

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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## VICTORIA.

There has been a marked improvement in trade during the past week. Several large shipments of drygoods have been made to interior points, and the grocery trade has also been active. Buyers for salmon do not feel like paying the price demanded by sellers. Foreign lumber continues dull. On the whole the volume of trade is quite satisfactory.

In Vancouver business is fair, merchants being now chiefly engaged in getting in their new stocks. Prospects are hopeful for a good fall and winter trade.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Walla Walla, Oct. 4, comprised the following: For Victoria—585 cs grapes, 31 crts bananas, 3 scks cocoanuts, 50 scks sweet potatoes, 31 cs lemons, 35 cs plums, 125 cs peaches, 158 cs pears, 83 cs apples, 8 cs quinces, 10 scks onions, 4 bxs pomegranates, 20 bxs nutmeg melons, 3 cs crab apples, 6 cs tomatoes; total, 1,155 pkgs. The receipts by steamship Umatilla, Oct. 9, consisted of 713 cs grapes, 20 cs peaches, 104 cs apples, 57 crts bananas, 8 cs lemons, 1 sck cocoanuts, 7 cs tomatoes, 10 cs quinces, 11 scks sweet potatoes, 10 cs oranges, 2 crts nutmeg melons, 60 cs pears, 5 cs apples, 30 scks onions, 10 bxs figs, 24 cs peaches; total, 1,072 pkgs. The receipts by previous steamers were as follows: Sept. 29, 1,175 pkgs; Sept. 24th, 1,279 pkgs; Sept. 19th, 1,101 pkgs; Sept. 14th, 1,110 pkgs; Sept. 9th, 1,250 pkgs; Sept. 4th, 1,018 pkgs.

Crab apples are out of the market. Melons are getting scarce, although some water melons have been received from the upper country. New oranges, Sweet Loretta, have been received from Central America, and are quoted at \$1. Superior quality of Sicily lemons are quoted at \$9. Pears, Winter Nellis, are quoted at \$1.87½. Prices are fairly steady.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Sweet Loretta.....	\$1 00 @ 0 00
Tabiti Seedlings.....	4 50 @ 4 75
Riverside Seedlings.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Lemons—California.....	8 00 @ 8 50
Sicily.....	7 50 @ 9 00
Australian.....	7 00 @ 0 00
Bananas, crate.....	2 50 @ 3 75
Plums, box.....	1 25 @ 0 00
Peaches.....	1 65 @ 1 75
Pears.....	1 75 @ 2 25
Quinces.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Apples—Red.....	1 50 @ 1 75
Green.....	1 25 @ 1 40
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 00 @ 3 50
Nutmeg.....	1 50 @ 1 65

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—California, sweet.....	2½ @
Local.....	per ton 15 00 @ 00 00
Onions—Red California.....	1½ @
California Silverskins.....	1½ @
Tomatoes, by.....	1 00 @ 1 10½

## FLOUR AND FEED.

Dealers report large shipping orders from outside points, for flour and mill

products. The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "The foreign demand for flour is slow, and very little is being forwarded to China. Prices have been reduced 10cts. per bbl. on both Portland and Salem Roller, list prices being uniform at \$3.65 per bbl."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots:

Premier.....	\$5 20
XXX.....	5 10
Strong Bakers or XX.....	4 80
Superfine.....	3 80

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 5 00 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	5 00 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 45 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	5 35 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	5 05 @ 0 00
Superfine, ".....	4 05 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	5 00 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	5 20 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 20 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	5 25 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	28 00 @ 35 00
Oats.....	25 00 @ 30 00
Oil cake meal.....	40 00 @ 45 00
Chop feed.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Shorts.....	26 00 @ 28 00
Bran.....	21 00 @ 25 00
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" rolled oats.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
" Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 25 @ 4 35
California rolled oats.....	3 75 @ 3 85
Corn, whole.....	per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed.....	per ton 40 00 @ 50 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @ 45 00
Hay, per ton.....	17 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	80 @ 1 00

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 77 50
Best China rice.....	100 00
China rice No. 1.....	70 00
Rice flour.....	70 00
Chit rice.....	25 00
Rice Meal.....	17 50

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Cheese of September make is on the market and is quoted a little stronger than August make. Local prices of butter continue steady, although the market is strong.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says:

"The firm tone of butter reported by us last week has been maintained, and despite the reported inability of shippers to pay certain prices they have gone and paid them, and have even paid higher prices in the country than they would here. The enquiry has been pretty active during the past week and quite a number of sales have taken place for export account."

Good breakfast bacon is very scarce, in both Canadian and American markets. Local quotations for hams are very firm. American hams and breakfast bacon have advanced ½c in first hands and salt clear sides ½c, others unchanged. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15½c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 14½c; short clear sides, 13½c, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1c lb. pails, 13½c per lb.

Canadian meats are quoted f. o. b. Vic-

torla: Hams 14½c, breakfast bacon 15c, long clear side 10½c; spiced rolls, 12½c; pure lard, tubs, 12½c; do, 3 lb and 5 lb tins, 13½c.

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., quote dry granulated in 100 lb sacks at 5½c and extra C at 4½c to the trade.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	7½ @ 28½
Manitoba Creamery, lb.....	30 @ 00
" Dairy choice.....	18 @ 22
" Cooking.....	10 @ 15
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13½ @ 14½
California.....	16 @ 00
Eggs, doz.....	21 @ 22

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15½ @ 17
Breakfast bacon.....	15 @ 17
Short rolls.....	11½ @ 13
Becks.....	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @ 12½
Pure Lard, 50 lbs.....	13 @ 11
" 20 lbs.....	13½ @ 14½
Lard Compound.....	10½ @ 11½
Sugar—Jobbers' prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:	
Dry Granulated.....	5½
Extra C.....	5½
Fancy Yellow.....	5
Yellow.....	4½
Golden C.....	4½
Syrups, per lb.....	3

## SALMON.

The bark Martha Fisher, has already aboard 28,000 cases, but is awaiting the return of the Danube from the Northern canneries, when she will complete her cargo. It is expected she will take about 33,000 cases. There is a strong demand for salmon in Eastern Canada, which dealers here are unable to supply. A prominent agent says that Eastern dealers cannot now get the salmon they want. The representative of a London and Liverpool house was in the market last week but his inquiry was not satisfied. Canners and their agents are very strong in their views. The current prices offered are 23s 6d per case for talls, and 25s for flats. There is very little salmon unsold on this market, and that cannery agents are holding and ask 26s per case for talls and 30c for flats, which figures buyers do not seem at the present time inclined to pay.

## LUMBER.

Since last review, the American schooner Alice Cook has completed her cargo and sailed on Oct. 5th for Sydney, with a cargo of 900,000 feet lumber and 19,800 feet laths, valued at \$8,338. The British bark Columbus, 694 tons, arrived Oct. 4 from Pisagua, and has gone to Vancouver to load for Adelaide or Port Pirie. The Benj. Bangs, 1118 tons, under charter to load at Vancouver, arrived at Port Angeles Oct. 6. The British ship Abeona, 970 tons, 72 days out from Taltal, is reported chartered to load for Port Pirie. The new four-masted American schooner Lyman D. Foster, built by Hall Bros. at Port Blakely, has been chartered to load at Moodyville for Sydney, and is expected at the mill this week. The Chilean bark Eritrea, from South America for Moodyville, is believed to be near, and is being looked for. There are at present three vessels loading lumber at Burrard Inlet for foreign: The Scammel Bros., 1,218 tons, for Wilmington, Del.; Morning Light, 1,310 tons, for Cork, U.K.; and Columbus, 694 tons, for Adelaide.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment,