

## TRADE AND COMMERCE

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## VICTORIA.

The business situation remains practically unchanged. Trading as usual has slackened off toward the end of the month. Next month is always a good one for the retail trade, and the holiday trade this season is expected to be better than it was last December. For the past year travellers report that buyers have been taking but little parcels of novelties and fancy goods, this season however, there has been a healthier feeling and the parcels sold have been more like the orders of three and four years ago. The C. P. N. Co. announce that their steamers on the Northern route will in future make Vancouver a port of regular call both going north and returning. A favorable indication of the monetary situation is the fact that the Bank of Montreal has given notice that from the 1st January 1895, the rate on saving bank deposits will be 3 per cent per annum;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent has been the ruling figure for some time past.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says in its financial review. "A feature in financial matters is the large accumulation of surplus funds in the vaults of our banks, which would seem to indicate either the extreme dullness of business, or lack of confidence on the part of our financiers in extending credit. It is learned, however, that the latter is less the cause of complaints respecting the unemployment of capital than the former, and that business generally is unquestionably dull even for this period of the year. It is known that some of our bankers have relaxed the rigidity of their scrutiny of collaterals recently, and have rather encouraged the prosecution of business ventures, which formerly they would not listen to. Probably this may be due in part to the exceptionally low prices to which many lines of staple produce and manufactures have receded, along with the growing belief that the ebb tide of low values and dull trade has reached its limits. Be this as it may, it is certain that some of our leading merchants in different departments of trade have been offered lines of credit on easier terms, which implies that holders of money are tired of seeing it lie idle any longer, and now that confidence has been restored, are more anxious to place it, even if a slight shading in interest has to be submitted to."

## FLOUR AND FEED.

The markets are steady since the advance noted last week. The Dominion Board of Flour Examiners in Montreal recently selected Ogilvie's Hungarian and

Ogilvie's Strong Bakers as the highest standard of flour for the Dominion.

The Ogilvie Milling Co., quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria as follows:  
Ogilvie's Hungarian ..... \$1 10  
" Strong Bakers..... 3 90

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:  
Premier ..... \$1 00  
XXX..... 3 85  
Strong Bakers or XX ..... 3 10  
Superflour ..... 3 15

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl lots at the mills as follows:  
Delta.....\$1 50  
Victoria XXX..... 3 50  
Superflour..... 3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:  
Delta, Victoria mills.....\$ 3 50 @ 0 00  
Lion, "..... 3 50 @ 0 00  
Victoria XXX..... 3 50 @ 0 00  
Superflour..... 3 25 @ 0 00  
Premier, Enderby mills..... 1 25 @ 0 00  
XXX, "..... 1 10 @ 0 00  
XX, "..... 3 65 @ 0 00  
Superflour, "..... 3 10 @ 0 00  
Ogilvie's Hungarian..... 1 35 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers..... 1 15 @ 0 00  
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..... 1 35 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers..... 1 15 @ 0 00  
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian..... 1 35 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers..... 1 15 @ 0 00  
Regina Hungarian..... 1 35 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers..... 1 15 @ 0 00  
Benton County, Oregon..... 3 75 @ 0 00  
Portland Roller..... 3 85 @ 0 00  
Vashon, Washington..... 3 50 @ 0 00  
Snowflake..... 3 75 @ 0 00  
Gold Drop..... 3 65 @ 0 00  
Wheat, per ton..... 25 00 @ 00 00  
Oats..... 27 00 @ 30 00  
Oil cake meal..... 35 00 @ 50 00  
Chop feed California..... 27 50 @ 00 00  
" Washington..... 22 50 @ 00 00  
Shorts..... 20 00 @ 25 00  
Bran..... 17 00 @ 20 00  
National Mills oatmeal..... 3 50 @ 0 00  
" " rolled oats (99-bkts)..... 3 50 @ 0 00  
" " " 10 7s, baled..... 3 00 @ 0 00  
" " split peas..... 3 50 @ 0 00  
" " pearl barley..... 1 75 @ 0 00  
" " Chop feed..... 20 00 @ 25 00  
California oatmeal..... 3 85 @ 0 00  
California rolled oats..... 1 15 @ 0 00  
Corn, whole..... per ton 35 00 @ 00 00  
Peas, field..... per ton 10 00 @ 00 00  
Cornmeal..... 2 40 @ 2 75  
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton 40 00 @ 00 00  
Cracked corn..... 37 00 @ 00 00  
Hay, per ton..... 15 00 @ 18 00  
Straw, per bale..... 1 00 @ 0 00

