

stronger prices outside. Lots selling from store are held at 45 to 47c for feed qualities, and cars on tract at 43 to 44c, for ordinary feed, and 45 to 46c per bushel per choice and seed qualities, though some rather poor feed oats were offered at 41c on track on Saturday.

#### BARLEY.

Very little barley required for seed or other purposes, and very little held in store here. Worth from 60 to 75c in small quantities.

#### BUTTER.

As dull as ever, and scarcely any sale except for an occasional package or two for the city trade, and this trade is kept pretty well supplied by lots peddled about the city. Good to choice dairy brings 14 and sometimes 15c in this way, and common 10 to 12c, but not wanted at all.

#### EGGS.

Irregular and selling at 16 to 17c. Lower prices are looked for after Easter.

#### LARD.

Very strong, owing to the increase in the duty, which will make imported cost 20c more per pail. An advance of 10c has already been secured here to \$2.10 per 20 pound pail, and a further advance of 10c per pail is considered likely very shortly.

#### CURED MEATS.

All commodities under this head are very strong, owing to the increase of 1c per pound in the duties. Fractional advances in prices have been made by local packers and dealers, and further advances to the full extent of the duty are expected shortly. The supply of home cured stuff is not large, and a large portion of the consumption is supplied by imported, so that an advance equal to the increase in the duty is certain. Local packers have been selling on close margins, owing to the high prices paid for hogs here all last winter, so that they are also inclined to take advantage of the increase in the duty. Prices last week were: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½ to 9c; spiced rolls, 10c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c per pound; mess pork, \$17 per bbl.; bologna sausage, 7c, German bologn 8c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Meats are firm and show advances nearly all around. Pork brought 7 to 7½ per pound, and some choice sold as high as 8c. Mutton sold at from 10 to 14c per pound, the former for frozen and the top price for some choice fresh imported. A car lot of mixed pork, mutton and beef was brought in from the south in time to catch the advance in duties, and this is the stuff which sold at the top prices, being choice quality. At the advance in duties it could not be sold lower. Mutton and pork are in very light supply. Considerable fresh beef is now in the market, and there is still some frozen stuff on hand yet. Some of the latter sold at about 5c for sides. Fresh killed beef sold at 7 to 7½c, and some choice Easter beef up to 8c. A good deal of the new beef shown is rather thin. Really choice beef is likely to be scarce for some time, but it is thought there will be a plentiful local supply of poor to fair, which in the absence of something better will have to be taken.

#### POULTRY.

Very scarce, 15c is being offered for nice fresh chickens, and some have brought 16c per pound, and 20c per pound for turkeys. Ducks and geese would bring about 14c per pound.

#### HIDES AND TALLOW.

Hardly any coming in. The bulk of country hides bought last winter have turned out very poor, being cut and badly taken off. Butchers' hides are a good deal better than they used to be. Good lots will bring 3½c per pound, and cows and light steers about 3c. Sheep pelts, 50 to 75c each. Tallow, 2½ to 3c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

## ALBERT BUILDINGS

Union Square, MONTREAL.

To keep pace with our rapid increasing business we have moved into our new and more commodious premises, and will no longer experience any inconvenience in filling with promptitude the orders of our patrons, to whom we return thanks for past favors, and request a continuance of the same in the future.

Our Mr. Leishman is now out with our Fall Samples in Manitoba and the Territories, while our Mr. Sandeman is covering the ground in British Columbia as usual. We respectfully request that you will see their samples before placing your orders for the season.

Orders given to these gentlemen will receive the prompt and careful attention of

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

**E. A. SMALL & CO.,**  
**Manufacturers of Clothing.**

#### HAY.

Car lots on track held at \$11 to \$12 per ton, though some pressed has been sold as low as \$10, but supposed to be of poor quality. Loose on the market offering pretty freely at \$10 to \$12 per ton as to quality.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes advanced again last week and sold at 70 to 75c on the market. Turnips were lower but most other vegetables show advances in prices, quotations now being as follows: Carrots, \$1.50; parsnips \$1.75 per bushel, beets, \$1.50 per bushel, turnips 45 to 50c per bushel, onions 4c per pound, cabbage \$3.00 per hundred pounds; southern red onions, \$4 per 100 pounds.

