

## British Columbia Business Notes.

John Hamlin, hardware, furniture etc.; furniture stock destroyed by fire.

McTaggart & Lundy, hotel, Cody, have dissolved.

R. N. Taylor, & Co., drugs, Greenwood City; R. N. Taylor of this firm is dead.

Hopkins & McLean, general store, Kamloops, have sold tinware stock to Shotton & Mead.

F. W. McCall, merchant, Rossland, has sold out to the Kootenay Mercantile Co.

F. Granville, general store, Slokan City, is succeeded by J. A. Foley.

G. L. Allan, boots and shoes, Vancouver, advertises retiring from retail business.

Automatic Lighting & Oil Co., Ltd., Vancouver, is selling out by auction.

The stock of Z. G. Goldberg, Vancouver, is advertised for sale.

J. W. Morrow, drugs, Vancouver, has sold out to the McDowell, Atkins, Watson & Co.

The Palace Clothing House Co., Vancouver, has been incorporated.

Simon Petersky, fruits, etc., Vancouver, advertises his business for sale.

R. Robertson, mens' furnishings, Vancouver, advertises giving up business.

The stock of Wm. Croft, dry goods, Victoria, is advertised for sale by tender.

The stock of H. Freeman, clothing, V. o. taria, is advertised for sale by sheriff.

Lewis Lewis, stoves, Victoria, advertises selling out.

## British Columbia Markets.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole-saler for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual discount on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, January 16, 1897.

There is a further decline of 1c in creamery, and dairy butter to report this week. Eggs have declined again 1c on increase in receipts of fresh. Potatoes are again lower this week by 3c per ton.

Butter.—Manitoba Dairy butter, 17c; Manitoba creamery, 23c; eastern creamery, 22c; local creamery, 27c; Manitoba cheese, 10c; local cheese, 10c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon 12c to 13c; backs 9c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9c to 10c; smoked sides 9c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per pound; in pails and tubs 9c.

Game.—Mallards, 25c, wildau, 25c; teal, 20c; grouse, 85c to \$1; geese, 75c to \$1.25; Venison, 4c; sand 3c to 3.50c.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smelt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits 3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes, \$20.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c per pound; California onions 1c; cabbage, 1c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 30c; Eastern eggs, 19c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 230 to 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. Japanese oranges 6 to 7 doz. in box, 45c. California

lemons, \$3.50; California oranges, \$3.25 to \$3.50; naval oranges, \$3.75 to \$4; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$3.75 barrel.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb peaches 7c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 4c to 7c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 7c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.10; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22 1/2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Offgrades, 90 lb, \$2.70.

Flour.—Delivered B.C. points.—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.70; strong bakers, \$5.80; Oregon, \$5.40.

Grain.—Local wheat, \$35. Oats, \$25 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$23 to \$24 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00; oil cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$15.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c; mutton, 6 1/2 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6 1/2c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$1.50 to \$1.00 per 100 lbs; lamb \$3.00 to \$3.50 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, 11c lb. Turkeys, 12 1/2 lb ducks, 12 1/2 lb. Geese, 11c lb.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5c; granulated, 4c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

## Wheat Stocks.

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Jan 9, 1897, shows a decrease of 779,000 bushels, against a decrease of 897,000 for the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 1,271,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago, and an increase of 480,000 bushels three years ago.

The following shows the visible supply by weeks, for four years; the second table shows the visible supply at the end of each week in the current year, compared with the three previous years:

|            | 1896.      | 1895.      | 1894.      | 1893.      |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Jan. 4 ..  | 69,842,000 | 87,836,000 | 79,953,000 | 81,736,000 |
| " 11 ..    | 68,945,000 | 86,616,000 | 80,433,000 | 81,080,000 |
| " 18 ..    | 67,988,000 | 85,388,000 | 81,332,000 | 82,227,000 |
| " 25 ..    | 67,523,000 | 84,665,000 | 80,234,000 | 81,437,000 |
| Feb. 1 ..  | 66,734,000 | 83,378,000 | 79,333,000 | 81,390,000 |
| " 8 ..     | 66,119,000 | 82,322,000 | 79,680,000 | 80,973,000 |
| " 15 ..    | 65,926,000 | 81,733,000 | 79,667,000 | 80,214,000 |
| " 22 ..    | 65,011,000 | 79,476,000 | 77,237,000 | 79,430,000 |
| March 1 .. | 64,039,000 | 78,761,000 | 76,589,000 | 79,033,000 |
| " 8 ..     | 63,698,000 | 77,717,000 | 74,607,000 | 78,103,000 |
| " 15 ..    | 62,128,000 | 76,873,000 | 74,100,000 | 77,100,000 |
| " 22 ..    | 61,319,000 | 76,770,000 | 72,630,000 | 76,204,000 |
| " 29 ..    | 61,013,000 | 74,308,000 | 71,118,000 | 77,614,000 |
| April 6 .. | 60,322,000 | 72,703,000 | 70,162,000 | 77,293,000 |
| " 13 ..    | 59,390,000 | 70,487,000 | 69,217,000 | 76,046,000 |
| " 20 ..    | 58,483,000 | 68,628,000 | 68,425,000 | 74,381,000 |
| " 27 ..    | 57,468,000 | 66,778,000 | 66,500,000 | 72,027,000 |
| May 4 ..   | 56,619,000 | 65,180,000 | 65,156,000 | 70,080,000 |
| " 11 ..    | 55,900,000 | 63,022,000 | 63,510,000 | 70,842,000 |
| " 18 ..    | 55,116,000 | 60,381,000 | 62,444,000 | 71,523,000 |
| " 25 ..    | 54,235,000 | 58,218,000 | 61,824,000 | 70,152,000 |
| " 30 ..    | 50,840,000 | 52,223,000 | 59,331,000 | 70,387,000 |
| June 6 ..  | 50,147,000 | 49,759,000 | 58,211,000 | 68,620,000 |
| " 13 ..    | 49,388,000 | 47,717,000 | 57,165,000 | 66,376,000 |
| " 20 ..    | 48,519,000 | 46,225,000 | 55,852,000 | 65,081,000 |
| " 27 ..    | 47,800,000 | 44,561,000 | 54,687,000 | 62,100,000 |

