

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**British Columbia Markets.**

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

**PRICES AT VANCOUVER.**

Vancouver, June 24.

The changes this week are mostly in flour and grain. Manitoba patent flour is 10c higher, but Oregon flour is lower. Oats are up \$3 per ton. Millfeed is \$1 ton lower. Ground feed \$1 per ton higher. Strawberries are abundant and lower. Potatoes (new) are 1-2c lower per lb.

By wire to The Commercial.

**BUTTER**—Ontario creamery, 21c.

**EGGS**—Fresh eastern, 10c.

**CHEESE**—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 12 to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 12 1-2 to 13c; backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c, short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

**FISH**—Flounders 3c, smelts 5c, sea bass 4c, whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; bloater 7c; cod 6c per lb.

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes, 2 1-2c per lb., cabbage, 2c lb., carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; red onions 1 1-2c per lb., tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; cucumbers, \$2.75 box.

**GREEN FRUIT**—California lemons, \$3.50 box; naval oranges, \$1 to \$1.50 box seedlings, \$3.25 per box; St. Michael oranges, \$3.50; blood oranges, \$3.50 to \$3.75 box; cherries, \$1.50 to \$1.75 box; strawberries, \$2.75 crate; bananas, \$2.75 bunch; peaches, \$2; apricots, \$2.25; plums, \$1.75 box; apples, \$2.25 box.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90; 2 1/2 pound sacks, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 5's \$3.

**FLOUR**—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.90; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

**GRAIN**—Oats, \$30 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.

**GROUND FEED**—National mills chop, \$27 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; off cake meal \$35 ton; l.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

**HAY**—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef 9 1-2c; mutton 13c; pork 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4.50 to \$4.75; sheep \$5.50 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, 75c.

**EVAPORATED FRUITS**—Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

**NUTS**—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

**SUGARS**—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 3-8c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

**SYRUPS**—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 case, 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

**TEAS**—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

**PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.**

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., June 24.

The large supply of Ontario eggs in the market here has now been nearly worked off. Prices are 1-2c lower

this week. Some fresh rauche eggs are offering. Ontario creamery is now about out of the market, and the supply is now of fresh Manitoba. No increase in stock here now. Oats are \$2 ton higher this week, and flour has advanced 25c per barrel. Business is rather quiet at present.

**Butter**—Manitoba fresh creamery, 20c.

**Eggs**—Ontario fresh, 1-4c; fresh ranch, 1-4c.

**Oats**—Per ton, \$38.

**Flour**, Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.90.

**Potatoes**, per ton, \$35.

**British Columbia Items.**

Orr & Forier, hotel, are moving to Duncan City.

B S McDonald, grocer, Vancouver, has sold out.

G Malliro, shoemaker, Vancouver, is burned out.

L C Miller, flour and feed, is putting at Fort Steele.

Beaty & Co., provisions, have reopened at Victoria.

Crow's Nest Trading Co. is opening a branch at Cranbrook.

Wells & Smirl, saw mill, Central Park, new co-partnership.

M Walmsley, of Hemais & Walmsley, butchers, Nanaimo, is dead.

Wood-Cargill Co., Ltd., Armstrong, general store, are re-organizing.

Turner & Harris, grocers, Rossland, are succeeded by D. Harris & Son.

The stock of A. I. Larroca, grocer, Vancouver, was damaged by water.

L. Wurzburg, salmon canner, Vancouver, is succeeded by Wurzburg & Co., Limited.

Rubinowitz & Co., clothing and boots and shoes, Vancouver, had their stock damaged by fire; insured.

Wilcox & O'Reilly, publishers, Cascade City, have dissolved partnership, W. B. Wilcox continuing.

Victoria Bottling Works, Vincent A. Doid, proprietor, Victoria, stock and machinery offered for sale.

Greenwood City has been visited by fire. The Clarendon and the international hotels were consumed; also an assay office adjoining. The estimated loss is from \$6,000 to \$7,000.

With the inauguration of the new fast service on the C. P. R., Rossland is brought within 93 hours' run of Toronto. The narrow gauge railway from Robson to Rossland has been converted to standard gauge and a much faster time table adopted on that road, thus giving quick communication between those two points.

The United States consul at Victoria, Abraham E. Smith, has been reporting on the industries of British Columbia recently, and among other things said: "The number of halibut in Alaskan waters is one of the most remarkable things on the coast. It is no uncommon thing for a little steamer to come into port with an immense cargo, caught in a few hours. Last month an American steamer passed this point on her way to Tacoma with 133,000 pounds of halibut caught off Hackett Narrows on the Alaskan coast in three and a half days by eighteen men with hooks and lines, using nine dories. This cargo, worth at the lowest estimate 3 cents per pound, foots up \$3,960. They report that the water seems almost alive with halibut."

**Manitoba Crops.**

The Canadian Northern railway issued the following crop report Friday morning

Plumas—Growth of wheat most encouraging and weather perfect. Wheat area under crop this year 20 per cent larger than last.

Mackinack—The crops here are as well advanced as at the same time last year. Prospects very good.

Dauphin—The report from Gilbert Plains shows that the crop in that locality are in splendid condition. The weather up to the present has been all that could be desired. In the vicinity of Dauphin the same conditions prevail. The area under crop at round is 100 per cent. over last year.

**Canadian Trade.**

New York, June 23.—R. G. Dun & Co's review of Canadian trade for the past week, is as follows. Canadian dispatches this week indicate a fairly good movement for the season, with satisfactory prospects. The general movement at Montreal is good for the season with satisfactory collections, and the money market is not quite so tight but the call rate is still steady at 5 per cent. Trade at Toronto in hardware, metals, builders' supplies and leather is good, with groceries fairly active. At Winnipeg trade is generally fair, in implements, lumber and hardware goods, though collections are somewhat slow. Vancouver reports about the average business in groceries, dry goods and clothing, and activity in hardware and building materials, with firmer prices. Business conditions at Victoria are practically unchanged, with collections fair.

Bradstreet's review says—Reports of a full average of reasonable trade come from the Dominion. Montreal reports current sales good, bad debts small in volume, and collections satisfactory. An exception to this is found in the leather trade. The values of staples are reported generally firm. Crops are reported good in the maritime provinces and the yield of hay will be heavy in Nova Scotia where collections are, however, reported slow. The scarcity of supplies of lumber is a feature in New Brunswick as elsewhere, and exports will be smaller than a year ago. Toronto reports warm weather favorably affecting trade and June business in dry goods ahead of last year. Prices of staples are firm and cotton goods tend higher. General trade is active. Building material is in specially good demand. Hogs products are in good demand and high prices for American meats exclude them from Canada. A test suit of the Ontario log law has been begun. Business failures number 19 against 25 last week, and 19 in this week a year ago.

**BANK CLEARANCES.**

For the Dominion of Canada the bank clearances were as follows. Montreal \$15,429,473, increase 11.1 per cent; Toronto \$10,035,319, increase 21.2 per cent; Winnipeg \$1,805,540, increase 11.6 per cent; Halifax \$1,181,740, increase 10.8 per cent; Hamilton \$685,409, increase 16.2 per cent; Vancouver \$708,857; Victoria \$468,218.

Life: "Miss Gray tried for a position with a collecting agency, but failed." "What was the objection?" "A woman's work is never done."—"Life."