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Since last report business has changed but little, but the weather has continued beautiful and clear, being a decided advantage all around over an early rainfall.

There have been a number of business changes and not a few failures recently, though none are of very great importance.

In shipping last week there was one arrival, the schooner Louis, to load lumber for Iquiqui. The departures have been the ss. Empress of India for the Orient, the ss. Grandholm with salmon for England, the schooner Ada for Shanghai with lumber, and the barques Jessie Stowe and Ladstock with salmon for New Westminster. The ship Sirene has sailed from Victoria with salmon, and the schooner Wm. Bowden with lumber, while the schooner Lyman D. Foster has sailed from Cowichan with lumber.

The *Colonist* in reviewing the Victoria market says:—The most noteworthy changes in the market during the past week have been in the fruit line. A small consignment of Eastern Concord grapes were received during the week, which found sale with surprising rapidity at the rate of 85c a basket. Australian fruits are expected to advance considerably in price next week as there will be a scarcity by that time. The receipts of hay and grain continue heavy, but prices remain firm. Game is plentiful, and there is a heavy demand for meats of all kinds, with a good supply to meet it. Prices are as usual. The condition of the fish market is also unchanged and business on the whole fairly good.

COAL—J. W. Harrison writes as follows relative to the present condition of the San Francisco coal market:

During the week there have been the following arrivals: From the northern mines 4,050 tons, from foreign sources 3,037 tons. The arrivals this week are only equal to about one-fourth of our consumption, so that our yarded stocks are becoming somewhat reduced. The loading of foreign cargoes are diminishing materially, as it is very difficult to find buyers; this is accounted for by the marked falling off in the demand for steam coals. Our manufacturing are still running on only half time, which cuts into our consumption of steam grades, but for gas productions and domestic uses sales are increasing, as is usual at this season of the year. Cabled freight quotations just received from Australia have been marked up 6d per ton, which makes the import cost unobtainable for the moment. The jobbers report trade fair and a marked improvement in collections the past few collection days. The stocks on hand and the cargoes to arrive in the next three months will be sufficient to insure consumers against any marked advance this winter.

SUGAR—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ¾c higher:—

Dry Granulated	63
Extra C	54
Fancy Yellow	53
Yellow	52
Golden C	51
Dry Granulated (China)	63
Syrups, per lb	3
1 gal tins, American	6 50
1 " " "	5 75
1 " " Vancouver	5 50
1 ½ " " "	7 00

SEALS—Private letters from Lymson & Co., London, announce that the great fur sales will take place some time after November 1st, at a date not yet decided upon. The fur journals of a late date to hand with other advices and information have tended to increase the confidence of those who have shipped their skins for sale at the big auction. The fur journals announce a change in the style of making up the well known plain sealskin jacket, to a style similar to the cloth coats with the ruffled shoulder capes now so popular. The cost, the dealers in the European cities have announced, will be ten per cent above last winter's figures. They report at the same time an increased demand, and it is known here that the stocks are low. To people 5,000 miles away it looks as if there was a little effort to do some manipulating. The report was sent broadcast over Europe that the catch of the pelagic fleet of the Pacific coast was 125,000, a figure just 35,000 above what it really was. This was done evidently to deceive the small buyers.

However, Vancouver owners cannot fare badly on the whole. About eighteen schooners, one of which had a big catch, contracted before many seals were killed at \$15. Since then about 20 schooners have sold their catches at prices varying from \$13 to \$14.50. The larger portion of the catch will go to the auctioneer's stand, and if the financial depression cuts no figure and nothing unforeseen crops up fair values will be received. The skins will have to bring over \$12 to bring the return to an amount satisfactory to the owners.

B. C. Market Quotations.

DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Live steers are 3½; cows 3; beef, 6½ to 7c; sheep, 4½ to 5c; mutton, 11c; lambs, \$3.75 to \$4.50 each; lamb, \$5 for carcass; calves, 6 to 7c; veal, 9 to 10c; hogs, 7½c; pork, 10½c.

GAME—Game is now on the market. Venison is wholesaling at 5c; ducks at 50c a brace and grouse 60 to 70c.

FISH—Prices are salmon, 5 to 6c; flounders, 4 to 5c; smelt, 5c; seabass, 5c; cod, 6c; halibut, 7c; smoked salmon, 12½c; smoked halibut, 10c; canned salmon, \$4 per case; salt salmon, \$3.50 per barrel; kippered herring, 12½c.

