

To the Municipal Electors of North Ward :

I shall be a candidate for Alderman at the coming election, and solicit your support.

MUNROE MILLER.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.

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VICTORIA.

The retail trade have made all preparations for the holiday trade, and although there is little hope for much heavy trading still there is little doubt that merchants will do quite an active business in all retail lines until the end of the year. Wholesale lines are quiet generally, staples especially, now being the season for fancy lines in all classes of goods. Travellers from up the main line report that business is very fair indeed there, despite the fact that merchants are given to complaining. As the end of the year approaches, bankers are very conservative. There is abundance of money offered in this city on first mortgage security both by loan companies and private firms.

At Vancouver, business during the past week has on the whole been very fair, although merchants are not quite as busy at the present time as they usually are at this period of the year, but they anticipate a rush during the next few days. Collections are everywhere still reported as slow.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Business is somewhat quiet in staple lines. All the retail dealers have made their preparations and laid in stocks for the holiday trade, and wholesale houses expect to have a quiet spell until the holiday trade is over. American packing houses are a little firmer in their quotations for hams and dry salt clear sides than last week. Armour's special brand of Gold Band Meats are also quoted higher this week by their agent. Butter continues firm at quotations, and first-class dairy is scarce. Canadian cheese is reported somewhat firmer.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 16c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 10½c; short clear sides, 13½c, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 15½c per lb.

Armour's Gold Band meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 17½c, breakfast bacon, 18½c.

London layer raisins are quoted by Victoria jobbers in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per box; Valencias, 25 lb. boxes, from 7c to 8c per lb.; and sultanas, 10½c to 12c per lb., currants, in bbls., 7½c per lb., half bbls. 7½c, cases 8c to 8½c. Candied peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 26c to 28c. California evaporated fruits are quoted as follows. —Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 12½c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13½c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 18c; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 11c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14½c to 14½c; peaches,

50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 16c. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb. boxes, 9½c. The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6½c; Paris lumps, 6½c; granulated 5½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellow, 4½c; yellow 4½c; golden C. 4½c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, ½c; more, boxes ½c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 g bls. 2½c; ditto, in 10 gal. kegs, 3c; ditto, in 5 gal. kegs, \$2.25 each; ditto, in 1 gal. tins, \$1.50 per case of 10; ditto in ½ gal. tins, \$6 per case of 20. Prices cover delivery in Vancouver, and at Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to a discount of 2½ per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

The Toronto Empire says: "There is no change locally in prices of teas and coffees of any variety. Some few sales of low grade Japans have been made at what may be considered cheap prices. London mail advices report green teas show a hardening tendency, especially for second and third Young Hysons, which are decidedly firmer, with every appearance of a further advance. Owing to supply being somewhat in excess of demand, Indian teas show a further decline, as also do Ceylons, though to a slighter extent. There is an active demand for all kinds of fruits and nuts at steady prices. Valencias are firmly held at 5½ to 5½c for ordinary brands and 5½ to 6c for choice. Currants are irregular in quality, selling all the way from 5½ to 6½c in bbls. Canned corn, peas and tomatoes are moving steadily at 8½c to \$1, as to brand, but other vegetables and fruits are dull. Fish steady and unchanged."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27½ @ 30
Manitoba Dairy choice	22 @ 23
Cheese Canadian, lb	13 @ 14½
California	16 @ 20
Eggs, doz	24 @ 25

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15½ @ 18
Breakfast bacon	15 @ 17½
Short rolls	12 @ 13
Backs	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear	11 @ 12½
Pure Lard, 50 lbs.	13 @ 14
" 20 lbs.	13½ @ 14
Lard Compound	11 @ 12

Sugar—Jobber's prices ¼-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

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Columbia Flouring Mills, Enderby, have reduced their quotations for the coast cities, to meet the low prices quoted for other flour on the market. Local jobbers have reduced prices in sympathy. The Victoria Roller Flour Mills have shipped a large consignment of flour by Empress of China for Hong Kong.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "In the flour market prices remain stationary as to listed prices, but there is much competition among the various agents to place stock and on first-class custom concessions are frequently made.

A fair demand is noted for the China trade, which is being chiefly supplied from Eastern Oregon. There is also a fair call for Walla Walla flour at San Francisco and a liberal portion of last week's receipts went to that city. Receipts of Valley were light, the mills finding a more profitable local trade and not competing for export, although one or two of the interior Valley brands meet with much favor and find a fair demand on the Sound and British Columbia even at a slight advance over the listed price of standards. Quote standard Roller \$3.65 per bbl., Dayton and Cascadia \$3.60 @ 3.65."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots:

Premier	\$5 00
XXX	4 75
Strong Bakers or XX	4 50
Superfine	3 75

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 4 75 @ 0 00
Lion, "	4 75 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 25 @ 0 00
XXX, "	5 00 @ 0 00
XX, "	4 75 @ 0 00
Superfine, "	4 00 @ 1 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian	5 45 @ 5 50
Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	5 40 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
Lake of the Woods Hungarian	5 35 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	5 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	4 85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	4 90 @ 5 00
Snowflake	5 05 @ 5 15
Royal	4 80 @ 4 85
Wheat, per ton	28 00 @ 27 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	23 50 @ 25 00
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
rolled oats	3 50 @ 0 00
split peas	3 56 @ 0 00
pearl barley	1 50 @ 0 00
Chop feed	26 00 @ 28 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	10 00 @ 45 00
Hay, per ton	17 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 0 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

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Umatilla, Dec. 12, comprised the following: For Victoria—164 cs grapes, 2 bxs pineapples, 7 cs lemons, 1 cs dates, 5 scks coconuts, 3 bxs bananas, 2 cs oranges, 4 scks potatoes, 1 sack sweet potatoes, 20 scks onions, 20 scks cucumbers; total, 229 pkgs. The receipts by previous steamers were as follows: Dec. 5, 171 pkgs; Nov. 27, 453 pkgs; Nov. 18, 493 pkgs; Nov. 8, 677 pkgs. The Empress of India, due on the 31st inst., is bringing large consignments of Japanese oranges for the holiday trade.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—