

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business continues fairly active. Staple lines are steady. There are large shipments of fancy groceries, also fancy goods arriving for the coming holiday trade. The continued dullness of the lumber trade and the decrease of late in the coal shipments has much to do with the state of trade. There is every confidence, however, that the end of the year will show a very substantial increase over last year.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There is very little fruit coming in from California, and business is slackening off. Shipments are light, and consisting only of lemons, oranges and grapes. Prices are the same as last week. According to reports received, however, a reduction is expected in oranges and a rise in lemons. Local winter apples are being put into stock before the frosty weather sets in. A large quantity of Oregon apples are being imported for winter use. Fraser River potatoes are said to be turning out poorly. The majority have the dry rot this season. Good Island and up-country potatoes are liable to be high before long, but the plentiful supply in Manitoba will prevent farmers from getting extravagant prices. A car of Bonaparte potatoes arrived last week, and are selling at \$25 per ton.

Quotations are: Pears, (winter), \$1.40; grapes, Tokays, Black Ferrara in bxs, \$1.50, in crates, \$1.75. Oregon apples (greenings), \$1.00; Baldwin, bellflower, rose and blue parmain, \$1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, \$5.25; California Messina lemons, \$5.75; silverskin onions, 1 1/2c. per lb.; island apples, \$1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c. per lb.; potatoes, island, \$20 per ton; Chilliwack, \$18 per ton; Fraser River, \$16 per ton; Bonapartes, \$25 per ton.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Pickled eggs are quoted in barrels at 23c, and fresh in cases at 25c. Manitoba dairy butter in assorted sizes is quoted at 23c, Manitoba creamery, 30c. Ontario and Quebec creamery, 27 1/2c in round lots. Eastern Townships, 25c. A recent advice from Montreal says: "Our market is firm for butter. Our best brands cannot be bought at the creamery under 24c for large tubs." Canned meats have declined, but it is believed to be merely a cutting of rates among the packing houses. Prices are reported very unsettled, but it is stated that they cannot go any lower than they are at present. American meats are too high at present to compete in this market. Canadian meats are quoted: Hams, 15c, rolls, 12 1/2c. Dry salt sides, 11 1/2c to 12c per lb. Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls, 8 1/2c, in half-bbls, 8 1/2c; valencias, 8 1/2c; sultanas, 13c; London layers, \$2.25 a box; California sultanas, \$2.25 a box; dates, 9c; prunes, 9c to 12 1/2c. California evaporated fruits in 25 lb. boxes are quoted as follows: Peaches, 12 1/2c; apricots, 14c; nectarines, 11c; pitted plums, 11c. About the same grade of fruits in cotton sacks are quoted from 1c

to 2c per lb. less. New Canadian evaporated apples are quoted at 11c per lb.

The local jobbers are now carrying full stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which include apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot marmalade, etc. Quotations are 1 1/2 lb. size, \$3 per dozen; 3 lb. size, \$5 per doz.

Falconer's malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce and mushroom catsup are now quoted by the leading grocers

FLOUR AND FEED.

Ogilvie's Hungarian and strong bakers' flour has advanced 15c a barrel, and is now quoted by local jobbers: Hungarian, \$6.25; strong bakers', \$6 a barrel. California oatmeal has also advanced 10c, and is now quoted at \$4.35 per gunny. It is reported that there are from ten to twelve car lots of Manitoba oats on the way to this city. Oregon flour is said to be a little stronger than last week, but no change has been made in prices by local jobbers. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: Enderby flour for carload lots, Premier, \$5.60; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 85 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 65 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian	6 25 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	6 00 @ 0 00
Snowflake	6 10 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	6 10 @ 0 00
Royal	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	40 00 @ 45 00
Oats	28 00 @ 35 00
Oil cake meal	32 50 @ 35 00
Chop feed	33 00 @ 35 00
Shorts	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	3 75 @ 4 00
Corameal	3 00 @ 3 25
Cracked corn	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 1 25

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$77 50
China rice " "	70 00
Rice flour " "	70 00
Chit rice " "	25 00
Rice Meal " "	17 50

LUMBER.

There are no new charters to report. The bark Flora has cleared for Melbourne and the barkentine Wille R. Hume for Callao. There are four vessels loading at present at Burrard Inlet. The Nor. bark Dominion, 1,250 tons, Capt. Eriksen, for Australia; Am. ship Benj. Sewall, 1361 tons, Capt. Sewall, for Valparaiso; Chil. ship Atacama, 1,235 tons, for Valparaiso, owner's account. British bark Nineveh, 1,174 tons, Capt. Broadfoot, for Sydney, and the American schooner F. S. Redfield, 440 tons, loading for Sydney at the Chemainus mills. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average

length 35 feet, \$10; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

For local trade, the Rock Bay Saw Mill quotes:

Rough lumber, per M	\$10 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M	00 00
Second " " "	00 00
Laths, per M	2 50
Shingles, " "	2 25

VANCOUVER.

There is nothing special to note this with but few changes in quotations. Potatoes, Fraser River, \$15; Ashcroft, \$22 per ton. Ontario eggs 22c to 25c. Butter, creamery, 27c to 29 1/2c; dairy, 20c to 27 1/2c. Manitoba cheese, 12 1/2c to 13 1/2c. British Columbia apples are worth 75c to \$1 per box; Oregon, 90c to \$1.25; British Columbia pears, \$1.25 per box; California, \$1.75; grapes, \$1 1/2; plums, \$1.25. Lard, 50 lb tubs, 13c; in pails, 13 1/2c; in tins, 13 1/2c to 14c; hams, 13 1/2c to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2c to 14c; roiled bacon, 12 1/2c. In flour and feed, Ogilvie's Hungarian is quoted \$6.00. Strong Bakers, \$5.60 to \$5.75; Portland Roller, \$6.25; Royal, \$6.25; Premier, (Enderby Mills), \$6.00; XXX, \$5.75; California rolled oats, \$1.00; California oatmeal, \$1.50; cornmeal, \$3.25; oats, \$32 to \$35; California chopped feed, \$35 to \$36; Manitoba chopped feed, \$31.50; bran, \$24 to \$25; shorts, \$26 to \$27; wheat, \$33; hay, \$15 to \$16; cracked corn, \$60.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Large quantities of hay and produce continue to arrive by every boat, with but slight changes in quotations. Potatoes, \$15 to \$16. Dairy butter at 30c to 35c. Fresh laid eggs are in good demand at 50c to 60c per dozen. Apples are plentiful at 2c per lb. Hay is quoted \$10 to \$12; oats, \$26 to \$30.

PROVINCIAL TRADE NOTES.

The stock and effects of the late G. H. Blakeway, druggist, of Nanaimo, will be sold by tender shortly.

Hull Bros., ranchers and butchers, of Kamloops and Calgary, have opened a meat and vegetable market on Victoria Crescent, Nanaimo.

E. G. Anderson & Co., commission merchants, Victoria, have just received a new line of sample brushes, manufactured from the latest American patterns by T. S. Simme & Co., of St. John, N. B.

The steamship Srta Pedro, coal laden, from Wellington to San Francisco, struck on Brothie ledge, off Beacon Hill, at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 22. She has filled and settled down aft and rolled over to port.

R. D. Warburg & Co., mantle manufacturers and general dry goods, of Berlin, London and Paris, are now represented by E. G. Anderson & Co. in British Columbia through Hermann H. Wolf & Co. of Montreal.

Memorandum of Association of "The Pacific Coast Lumber Company, Limited Liability," has been filed. The amount of the capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each. Edward Hartley Vort, John Reid and James George Scott, all of New Westminster, are the promoters.