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| July 4 ..  | 47,192,000 | 43,359,000 | 54,114,000 | 61,312,000 |
| " 11 ..    | 47,291,000 | 41,237,000 | 53,164,000 | 59,313,000 |
| " 18 ..    | 46,743,000 | 40,400,000 | 53,771,000 | 54,990,000 |
| " 25 ..    | 47,142,000 | 39,229,000 | 57,144,000 | 59,314,000 |
| Aug. 1 ..  | 47,344,000 | 38,517,000 | 60,761,000 | 59,416,000 |
| " 8 ..     | 46,420,000 | 37,830,000 | 62,321,000 | 58,900,000 |
| " 15 ..    | 46,876,000 | 36,892,000 | 63,901,000 | 57,812,000 |
| " 22 ..    | 45,189,000 | 35,983,000 | 64,771,000 | 57,240,000 |
| " 29 ..    | 45,574,000 | 35,133,000 | 66,949,000 | 56,831,000 |
| Sept. 5 .. | 46,093,000 | 34,784,000 | 69,168,000 | 56,110,000 |
| " 12 ..    | 46,002,000 | 34,132,000 | 69,214,000 | 57,331,000 |
| " 19 ..    | 46,036,000 | 33,350,000 | 70,989,000 | 56,000,000 |
| " 26 ..    | 45,719,000 | 34,763,000 | 71,414,000 | 56,240,000 |
| Oct. 3 ..  | 46,110,000 | 34,812,000 | 73,614,000 | 56,174,000 |
| " 10 ..    | 47,414,000 | 44,491,000 | 75,710,000 | 63,220,000 |
| " 17 ..    | 48,891,000 | 46,109,000 | 76,619,000 | 63,978,000 |
| " 24 ..    | 47,230,000 | 47,189,000 | 78,190,000 | 69,321,000 |
| " 31 ..    | 48,040,000 | 52,320,000 | 81,727,000 | 71,354,000 |
| Nov. 7 ..  | 49,930,000 | 56,930,000 | 81,220,000 | 74,050,000 |
| " 14 ..    | 51,000,000 | 60,400,000 | 83,230,000 | 76,763,000 |
| " 21 ..    | 50,971,000 | 62,221,000 | 83,230,000 | 77,235,000 |
| " 28 ..    | 50,911,000 | 63,903,000 | 85,169,000 | 78,910,000 |
| Dec. 5 ..  | 50,312,000 | 61,780,000 | 85,978,000 | 78,733,000 |
| " 12 ..    | 51,840,000 | 66,631,000 | 88,172,000 | 80,128,000 |
| " 19 ..    | 55,161,000 | 69,393,000 | 89,071,000 | 80,241,000 |
| " 26 ..    | 61,433,000 | 69,000,000 | 88,861,000 | 80,228,000 |
| Jan. 2 ..  | 54,651,000 | 69,612,000 | 87,880,000 | 79,935,000 |
| " 9 ..     | 53,372,000 | 69,045,000 | 86,616,000 | 80,433,000 |

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on January 2, is as follows:

|  | Bushels.  |
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| Montreal .....                             | 447,000   |
| Toronto .....                              | 281,000   |
| Kingston .....                             | 40,000    |
| Winnipeg .....                             | 231,000   |
| Manitoba interior elevators ..             | 2,275,000 |
| Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin ..... | 2,519,000 |

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on January 2, 1897.

|                               | Bushels.   |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| East of the Mountains .....   | 73,270,000 |
| Pacific Coast .....           | 4,189,300  |
| Total stocks a year ago were: | bushels.   |
| East of the Mountains .....   | 97,769,000 |
| Pacific Coast .....           | 7,116,000  |

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Jan. 9, shows an increase of 416,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 72,821,000 bushels on the latter date.

## Canned Goods.

The important question of reducing the number of goods to be canned during the coming season, came up at the annual meeting of the Canadian Packers' association at Toronto on Jan. 15. President W. A. Ferguson spoke at some length. He warmly advocated a reduction of the output for 1897, as the only remedy for depression amongst canners. Touching on possible tariff change, he said any lowering of the tariff would aggravate the present situation materially.

W. Senkbeil, boots & shoes, Brandon, Man., advertises his stock for sale by tender.

J. S. McNulty, general store keeper and Robert K. Allan, grocer, South Edmonton, Alberta, have amalgamated under the style of Allan & McNulty.

The stock of Hoover & Co., Franklin, Man., has been sold at 6 1/2c to T. Harrison.

Robinson & McNight, general store, Niiga, Man., have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Josh Harlow, blacksmith, Pipestone, Man., has sold out to John Wright.

The stock of Kastner & Cowston, millinery, Winnipeg, Man has been sold to J. W. & M. Kastner.

Worlds stocks of wheat on January 1, 1897, (United States, Canada, in Europe and abroad for Europe) were 139,163,000 bushels, as compared with 169,976,000 bushels on Jan. 1, 1896; 181,753,000 on January 1, 1895; 190,223,000 on January 1, 1894; 181,699,000 on January 1, 1893; 156,536,000 on Jan. 1, 1892; 111,481,000 on January 1, 1891; 115,092,000 on January 1, 1890, and 130,760,000 on January 1, 1889.