

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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British Columbia Business Review.

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The fall rains have evidently set in. The last was a foretaste of what may be expected for the next four or five months. Most of the larger buildings have their brick and stone work done, so that there will be no serious interference with that.

The principal event of the past week was the holding of the provincial exhibition last week. It was called a carnival as well, from the fact that a programme of sports formed the leading feature of the celebration. On the whole, while rain put a damper on everything, the exhibition in itself was not as good as last year in some respects. The sports were probably better and the attendance was certainly large. Victoria exhibition follows this week.

During the last week too, a number of sealers returned from Copper Island. Some of the crews of the seized sealers were also aboard and they told their story of the seizures. It would appear that the stories at first told about the Russian cruelty, and all that, were greatly exaggerated. The Russian officers who seized the Vancouver Belle were very courteous to Captain Cupp, who it appears really had his vessel seized under a mistaken impression on the part of the Russians that his boats had been hunting in shore. A number of sealers in the vicinity of Copper Island, though given strong hints were allowed to go unmolested and could have been easily captured if the Russians had so desired while the Russians claim jurisdiction over all the sea adjoining their coast, in the same way as the United States claims Behring Sea, it is not thought they will seriously contend for sovereignty beyond the three league limit.

A sale of sealskins at \$10 a head is reported from Victoria.

Canned salmon is strong and dealers are all holding for high prices in England.

Dairy products, meats, eggs, etc., are all firm, with an upward tendency, while lines of produce, flour, feed, etc., are oppositely inclined.

The sugar market is still unsettled owing to the cuts in prices and jobbers have reduced prices to meet wholesale prices.

Fish, game and poultry are rather scarce than otherwise and sell freely at good prices.

Lumber shows no change, but from the number of ships under charter, foreign demand must be better, although prices are very low. Sight rates are low and a number of charters are offered, which accounts probably for increased exports.

Potatoes are very low at present and have glutted the market. Dealers look forward to higher prices shortly as great quantities are rotting. Hay, \$16 a ton. Vegetables of all kind, are cheap and plentiful.

B. C. Market Quotations.

Fish.—salmon quoted at 6 to 7c; sturgeon, 5c; smelt, 6c; cod, 6 to 7c; flounders, 5c. Fish generally scarce.

POULTRY, GAME, ETC.—Poultry is scarce and in demand. Hens sell at \$8 a dozen; spring chickens, \$5 to \$8; and ducks \$7 to \$9. Game is coming in more plentiful. Prices are as follows:—Mallard, 55c a pair; pintail and widgeons, 40c; teal, 20c; grouse, 50c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Quotations skins in San Francisco are, being one cent higher per pound than in Victoria: Dry hides, sound, 90c per pound; cull, 6c; brands 6c; kip 9c; culls and brands 6c. Heavy salted steer, sound, 74c; brands and culls 6 to 6½c; do medium 6c; brands and

culls 4½c; do light 4½c; do brands and culls 3½c. Salted cows 4 to 4½c; do brands and culls 3½c. Salted kip 4c; do brands and culls 3c. Salted veal 5c; do brands and culls 4c. Salted calf 7c; do brands and culls 5c. Long wool pelts 90c to \$1.40 each; medium do 70 to 90c; short 40 to 70c; shearing 10 to 25c. Deerskins, summer, 37½c per lb; do medium 30 to 32½c; do winter and long haired skins 20 to 25c. Elk hides 10 to 13c. Goatskins, prime and perfect, 30 to 50c each; damaged 10 to 25c; kids 5 to 10c.

LIVE STOCK, DRESSED MEATS, ETC.—Live steers are quoted 4c; cows, 3½c; dressed beef, 7½c; lambs \$4.50 apiece; dressed \$5; sheep 5½c; mutton, 12c; hogs 8c; pork, 11c; calves, 7c; veal, 11c.

VEGETABLES.—They are cheap and plentiful. Potatoes \$12 to \$15 a ton. Onions 1½c per lb. Turnips, carrots and beets are 60c per cwt.

LUMBER.—Quotations for Douglas fir lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipments, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths, to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; deck plank, rough average length 35 feet, per M, \$19; dressed T. and G. flooring, \$17; pickets, rough, \$9; lath, 4 feet \$2 per M. Local supply. Rough merchantable lumber, per M, \$12; double dressed and edged, \$22.50; single, do, \$20; No. 1 tongued and groove flooring, 1 x 4, \$22.50; Rough deck plank, \$14; laths, per M, \$2.25; shingles, common, per M, \$2.25.

MEATS, ETC.—No change. Quotations are: Wiltshire cured hams, 18c; do bacon, 10c; do backs, 14½c; do sides, 15c; eastern hams, 15c; bacon, 16c; backs 14c; rolls, 12c; smoked sides, 12½c; dry salt backs, 11½c; long clear 11c; American meats are quoted in Victoria laid down: Medium hams, 17c. heavy hams 16½c; 3, 5 and 10 lb tins lard, 13c; 20 lb pails lard, 12½c; 50 lb tubs lard, 12c; tierces lard, 11½c. Lard compound is 11c.

SCAUS.—Jobbers have reduced their prices ½c per lb, the wholesale prices remaining last week. The market is still unsettled, owing to the cut in rates.

