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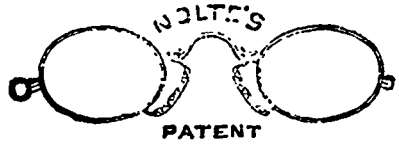

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TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.
Tuesday Morning, September 29.

VICTORIA.

Trade has continued of satisfactory activity and volume during the week. The exhibition, which is now in progress, is not likely to improve matters. The season now has advanced so far that the wholesalers and jobbing dealers can forecast the trade with reasonable definiteness, and a majority of them while not very much elated at the prospect are quite confident of an outcome that will prove fairly satisfactory, everthing considered.

London exchange is a trifle easier, owing to the large shipments, at this time of the year, of sealskins and salmon.

Owing to the holidays during the week business generally in Vancouver has been broken up, and there has been a quiet time. In shipping circles trade has been brisk. The steamship Empress of China arrived from China and Japan on Wednesday with a heavy cargo, and a full cargo is ready for her on the return trip. The sawmills still keep running, and there are now two vessels loading at the Moodyville mill.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There is little change to note, trade being steady. Potatoes from Chilliwhack are quoted at $20 per ton. Quotations are: Peaches, $1.25: pears, (bartletts), $1.65; plums, 90c.; grapes, (white), $1.65; grapes, (black), $1.50; apples, (green), $1.25, apples, (gravenstein), $1.25, Santa Barbara oranges, $5.25 to $5.50; California Messina lemons, $7.25 to $7.50; bananas, $3.25; cantilopes, $4.50; nutmeg, melons, $1.50; watermelons, $5.50 a crate; nectarines, $1.50; crabapples, $1.25; silverskin onions, 1½c. per lb, native potatoes, $18 per ton; island apples, $1.25 per box: tomatoes, $1.00; cucumbers, $1.00, sweet potatoes, 2½c. per lb; sweet corn, 25c. per doz.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Enderby mills have again lowered the price of their flour in car lots to the old prices and jobbing quotations have also been lowered in sympathy. Flour has advanced 10c. a bbl. in Winnipeg and the east, but no change has taken place in Manitoba brands on this market. Quotations are: Enderby flour, for carload lots, Premier, $5.75; XXX., $5.45; Strong Bakers or XX., $5.00; Superfine, $4.00.

Delta, Victoria mills	$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	6 00 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 75 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	6 50 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	6 25 @ 0 00
Snowflake	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	6 25 @ 0 00
Royal	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	4 50 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	$40 00 @ 00 00
Oats	30 00 @ 00 00
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 40 00
Chop feed	37 50 @ 00 00
Shorts	30 00 @ 35 00
Bran	28 00 @ 30 00
California oatmeal	4 50 @ 00 00
Rolled oats	4 25 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	5 25 @ 0 00
Tacoma rolled oats	4 80 @ 0 00
Cornmeal	3 00 @ 0 00
Cracked corn	50 00 @ 55 00

SALMON.

The bark Serica cleared Sept. 28 for London with 38,623 cases of salmon, valued at $200,782, which is the first shipment of this season's fish for the United Kingdom. The Callao will also sail shortly. The Rothesay Bay, which arrived Sept. 27, 150 days out from Glasgow, is under charter to load salmon for the United Kingdom, direct port, at 43s. 6d. Up to the Sept 18, arrivals of Alaska fish, at San Francisco, were 331,609 cases, against 281,539 cases for 1890 and 220,091 cases for 1889. Salmon is being rushed forward, but it is probable that final figures will be about equal to last year. From the fact that preparations were not extensive, it is expected that in some quarters the final figures may show a smaller pack than heretofore. The impression is gaining ground that the entire pack of the Pacific coast will be about equal to former years, but the factor of the Alaska pack is a very uncertain one, as no reliable information is to be had, this statement must be received with caution.

The San Francisco *Commercial News* says: It is reported that salmon packers have come to the conclusion that, if they expect to come out even this year, heroic remedies are necessary. The packers have held one or two meetings, with the idea of forming a combine, pooling stocks and holding them for a price that will realize a profit. It is said it was proposed to put the whole business in the hands of a committee and make the minemum price on Alaska fish $1.10 per dozen. So far as can be learned, the details are not yet perfected, and it will be like trying to ride a circus trick mule for the committee in charge to handle the packers, if the combine is formed.

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole sale:

Japan rice, per ton	$90 00
China rice "	70 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Chit rice "	25 00
Rice Meal "	17 50