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:  
Japan rice, per ton.....\$ 75 00 @ 80 00  
" " (polished)..... 90 00 @ 00 00  
Best China rice "..... 80 00 @ 100 00  
Chinarice No. 1 " (mats)..... 65 00 @ 00 00  
" " (sacks)..... 65 00 @ 00 00  
Rice flour "..... 70 00  
Broken rice "..... 30 00  
Rice Meal "..... 17 50

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Large supplies of Japanese oranges were received by the Empress of China. Quotations have also been reduced to 60c per box. The fruit is in prime condition and finds a ready sale. Apples are also in good demand at former quotations.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian..... 0 00 @ 0 00  
" Japanese..... 0 00 @ 0 00  
Lemons—California (Johnson's) .. 0 25 @ 0 00  
" Australian..... 3 00 @ 0 00  
Apples—California..... 1 35 @ 1 50  
" Oregon..... 1 25 @ 1 50  
Coconuts..... per 100 8 00 @ 9 60  
Pears..... 1 75 @ 1 50  
Grapes..... 1 25 @ 1 35  
" Delaware..... 0 60 @ 0 00  
Bananas, bunches..... 1 25 @ 0 00  
" crates..... 2 75 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins..... per lb 11 @ 14  
Cabbage..... per lb 2 @  
Potatoes..... per ton 16 50 @ 20 00  
Sweet potatoes..... per lb 2 @

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Increased supplies of dried fruits have been received, but stocks in jobbers' hands are not complete yet. Next month will, it is expected, be a busy one with the trade. Quotations are reported steady.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags..... 4 1/2  
Yellow, according to quality..... 4 to 5 1/2  
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags..... 5 1/2  
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls..... 6 1/2

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins..... per lb \$ 61 @ \$ 61  
Malaga raisins..... per box 3 00 @ 3 25  
Currants (barrels)..... per lb 5 @  
" half bbls..... per lb 0 @ 0  
" (cases)..... per lb 5 1/2 @ 0  
Sultana raisins..... per lb 8 @ 10  
Taragona almonds..... per lb 11 @ 18  
Greenoble walnuts..... per lb 14 @ 18  
Filberts..... per lb 11 1/2 @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs..... 25 @ 26  
" Manitoba dairy..... 18 @ 19  
" creamery in tins 27 1/2 @ 29  
" " " in tubs 26 @ 00  
Cheese—Canadian, lb..... 13 @ 14  
" Canadian Stilton..... 17 @ 18  
Eggs—Canadian..... per doz 21 @ 22

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams..... 15 @ 15 1/2  
Breakfast bacon..... 15 @ 15 1/2  
Short colls..... 12 @ 12 1/2  
Dry Salt, long clear..... 11 @ 11 1/2  
Bacon..... 13 1/2 @ 13 1/2  
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces..... 0 12 1/2  
" " " 50-lb tins..... 0 12 1/2  
" " " 20-lb "..... 0 13  
" " " 10-lb "..... 0 13 1/2  
" " " 5-lb "..... 0 13 1/2  
" " " 3-lb "..... 0 13  
Lard Compound, 10lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00  
" " 20lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00  
" " 5lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00  
" " 3lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being  $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher:

Dry Granulated (China)..... 100-sack 4 65  
Extra C, China..... " 4 37 1/2  
China, yellow..... " 4 12 1/2  
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)..... 1 1/2 to 1 1/2  
Extra C..... 4 1/2  
Fancy Yellow..... 4 1/2  
Yellow..... 4 1/2  
Golden C..... 3 1/2  
Cubes..... 6 1/2  
Powdered..... 6 1/2  
Syrups, per lb..... 3  
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)..... 5 50  
" " " " (16)..... 5 50  
" 1 " " Vancouver..... 5 50  
" 1 1/2 " " "..... 7 00