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 (Substituted for the Valparaiso)
 WILL SAIL FROM
LIVERPOOL
 —FOR—
Victoria and Vancouver
 About the End of OCTOBER.

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NOTICE.

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VICTORIA, B. C., 1st Sept., 1892.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
 Tuesday Morning, Sept. 13.

VICTORIA.

Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* from leading trade centres in the United States are to the effect that there has been little if any check experienced by general trade due to the cholera scare or quarantine regulations except at New York. Imported linen rags have advanced 3½c to 7c per pound, and a higher rate is expected. This, of course, means that there will be a

decided advance in the price of fine writing paper, in fact all kinds of paper. The general wholesale trade is only fairly active in Toronto, but the annual Exhibition is being held there and country merchants are present in large numbers. Grocery and hardware dealers report the heaviest sales so far.

At Montreal staple lines report a moderate business, but prospects for the fall are regarded as quite encouraging.

At Quebec City recent business troubles have unsettled trade somewhat.

The Bank clearings at Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, aggregate \$17,888,000 this week, an increase over the total in the preceding week of 8 per cent.

There were 20 failures in Canada last week, against 33 the previous week, and 23 in the week a year ago.

The tone of the Vancouver markets is upward as the season advances though money is inclined to be close. The *Telegram* reports that the fruit market was active during the earlier part of the week, but rather quiet during the last two or three days, all kinds of fruit being rather scarce on account of a small shipment on the last steamer from San Francisco. Home fruit is now coming in, and is of good quality. In the wholesale line, trade is good and prices firm.

The loss occasioned by the fire aboard the *Empress of Japan* on her way to Vancouver has just been appraised. The total, including damage to the vessel, will foot up to \$120,000. Most of the damaged merchandise was shipped on to the consignees to be accepted or rejected by them there. Five parcels of the damaged tea were disposed of by public auction, and were sold at 6½c to 15½c per pound in bulk.

The leading feature of the Victoria market this week is the drop in flour. The cause of the decline is attributed to the weakness in the wheat market. The best brands of Enderby flour dropped 20c, and the Ogilvie Milling Company dropped 15c on their Hungarian flour.

It is said that the week's shipments of seal skins will amount to more than 10,000, the value of the packages being upward of \$100,000. E. B. Marvin & Co., and Robt. Ward & Company, Ltd, are the chief consignors.

Trade generally shows very little change, and merchants are still hopeful as to the outline.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship *Umatilla* September 9, comprised the following: For Victoria—22 sacks sweet potatoes, 217 cs peaches, 69 cs lemons, 249 cs pears, 39 cs plums, 333 cs grapes, 10 cs oranges, 8 cs nectarines, 13 crts watermelons, 3 crts cantaloupes, 23 crts nutmeg melons, 1 cs peppers, 20 crts bananas, 101 cs apples, 51 scks onions, 3 cs tomatoes; total, 1,250 pkgs. The receipts by the previous steamer on 9th inst. amounted to 1,618 pkgs, and on Aug. 30 were 1,492 pkgs.

There are some small boxes of bananas on the market that are offered at \$2.50 and \$2.75. California plums are about out. The receipts by last steamer were very small. Local plums are taking their place at 75c to 80c per box. Peaches and pears are both reported up a little. Australian

oranges are offered at \$4.50 a box. Grapes range from \$1.35 to \$1.75. Melons have declined in price, and local grown potatoes are now quoted from \$17 to \$20 per ton.

Current quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Santa Barbara.....	\$0 00 @ 0 00
Tahiti Seedlings.....	4 50 @ 4 75
Riverside Seedlings.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Lemons—California.....	8 00 @ 8 50
Sicily.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Bananas, crate.....	2 50 @ 3 75
Plums, box.....	75 @ 1 00
Peaches.....	1 25 @ 1 65
Pears—Bartlett's, large boxes.....	1 75 @ 2 00
Quinces.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Apples—Gravenstein.....	1 60 @ 1 75
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Crap apples.....	1 25 @ 0 00
Grapes.....	1 35 @ 1 75
Pine Apples, doz.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Cocoanuts, doz.....	1 00 @ 0 00
Watermelons, crate.....	4 50 @ 0 00
Musk ".....	0 60 @ 3 50
Nutmeg ".....	1 60 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—California, sweet.....	3 @ 00
Local.....	per ton 17 00 @ 20 00
Onions—Red California.....	1½ @
California Silverskins.....	1½ @
Tomatoes, bx.....	1 00 @ 1 10

SALMON.

Some enquiry is reported for salmon. The market in England is firm at 23s 6d for talls. The Richmond Cannery announces their final pack of sockeye fish at 3,480 cases, and the Beaver Cannery 3,350 cases. The Northern Canneries are rapidly forwarding all of their pack to shipping points, where it awaits the arrival of the several vessels already under charter, some of which are due shortly. The Martha Fisher is still taking on salmon from Northern and Fraser River Canneries.

On account of the shortness of the pack it is generally believed that shippers will find it difficult to fill the vessels already under charter.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Choice creamery butter commands good prices, and is still firmly held in the East. It is believed that it may further advance there. Local quotations are unchanged from last week. Canadian cheese has advanced in the East, and local dealers are a little firmer in their views. Case eggs have gone up, and 19c to 20c is now asked for choice. American canned meats are in strong demand. The market is being cleared up to meet the demand until the arrival of fresh supplies from the packing houses. American cured meats are reported a little lower. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 10c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 14½c; short clear sides, 13½c, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c.

Canadian meats are quoted f. o. b. Victoria: Hams 10c, breakfast bacon 16c, long clear side 12c, dry salt side 11c.

Last week the refinery lowered the price of their dry granulated sugar to 5½c, at which price several orders have been filled. Messrs. R. P. Rithe & Co., Ltd., met the cut, and have further reduced their prices. They now quote dry granulated in 100 lb. sacks at 5½c and yellow at 4½c. Local jobbers do not announce any changes in their quotations, which are the same as last week. Choice Eastern syrup is offered in