MEATS—Quotations are as follows: Hams, 16½c; breakfast bacon, 17c; backs, 15 to 15½c; long clear, 14c; short rolls, 14c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins, 16c per pound; in pails, 15½c; in tubs, 15c. Corned beef \$3.00 per barrel; mess pork \$20; short cut \$24. Commission agents quote American meats f.o.b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15c per pound; heavy hams, 14½c; choice breakfast bacon, 19c; short clear sides 14½c; and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 pound pails, 13½c per pound. Armour's gold brand meats, (delivered) hams, 18½c; bacon, 21½c.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes \$18 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, ½ to ¾c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾c.

DAIRY—Eastern creamery is quoted at 27c Manitoba dairy at 23c; cheese, 12½c.

EGGS—Eastern case eggs, 22c.

FRUITS—Grapes, \$1.25 to 1.40; apples, \$1.50 per box; tomatoes, 75 to 90c; pears, \$1.00 to \$1.50; evaporated apples are quoted at 8c per pound; apricots, 20c; peaches, 15c; dates, 7 to 8c; Smyrna prunes, 9c; pineapples, \$3 to \$4.50 per bunch; layer raisins, \$3; cocoanuts, \$1 per doz; Australia oranges, \$2.25 per box; prunes, \$1.10.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keowatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.40; strong bakers, \$4.10. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$0.00; XXX, \$4.35; strong bakers, or XX, \$4.05; superfine, \$3.55. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.65; strong bakers, \$4.30; ladies choice, \$4.50; prairie lily, \$4.25; Oregon, \$4.90. Enderby mills—three star, \$4.75; two star, \$4.50; oatmeal eastern \$3.00, California granulated in gunnies, \$4.25; National mills, Victoria, \$3.60; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$4.00; National mills \$3.60 per sack; Westminster Mills, 40 per lb., cornmeal \$2.75; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; best China rice, do., \$100; China rice, do., \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$30 per ton; bran, \$23; shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$33 to 35; wheat \$23; oil cake, \$50; hay, \$18. Wheat is quoted in car lots for food No. 2 regular at \$25.00 per ton; oats \$27; chop barley, \$32. California malting barley, \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop, \$32 to \$33. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$1.25; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3.75. Shorts, \$23; bran, \$21; barley chop, \$26; Brandon Mills, Hungarian, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.40.

Brief Business Notes.

Williamson & Jones, hotel, Kaslo, have dissolved.

H. Harris & Co. jewellers, have opened at Nanaimo.

Wm. Byers, blacksmith, has opened at Mission City.

Roadley & Guthrie, real estate, Kaslo, have dissolved.

M. Catore has opened the Hotel Europe at Vancouver.

C. B. Rabson has opened a livery business at Courtenay.

D. McIntyre, logger, Duncan's, has assigned to P. C. Butts.

West & Aldous, tobacco, Kaslo, have gone out of business.

Began & Williamson, general store, Revelstoke, have dissolved.

McDowell & Tudhope, carriages and supplies, have opened at Nanaimo.

Sullivan & Savage, general store, Kaslo, are out of business and away.

Langman & Sills, general store, Vernon, advertise giving up business.

Geo. E. Powell, barrister and solicitor, has opened an office in Victoria.

McQuillan & Gilmore have bought out John W. Fraser, livery, Courtenay.

Hampton & Hopkins, general store, Kaslo, have failed and left the place.

The Paragon Safety Oil Co. contemplate opening a branch at Vancouver.

G. A. Richardson & Co. intend opening in dry goods, in Victoria on Nov. 1.

B. Van Valkenburg has opened a meat market and packing house in Victoria.

A winding up order has been issued in the case of the Point Comfort Hotel Co.

R. M. Johnson, Vancouver, has bought out the estate of J. R. Bower, restaurant.

J. E. Wise, coal, wood and lime dealer, Westminster, has sold out to Gilley Bros.

The Victoria Marble Works, Victoria, are advertised for sale under distraint for rent.

Holman & Loewen, real estate, Vancouver, have dissolved; Chas. J. Loewen continues.

The remainder of the dry goods stock at the Albion House, Victoria, is advertised for sale by auction.