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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, July 29, 1895.

The business of the week has continued good, with collections comparatively easy. Trade is reported improving in most lines by jobbers. The crop yield will be twice as large as that of any other previous year. It is anticipated that the salmon pack on the whole will not be as large as usual, though most of the northern canneries will fill up. Of course the United States canners at Fort Roberts are catching thousands upon thousands of salmon in their murderous traps and thus more or less seriously affecting the run in the Fraser river. The Delta creamery was started this week and is now turning out an excellent quality of butter. New hay is already coming in. The crop will be a heavy one, and prices will not rule high this season. Fruit is being received in large quantities from California, and the consignments from British Columbia orchards are larger than ever before. Not considering the local and town shipping, there are ten vessels loading at Vancouver. The trade at present is very brisk in shipping circles, and the handling of freight is more profitable than at any time since 1892. Prices are still ruling high in the local farmers' market at Westminster as follows: Roll butter is selling at 25c; Fowls 75 cents each; Ducks, 60 cents each; Beef, 12c; Pork, 10c; Mutton, 11c; Lamb, 12c per lb; Hay, \$10 per ton; Oats, \$28 per ton.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, August 3, 1895.

The only important changes this week are an easier feeling in butter and a sharp drop in eggs, owing to receipts from Ontario. The top price on Manitoba creamery butter is down to 17 to 18c. Eggs have declined 3c to 15c per dozen. Vancouver refined sugars are 3c lower.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending August 1 were \$917,357 balances, \$238,265. For the previous week clearings were \$939,771. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$760,623. For the month of July clearings were \$1,038,519, as compared with \$3,695,874 for July last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	July 25.	July 18.
Montreal..	\$11,112,288	\$11,922,866
Toronto...	5,467,115	5,305,334
Halifax...	1,828,509	1,256,020
Winnipeg.	908,771	926,617
Hamilton.	580,816	665,200
Total	\$19,427,799	\$20,273,537

A New Cold Storage Warehouse.

The Parsons Produce Co. have abandoned the intention of fitting up their present warehouse for cold storage, as they find the building is not adapted for the purpose. They have decided, however, to erect a new warehouse on McDermott street, near Princess,

which will be specially designed for a cold storage warehouse. The foundation and basement of the building will be built this season and the superstructure will be completed early in the spring in time for next season's trade. Ice will be put up next winter for the new building. The new warehouse will be fitted up on the most approved plan for cold storage purposes.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat made a net gain over Saturday's close of about 3c. The large decrease in the visible supply for this season of the year was a strong factor. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	71½	72½	74½
Corn.....	43½	43½	—
Oats.....	23½	22-22½	—
Pork.....	10 72½	10 42½	—
Lard.....	6 80	6 87½	—
Short Ribs..	6 10	6 20	—

Wheat was dull and easy on Tuesday, influenced by lower cables. Prices declined 1 to 1½c. Closing prices here were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	70½	71-71½	73½-½
Corn.....	43½	43	—
Oats.....	23½	22½	—
Mess Pork..	—	10 40	—
Lard.....	—	6 27½	—
Short Ribs..	—	6 07½	—

On Wednesday wheat was weak and the grain markets generally dull, influenced by European selling at New York and expected increases of new wheat. Closing prices were:

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	68½	69½	71½
Corn.....	42½-¾	42½-¾	—
Oats.....	22½	22½	—
Mess Pork..	—	10 02½	—
Lard.....	—	6 17½	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 87½	—

On Thursday wheat was easy on lower cables, but improved a little later. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	68½	69½	72
Corn.....	43½-¾	43½-¾	35½
Oats.....	22½	22½-¾	—
Pork.....	—	10 02½	—
Lard.....	—	6 17½	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 90	—

On Friday wheat was dull and lower with little support to the market. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	67½-¾	68½-¾	70½
Corn.....	42½	42½	—
Oats.....	21½	21½	—
Mess Pork..	—	9 65	—
Lard.....	—	6 12½	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 82½	—

On Saturday, Aug. 3, wheat opened at 68½c and held steady early, but declined toward the close. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66½-67	67½-68	70½-¾
Corn.....	41½	41½	34½
Oats.....	21	21½	24½
Mess Pork..	—	9 62½	—
Lard.....	—	6 12½	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 71½c.

A year ago Sept. wheat closed at 53½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 66½c for August, September delivery at 61c, and December at 65½c. A week ago September wheat closed at 63½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—July, 72½c.	Sept. 70 c.	Dec. 72½c.
Tuesday—July 71.	Sept. 69½.	Dec. 70½.
Wednesday—July, 69½c.	Sept. 67½.	Dec. 69½c.
Thursday—Aug. —	Sept. 67½c.	Dec. 69½c.
Friday—Aug. 69½c.	Sept. 67½c.	Dec. 69½c.
Saturday—Aug. 69½c.	Sept. 69½c.	Dec. 67½c.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 72½c for July, and 70½c for September. A year ago Sept. wheat closed at 51½c, and two years ago at 49½c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about ½ cent over No. 1 northern. No. 2 northern 8c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, September wheat closed at 72½c and December delivery at 73½c. A week ago wheat closed at 75½c for September and 76½c for December.

Dairy Trade News.

The Delta creamery, the first creamery to be established in British Columbia on a large scale, turned out its first make of butter on July 30.

The Edmonton creamery shipped two and a quarter tons of butter to the coast on July 30. This is the creamery's second shipment.

A new cheese factory was opened at Russell, Man., which promises well, 3,000 pounds of milk coming in the first day.

The Binscarth factory is turning out 700 pounds of cheese per day, and Rossburn factory 500 pounds.

The Parsons' Produce Co., Winnipeg, shipped two cars of cheese east this week. They have two cars of creamery butter and one car of dairy butter purchased for shipment next week.

R. Scott, proprietor of the Shoal Lake creamery, Shoal Lake, Man., is about to visit Japan with the object of endeavoring to introduce Manitoba butter there. He will take along a quantity of Manitoba creamery, put up in two pound tins, which will be left as samples with the dealers there. We understand the Manitoba government and the Canadian Pacific Railway are assisting him in this enterprise. Several shipments of Manitoba butter have been made to Japan, but the trade never assumed any importance. With the lower prices now ruling for butter, it is thought that a more profitable trade can now be worked up.

Information has now been received regarding the first shipments of Manitoba cheese to Montreal, and we are pleased to say that the reports are in the main very favorable. One Montreal dealer writes that the car of Manitoba cheese sent to him by a Winnipeg firm had been received, and that the quality was fully equal to the cheese received from other sections. The quality was said to be the finest and the texture about what was required. The only complaint was that the coloring was uneven in lots from the same factory, and that some of the cheese were over-ripe, having been held too long at the factories. The writer advised factories to ship every fifteen days. Another letter from another Montreal dealer, written on receipt of a car of Manitoba cheese, was in much the same strain, the dealer stating that the cheese was rich and oily and of good texture. The same complaint was made about the coloring being irregular and some of the cheese was over-ripe. Factory men should note these reports, and not hold too long. Complaint was made in another letter about the marking of the boxes. It seems that numerous marks or pencil marks on the boxes is not liked by exporters of cheese. The only marking on the boxes should be the factory brand and weight, put on neatly and compactly with a stencil.