

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The general trend of business continues steady. As noted in previous issues, the sealers, who are just returning from their season's cruise, are doing considerable trading with retailers, which business being on a cash basis is eagerly sought after.

Collections from the general public are reported as very slow this month by different authorities. The arrivals of vessels from China and Japan during the week at Royal Roads, seeking, is a good sign, indicating that the Pacific coast is looked to as one of the most favored fields for business during the present dull times.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "There is very little change in the local situation, business continuing steady. Money is still somewhat scarce, and collections are thus not as good as could be wished. Cannerymen are now preparing for the coboe run, which has already started, and in a few days, fishing operations will be again in full swing. It is hoped that the run will be good, as the cannerymen hope to be able to complete their packs. During the last few days a large number of sealers have returned to port, all of them, with very fair catches. Several large shipments of skins have been made to the London market, in one week about \$125,000 worth having been shipped. The men are now being paid off, and as their wages amount to a considerable sum, quite a little ready money is being put into circulation, the effect of which will be felt throughout the Province. In whole sale business continues steady, and there is but little change to note."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The feature of the market is the advance in sugar. The B. C. Refinery announced an advance of 1/2c, and the importers of China sugar did likewise, still keeping 1/2c below the Refinery prices. The American market on smoked meats is reported slightly weaker. Quotations on new Mediterranean dried fruits are being made, and indications are that currants will be about the same figures as last year. Valencias will be a trifle higher than the opening figures of last season as the tendency seems to be to advance figures above those that were asked in the first instance.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery

quotes prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100 lb bags	43
Yellow, according to quality	4 to 43
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100 lb bags	57
Powd. red, lcing and bars, in bbls.	64

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins	per lb	\$ 7	or	\$ 0	
Malaga raisins	per box	3 00	or	3 25	
Currants (barrels)	per lb	43	or		
"	half bbls.	per lb	5	or	5 1/2
"	(cases)	per lb	5 1/2	or	7 1/2
Sultana raisins	per lb	8	or	10	
Taragona almonds	per lb	11	or	18	
Grenoble walnuts	per lb	11	or	18	
Filberts	per lb	11 1/2	or	11	

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter - Eastern Creamery	tubs	24	or	24 1/2	
Manitoba dairy	"	18	or	19	
"	creamery	in tins	27 1/2	or	29
Cheese - Canadian	lb	13	or	13 1/2	
Canadian Stilton	"	17	or	18	
Eggs - Canadian	per doz	17	or	18	

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	per lb	16	or	17 1/2
Breakfast bacon	"	15	or	16
Short rolls	"	11	or	12
Dry Salt, long clear	"	10 1/2	or	11
Bacon	"	13 1/2	or	13 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard	tierces	0	or	12 1/2
"	50-lb tins	0	or	12 1/2
"	20-lb "	0	or	12 1/2
"	10-lb "	0	or	12 1/2
"	5-lb "	0	or	12 1/2
"	3-lb "	0	or	12 1/2
Lard Compound, 10-lbs	"	10 1/2	or	10
"	20-lbs	10 1/2	or	10
"	5-lbs	10 1/2	or	10
"	3-lbs	10 1/2	or	10

Sugar - Jobbers prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher.

Dry Granulated (China)	43 to 44
Extra C, China	43
China, yellow	41
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	43 to 44
Extra C	42
Fancy Yellow	43
Yellow	42
Golden C	31
Cubes	6 1/2
Powdered	6 1/2
Syrups, per lb	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)	5 50
" 4 "	5 25
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1 1/2 "	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 17 1/2
" " " heavy	0 17
" " " breakfast bacon	0 16
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 18 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 18

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100 lb bags, per ton	12 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50 lb bags, per ton	18 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl	3 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb boxes	8 75
" " " quarter boxes	9 00
25 lbs, per cwt	9 00
Malt vinegar, English, 25-gal. bbls	11 25
" " " octaves	6 50
" " " cases of 3 doz., per cwt	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria	1 25
" " " California	1 30
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb boxes	90
Vermicelli, 10-lb boxes	90
Coal oil, per case	2 80
Nails, per keg - 4d.	\$3.40; 6d., \$3.20; 8d., \$3.05; 10d., \$2.60; 12d., \$3.15; 20d and 30d., \$2.95; 40d., 50d and 60d., \$2.85.

FLOUR AND FEED

The feature of the market is a drop of 10c per bbl. in Manitoba Hungarian and Oregon flours. The Ogilvie Milling Co.

reduced their quotations for car lots 1c per bbl. Jobbers are also quoting in sympathy. Portland Roller and Snowflake have also been reduced 10c. The Victoria Roller Flour Mills are now quoting Victoria XXX at \$3.50 and Superfine at \$3 per bbl., jobbers' prices being 25c higher for small lots.

Ogilvie's Hungarian... \$1 00
Strong Bakers... 3 80

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in exload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier	\$1 00
XXX	3 85
Strong Bakers or XX	3 40
Superfine	3 15

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	\$3 50
Victoria XXX	3 50
Superfine	3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria Mills	\$ 3 75	or	0 00	
Lion, " "	3 50	or	0 00	
Victoria XXX	3 75	or	0 00	
Superfine	3 25	or	0 00	
Premier, Enderby mills	1 25	or	0 00	
XXX, " "	1 10	or	0 00	
XX, " "	3 65	or	0 00	
Superfine, " "	3 40	or	0 00	
Ogilvie's Hungarian	1 10	or	0 00	
Strong Bakers	1 25	or	0 00	
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	1 10	or	0 00	
Strong Bakers	1 25	or	0 00	
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	1 10	or	0 00	
Strong Bakers	1 25	or	0 00	
Rogina Hungarian	1 10	or	0 00	
Strong Bakers	1 25	or	0 00	
Benton County, Oregon	3 75	or	0 00	
Portland Roller	3 75	or	0 00	
Vashon, Washington	3 90	or	0 00	
Snowflake	3 65	or	0 00	
Wheat, per ton	25 00	or	00 00	
Oats	27 00	or	30 00	
Oil cake meal	35 00	or	50 00	
Chop feed - California	27 50	or	00 00	
Shorts	20 00	or	25 00	
Bran	20 00	or	22 50	
National Mills oatmeal	3 50	or	0 00	
" " rolled oats (30-lb. bks)	3 50	or	0 00	
" " " 10 7s, baled	3 00	or	0 00	
" " split peas	3 50	or	0 00	
" " pearl barley	4 75	or	0 00	
" " Chop feed	20 00	or	25 00	
California oatmeal	3 85	or	0 00	
California rolled oats	1 15	or	0 00	
Corn, whole	per ton	37 50	or	00 00
Peas, field	per ton	40 00	or	00 00
Cornmeal	2 50	or	3 00	
Cornmeal-feed	per ton	40 00	or	00 00
Cracked corn	40 00	or	00 00	
Hay, per ton	15 00	or	18 00	
Straw, per bale	1 00	or	0 00	

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 75 00	or	80 00
" " (polished)	90 00	or	00 00
Best China rice	80 00	or	00 00
Chinarice No. 1	68 00	or	00 00
" " (mats)	65 00	or	00 00
" " (sacks)	65 00	or	00 00
Rice flour	70 00		
Broken rice	30 00		
Rice Meal	17 50		

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Concord and Delaware grapes are the latest on the street. About 150 baskets were received Monday, and found a ready sale. The Concord grapes are quoted at 75c and 55c, and Delawares at \$1 per