#### LIVE STOCK.

It is reported that 4½c has been paid for some fat cattle, but denied. Sales are kept private, but it is generally understood that very few if any have been taken at over 4c per pound, live weight, and only choice would bring up to 4c. The average run of cattle would probably be nearer 3c per pound.

### British Columbia.

G. F. Raven, blacksmith, Kamloops, has assigned.

W. Bentley & Co., stationers, Nanaimo, are closing out.

Rushton & Roberts, hotelkeepers, Kamloops, have assigned.

John Mahrer, of Nanaimo, will start a lager beer manufactory at that place.

Work has commenced at Victoria on the new Canada Western Hotel, it will cost \$250,000.

Henderson Bros., general merchants, Centreville, have sold out to Martin Bros., formerly of Calgary.

E. S. Wilson & Co., general storekeepers, Revelstoke, have fitted Thomas Eckersly in the firm.

Grant & MacLure, boots and shoes, New Westminster, have dissolved partnership. Geo. H. Grant continues the business.

The New Westminster City Council will submit a by-law to a vote of the electors, to raise \$50,000 by debentures for street improvements.

The proposal to establish cotton, woolen and rope mills at Port Moody is being followed up, and something definite may be expected soon.

The first annual report of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association has been issued in pamphlet form. It makes quite a bulky volume of about 60 pages.

J. H. Baker, boots and shoes, Victoria, has admitted J. E. Church as a partner. The business will in the future be conducted under the firm name of J. H. Baker & Co.

The Bank of British North America has purchased the debentures issued by Victoria under

authority of the city hall and cemetery loan by-law, at three fourths of one per cent above par.

The Gurney Cab Company, operating cab lines in United States cities, will establish a branch business at Vancouver. Single horse cabs will be placed on the streets. Passengers will be carried one mile for 25 cents, or five tickets for \$1. An express business will also be done.

The incorporation papers of the Vancouver Refinery have been prepared for registration. The capital is \$500,000 in shares of \$100 each. The local stockholders who sign the application for incorporation are J. M. Browning, B. T. Rogers, J. C. Keith, H. Abbott and J. Angus. William Prentice has been appointed secretary of the company.

The Southern Railway has thrown up its bonus of \$150,000 from the city of New Westminster, as the condition connected therewith are such as the railway company has decided will not be advisable to comply with, particularly as to the construction of a bridge across the river. The company asks for a grant of certain lands for station and other purposes, and tax exemption for twenty-five years.

The salmon cannery of the Fraser river, B.C., are greatly agitated over the recent orders from Ottawa, which provides that they are to pay a license of \$20 for each boat employed by them in fishing, and \$50 per boat for each boat over twenty so employed, while the cannery on other rivers in the province only pay \$5 per boat. This seems a very unfair discrimination against the Fraser river canneries. Besides this, fishermen who take fish for shipment in a fresh state, only pay \$5 license. Thus the shipment of fresh fish is encouraged, as against the canning of fish. This means a very peculiar discrimination, as it would naturally be supposed that canning salmon would be a more valuable industry than shipping the fish in a fresh state.

A prominent stockman of Eastern Oregon informs the *Oregonian* that, owing to the great loss of sheep from the severe winter, the pelt harvest will be a large one. He can ship 20,000 or 30,000 skins this spring. One of his neighbors has four sheep left of a flock of 1,700, another lost 2,200 out of 2,600. Cattle perished in almost the same proportion, and coyotes will fatten on the pastures of Gilliam.

The establishment of the new wholesale house of Dawson, Bole & Co., in Winnipeg, will add 25 souls to the population of the city. This is the number which constitutes the staff of the firm, with their families.