TRADE AND COMMERCE

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The New Year is now under way, and business is beginning to settle down. Merchants are showing more of a disposition to anticipate their wants, now that they have figured up their last year's business and know where they stand.

Better movements are reported all round, and a steady improvement is looked for. Collections and credits are on the whole in a more satisfactory condition.

Hong Kong exchange is quoted at 53 c gold for the Mexican dollar, being threeeights higher than has week. Latestadvices from New York quote sterling exchange there between banks at 4.88 per £ sterling for sixty days, 4.89 for sight. Cables, 4 891

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Business has been rather quiet since the holidays. Fresh supplies of Japanese oranges were received ex Empress of Jayan. California oranges and lem ons are easy owing to the low priceprevailing in the east.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

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Vegetables are quoted:
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FLOUR AND FEED.

The Victoria roller mills have advanced their quotations on flour 25c. all tound in sympathy with the position of the wheat market. Local jobbers' quotations for American flours are about the same as last week, although they advise higher markets for all mill pro-

ducts, grain, etc.
The flours from the Sprague Roller Mill (Plausifter patent), are being intro-de ed in this market. They are manufactured from "Blue Stem" hard wheat, The brands are Washington Best. Silver Star and Crown.

The Portland market is somewhat better: flour advanced 15c, per barrel during the week: this created no surprise as millers are paying more for wheat, even at the present price the same can be termed very cheap. Standard quotations are \$2.75 per barrel. In fact they should be quoted \$3 per barrel.

At Scattle the grain market continues

very strong and prices are advanced on Red Oxide Paint, pe

wheat, flour and feed, but even at advanced prices holders are not disposed to sell, says the Trade Register. questioned by some if there will be any sale: further advance because May wheat quoted lower than present prices. Milling prices are the same as for export wheat. Barley has advanced in sympathy with other grains, and outs are strong.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The refinery advanced prices 1/4c. last week. The market is reported firm and further advance is probable, but very uncertain. Another sugar ship is about due and its arrival may cause a decline, despite the strong position of the general market.

Canned meats are easier but there is reported a tendency to firmer values. Canned meats are firmer. Lard is said to be at about the bottom notch and the next change is expected to be an advance, in fact latest advices announce a

strengthening of values.
The G. H. Hammond Packing Company shipped twenty-eight tons of their product from the Scattle branch to B. merchants last week.

The butter market is reported a little easier. At Montreal the market is stendy, and holders of winter creamery are firm at 20c.

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The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-

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SALMON.

The British bark Silverhow cleared on January 18 for Liverpool with 27,785 cases of salmon, valued at \$111,525. Of this amount 24,021 cases were shipped by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ld.

The Cutting Packing Company, in their circular of Jan. 9th, say:

"There are rumors current that quite a large stock of the spring pack of Columbia river salmon is still held by packers on the river and either unsold or held undelivered for account of early purchasers. Of Alaska varieties not a case remains unsold by packers and this market seems to be bare of good grades. The packing and shipment of salmon for the past year shows the largest volume of production in the history of the trade in this article, and the addition to the sum total of packing of previous years is made up largely, if not entirely by output of fall packed fish in Oregon and on Puget Sound, the trade in which, from the low prices at which it is marketed, seems to be steadily increasing.

LUMBER.

The British ship Nineveh, 1174 tons, Captain Broadfoot, sailed Jan. 17 for Sydney from Moodyville with 720,000 feet of feet rough lumber, 100,000 feet of tongued and grooved flooring, and 45,000 laths. Valued at \$7800. The British ship Birkdale, 1398 tons, from Callao, arrived in Royal Roads Jan. 20. Callao, arrived in Royal Roads Jan. 20. It is reported she will load at Vancou ver for the west coast of South Ameri-It is rumored another charter has been fixed for Shanghai to load at Burrard Inlet. The rate is said to be 52s.

The City of Florence bence July 9th for Antwerp, arrived Jan. 8. She was reported overdue.

A fair inquiry exists for lumber ton-nage, says the Commercial News, and coastwise employment is found by most of the local fleet, so that the whole situ-

ation is favorable at the present time. Quotations for Douglas fir lumber for foreign shipment are firmer. the mills have already advanced prices \$1 per thousand. The present position, now steadily growing stronger, justifies the advance.

In lumber lines on the Pacific coast the most encouraging feature has been that of the cargo trade, says the Puget Sound Lumberman. The demand has steadily increased throughout the year, the best month having been in Decem-British Columbia has also shown increased activity in this direction. There is no reason why the demand, particularly in foreign shipments, may not ticularly in foreign shipments, may not be largely increased rather than fall off during 1896. The superior quality of West Coast products is becoming known in Australia, in South America and in an encouraging degree in South Africa There is good reason for the helief that the 200,000,000 feet or more which have gone from the North Pacific coast to foreign ports during the past year may he doubled in the year just opening. This will certainly be true if the comhine which is now in process of incubation goes into effect.