FLOUR AND FEED.—There is very little change in the markets this week. Prices in general are easy and with large consignments in all lines likely to remain so for some time. Quotations are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$5.70; strong bakers, \$5.30; ladies' choice \$5.70; prairie lily, \$5.70; Oregon \$5.55; Spokane \$5.65; Enderby mills—Premier \$5.70; three star \$5.65; two star \$5.25; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated, in gunnies, \$4.35; National mills, Victoria \$4.25; rolled oats eastern \$3 to \$3.25; California \$3.75; National mills \$3.65; cornmeal \$3.19; split peas \$3.50; pearl barley \$4.50. Rice.—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale: Japan rice, per ton, \$77.50; China rice, do, \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal, do \$17.50; chopped feed \$31 per ton; bran \$24; shorts, \$25; Man. oats \$28 to \$32; B.C. oats, \$26; wheat \$28 to \$32; oil cake \$40; hay, \$16. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$22.50 to \$23 per ton; oats \$25; chop barley \$25. California malting barley \$26 to \$27 f.o.b. in San Francisco. California chop \$32 to \$33. The Western Milling Co.'s patent flour is quoted at \$5; strong, \$4.60.

EGGS.—Eastern eggs, 20c. The market is bare at present but several carloads are expected this week. Fresh rancho eggs are 35c.

DAIRY.—Prices are advancing. Eastern creamery remains the same, viz., 27 to 28c. Manitoba and Territories dairy has advanced to 20c. Cheese is 13c.

FRUITS, NUTS, ETC.—There has been little or no change. Grapes and pears are coming in more freely and plums going out. There has been the usual importations in all lines. Prices are: Cocoanuts, \$1 per doz; bananas, \$4 to \$4.25; Turkish figs, 14½c; almonds, 18c; walnuts, 15c; filberts, 15c; pine, 20c; peanuts, 10c; evaporated apples, 11c; apricots, 16 to 18c; apples, in boxes, 11 to 12c; nectarines, 13 to 16c;

peaches, unpeeled, 15½ to 17c; pears peeled and sliced, 12 to 14c; plums, pitted 12½ to 13½c; prunes, in sacks, 12 to 14c; prunes, in boxes, 13 to 15c; strained honey, 13c; raisins, \$2 to \$2.75 peaches, \$1.50; tomatoes, 75c to \$1.00; plums, \$1.10 to \$1.25; watermelons, 25c; each; prunes, \$1.25 a box; apples, British Columbia, 90 to \$1.50; pears, \$1 to \$2.25 grapes, \$1.63 to \$1.85.

SHIPPING.—The following is the tonnage of shipping in port:—

Port.	No.	Tonnage.
Vancouver	6	7,128
Victoria	2	1,847
Nanaimo	11	16,334
Total	19	24,358

FREIGHTS.—Lumber freight are steady. The latest quotations are as follows:—From the Sound or British Columbia to Valparaiso for orders, 40s last; Sydney, 27s 6d to 30s; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 57s 6d; Shaughat, 45s; Yokohama, 40s 6d; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 37s 6d to 40s. Coal freights from Nanaimo, Departure Bay or Puget Sound ports to San Francisco are \$1.75.

Ships for British Columbia.

There are at present loading at Puget Sound and British Columbia ports eighty vessels for foreign and coastwise ports. Besides this, a fleet of 75 vessels is now headed this way. Following is a list of vessels on their way for British Columbia, giving sailing dates:—

Br bk River Ganges, 912 tons, sailed from Rio Janeiro July 27 for Victoria, where she loads salmon for London.

Br bk The Frederick, 850 tons, from Talcahuana, bound for Victoria, where she loads salmon for London.

Br bk Chile, 678 tons, sailed from London May 27 for Victoria, where she loads a return cargo of salmon.

Br bk Glengarry, 802 tons sailed from Rio Janeiro July 25 for Victoria, where she loads a return cargo of salmon.

Br bk Lebu, 726 tons, sailed from Liverpool May 29 for Vancouver, where she loads lumber for Valparaiso.

Br bk Sabrina, 790 tons, sailed from London July 7 for Vancouver with a cargo of raw material for a paint company.

Br bk Assel, 845 tons, sailed from London August 19 for Victoria with merchandise.

Br bk Mary Low, 313 tons, from Liverpool, bound from Esquimaux with merchandise.

Br bk Thermopylae, 943 tons, from Hong Kong with a cargo of rice for Victoria.

Ital bk Ereria, 1,069 tons, from Callao to load lumber at Burrard Inlet for Valparaiso.

Br bk Manna Ahi, 527 tons, from Honolulu to British Columbia for orders.

Br sh Gramere, 1,216 tons, sailed from Co. quimbo August 2th, for Royal Roads for orders.

Haw bk R. C. Rithet, 1,013 tons, sailed from Pisagua August 17th for Victoria for orders.

Br sh Dynomene, 1,949 tons, sailed from Rio Janeiro July 24th for Vancouver to load lumber.

Br sh Morayshire, 1,428 tons, on her way from Java, bound for Vancouver with a cargo of sugar.

Br bk Valparaiso, 713 tons, from Liverpool for Victoria for orders.

Br sh Kinkora, 1,799 ton, now at Liverpool, will sail for Victoria for orders.

Br bk Salado, 482 tons, sailed from Newport, England, September 13th for Victoria for orders.

Br schr Americana, 1,250 tons, from Liverpool for Victoria.

The Kaslo-Slocan Country.

To the Editor of the Commercial.

Sir,—As the mining district around Kaslo City has been attracting a great deal of attention, it may interest your readers to hear some particulars about it. The many remarkably rich discoveries of silver ore made in the