 00
California creamery.....	25 @ 26
California rolls.....	@ 25
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	14 @ 15
California.....	14½ @ 15
Eggs, pickled, case, per doz.....	10 @ 00
Oregon eggs, per doz.....	00 @ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	13½ @ 14½
Breakfast bacon.....	14½ @ 15
Short rolls.....	11 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear.....	10½ @ 11
Backs.....	13½ @ 13½
Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails.....	12 @ 13
" " 10lbs, tins.....	12 @ 13
" " 5lbs ".....	12½ @ 13½
" " 3lbs ".....	12½ @ 13½
Lard Compound, 10lbs.....	10½ @ 00
" " 20lbs.....	10½ @ 00
" " 5lbs.....	10½ @ 00
" " 3lbs.....	11 @ 00

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:

Dry Granulated (China).....	5
Extra C, China.....	4½
China, yellow.....	4
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	5½
Extra C.....	4½
Fancy Yellow.....	4½
Yellow.....	4½
Golden C.....	4½
Cubes.....	6½
Powdered.....	6½
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" ½ " " (16).....	5 25
" 1 " " Vancouver.....	5 50
" 1½ " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium.....	0 15
" " " heavy.....	0 14½
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 15
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 16½
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 17
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0 13
" " " 50-lb ins.....	0 13½
" " " 20-lb ".....	0 13½
" " " 10-lb ".....	0 13½
" " " 5-lb ".....	0 13½
" " " 3-lb ".....	0 13½
Lard compound (tierces).....	0 10