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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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The backward season has been against business. Trade is fair but buying continues of a hand to mouth character. The demand for staple goods has been steady, but those who handle fancy goods, luxuries, etc., find business dull. With the near approach of the outing season there has been a free call for goods suitable for that purpose. Collections are reported fair.

The arrival of the new Australian steamship, *Mlowera*, was the chief event of the week. Both the passenger list and the cargo were larger than was expected, and the line may be said to have fully realized the anticipations of its most sanguine advocates. Among the passengers were several gentlemen prominent in Australian commercial circles, who came over to see what could be done in the way of advancing the interests of the particular lines in which they are engaged. Of course they have not been here long enough to express themselves as to the results, but so far they speak encouragingly of the prospects. One thing is certain, there is an evident spirit of determination on the part of the governments of Canada and Australia to foster trade between the two countries.

The *News Advertiser* reports of Vancouver: "Business during the past week has shown a further improvement, and collections are reported as being better. The coming week will be one of the busiest in shipping circles, as it will mark the de-

parture of an Australian liner and the arrival of a steamer from China. These two vessels will occupy nearly all the available dock room, and this plainly shows the need of more accommodation. During the week, one lumber vessel has sailed, while another has commenced loading. The destination of the vessel that sailed was Holland, to which country lumber has not been before shipped, so that this shows how the trade of the province is extending and developing. The wholesale trade continues steady in all lines, the important feature being the large quantity of new fruit that has been placed upon the market."

FLOUR AND FEED.

Trade is steady and demand for all classes of mill products continues fair. Oats continue firm. The Ogilvie Milling Co., quote their standard brands of Manitoba flour in carload lots f. o. b. Victoria as follows: Hungarian \$1.50 per bbl., Strong bakers, \$4.10.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots delivered at Victoria:

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| Premier..... | \$1 75 |
| XXX..... | 4 65 |
| Strong Bakers or XX..... | 4 25 |
| Superfine..... | 3 65 |

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

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| Delta, Victoria mills..... | \$ 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| Lion, "..... | 1 75 @ 0 00 |
| Premier, Enderby mills..... | 5 00 @ 0 00 |
| XXX, "..... | 1 90 @ 0 00 |
| XX, "..... | 1 50 @ 0 00 |
| Superfine, "..... | 3 90 @ 4 25 |
| Ogilvie's Hungarian..... | 4 90 @ 5 00 |
| Strong Bakers..... | 4 85 @ 0 00 |
| H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..... | 5 00 @ 0 00 |
| Strong Bakers..... | 4 85 @ 0 00 |
| Oak Lake Patent Hungarian..... | 4 80 @ 0 00 |
| Strong Bakers..... | 0 00 @ 0 00 |
| Regina Hungarian..... | 4 80 @ 0 00 |
| Strong Bakers..... | 0 00 @ 0 00 |
| Benton County, Oregon..... | 4 65 @ 0 00 |
| Portland Roller..... | 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| Snowflake..... | 4 75 @ 0 00 |
| Royal..... | 4 60 @ 0 00 |
| Wheat, per ton..... | 28 00 @ 35 00 |
| Oats..... | 32 50 @ 40 00 |
| Oil cake meal..... | 40 00 @ 50 00 |
| Chop feed..... | 28 00 @ 32 00 |
| Shorts..... | 30 00 @ 35 00 |
| Bran..... | 27 50 @ 30 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..... | 26 00 @ 28 00 |
| California oatmeal..... | 4 25 @ 0 00 |
| California rolled oats..... | 4 00 @ 5 00 |
| Corn, whole..... | per ton 37 50 @ 49 00 |
| Cornmeal..... | 2 75 @ 3 00 |
| Cornmeal feed..... | per ton 40 00 @ 00 00 |
| Cracked corn..... | 40 00 @ 00 00 |
| Hay, per ton..... | 18 00 @ 20 00 |
| Straw, per bale..... | 1 00 @ 0 00 |

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

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| 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.

The following are the receipts of California butter from San Francisco, by ss. City of Puebla, June 6, for Victoria: 16 cs, 1,740 lbs; 59 hf cs, 2,065 lbs; 10 tubs, 706 lbs; 1 hf bbl, 175 lbs. Total, 5,586 lbs. Receipts by ss. Walla Walla, June 11, as

follows: 9 cs, 1,005 lbs, 31 hf cs, 1,305 lbs; 72 tubs, 2,800 lbs. Total, 5,200 lbs. Receipts June 2, 5,610 lbs, May 23, 9,095 lbs; May 28th, 3,710 lbs, May 18, 21,575 lbs; May 13, 6,110 lbs; May 8, 0,310 lbs.

The first shipment of Joly's Manitoba creamery has been received, and is quoted at 20c. Shipments of eastern creamery butter are reported on the way. Butter prices are steady. Jobbers' prices for sugar continue the same as previous quotations. The general situation has changed somewhat, for jobbers have imported refined from the St. Lawrence refinery of Montreal, and shipments of Hong Kong refinery are also being received so that the local stocks are sufficient for the demand.

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.20; do. 2's per doz., \$1.95; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.25; do. 2's, \$6.25. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 18½c per lb; heavy hams, 18c; choice breakfast bacon, 18c; short clear sides, 15½c, and dry salt clear sides, 14½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 16 lb. pails, 18½c per lb.

Armour's Gold Hand meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 21½c, breakfast bacon, 22½c.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "Receipts during the past week were 1,777 pkgs, against 1,198 pkgs for the week previous. The market for both creamery and dairy butter continues to lean towards ease, the sale of a lot of 50 pkgs of choice creamery being made yesterday at 19½c for Newfoundland account, which is considered an outside figure for a round lot. A lot of 35 tubs of very fine Eastern Townships dairy was also sold at 17½c. It is believed that the make of June creamery will be the heaviest ever known, judging from the number of new factories started and the magnificent prospect for pasturage. A fair quotation for creamery is 18½c to 19½c, and for Eastern Townships dairy, 16½c to 18c, with possibly single selected tubs bringing a little more. Western is quiet at 15c to 16c. Creamery, 19c to 20c; dairy, 16c to 18½c. Some very nice lots of fresh rolls have been received from the West in half barrels and kegs, which had to be pushed off at 14c to 14½c, one lot of 7 pkgs selling at 13½c. The weather is hot, and it will not do to keep rolls. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 21,699 boxes against 8,066 boxes for the week previous. The feature of the market this week has been the active enquiry for full cream colored stock, which has sold at 9 11-16c to 9½c, but owing to scarcity, a number of orders had to go unfilled for this week's steamers. Sales of finest Western white were made on this market at 9½ to 9½c, with finest French changing hands at 9½c to 9½c, and we quote French 9c to 9½c. We learn of some forward sales of finest Western colored at 45s 6d c. i. f. London for next week's shipment. Several thousand boxes have changed hands on this market at 9c to 9½c for French, and at 9½c to 9½c West-