

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

In wholesale lines business has been quiet during the past week. The Christmas business with retailers is generally reported ahead of last year, and in a number of cases larger cash sales than in former years are noticeable. The Rosie Olsen, the first of this season's sealing fleet, has sailed, and many others are expected to get away early after the New Year.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The unfavorable weather during the week preceding Christmas, considerably affected the volume of trade, but fortunately Monday was fine, and many who had deferred their purchases took advantage of the weather, with the result that most merchants did a big day's business. On the whole, most store-keepers report a fair holiday trade, though in many cases purchases were confined to necessities, and to a larger extent less costly than in previous years."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There are no features in these lines and business has been slow during the week.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, delivered in warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	4 1/2
Yellow, according to quality	4 to 4 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	\$ 6 @ \$ 6 1/2
Valencia Layers.....per lb	7 @ 7 1/2
Malaga raisins.....per box	3 00 @ 3 25
California London Layers per box	2 00 @ 2 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	17 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts.....per lb	16 @ 17
Brazil Nut.....per lb	16 @ 0
Shelled Almonds.....per lb	3 1/2 @
Smyrna Flgs.....per lb	16 @ 0
" " 11-ozbox each	12 1/2 @
Filberts.....per lb	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	26 @ 27
Manitoba dairy	18 @ 20
" 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.....	14 @ 15
Breakfast bacon.....	11 @ 15
Short rolls.....	11 1/2 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear.....	10 @ 11
Bacon.....	12 1/2 @ 13
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 11 1/2
" " 50-lb tins	0 11 1/2
" " 20-lb "	0 12
" " 10-lb "	0 12 1/2
" " 5-lb "	0 12 1/2
" " 3-lb "	0 12

Jard Compound, 10 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 20 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 5 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00
" " 3 lbs.....	10 1/2 @ 00 1/2

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2 higher:

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

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 14
" " " heavy	0 13 1/2
" " breakfast bacon	0 11
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 15 1/2
" " breakfast bacon.....	0 16

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton	11 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton	16 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.	3 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb boxes	8 50
" " quarter boxes	
28 lbs, per cwt.....	8 75
Malt vinega English, 25-gal. bbls	11 25
" " octaves.....	6 00
" " cases of 3 doz., per cs	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria.....	1 25
" " California.....	1 20
Macaroni, No. 1, 1-lb bxs.....	80 @ 90
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs.....	80
Coal oil, per case.....	2 80
Nails, per keg—1d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 40d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.	

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Quotations show but little change except Bananas, which are scarce, and consequently higher. The demand is, however poor.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Japanese.....	0 10 @ 0 65
" California Navals.....	1 50 @ 4 75
" Seedlings.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	6 00 @ 6 25
" Australian.....	2 75 @ 0 00
Apples—California.....	1 35 @ 1 65
" Oregon.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Cocoanuts.....per 100	8 00 @ 9 00
Bananas—bunches.....	2 00 @ 0 00
" crates.....	0 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins.....per lb	1 1/2 @ 2
Cabbage.....per lb	2 @
Potatoes.....per ton	15 00 @ 18 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

The flour market remains steady since the advance noted last week, which was given as 20c on Ogilvie's two standard brands. Mr. Leishman advises that the Ogilvie Milling Co's quotations for Strong Baker's is 30c per bbl below that for Hungarian, and not 20c, as quoted last week. Oregon flours remain unchanged in price. Oats are \$3 per ton cheaper than last week.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The flour market is unaltered from last week as to general conditions. Receipts are up to the average; local mills are turning out a good deal of stock to go on board ships for shipment to Europe. The home trade is taking only enough to fill immediate wants. Exports to San Francisco the present month are very good, being mostly Walla Walla brands. The price list remains unchanged at \$2.40 per barrel for standard brands; inferior grades, 15c to 20c per barrel less. The China trade still keeps up and would be better if we could procure better transportation facilities to the Orient from Portland."

The Ogilvie Milling Co., quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$1 40
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier.....	\$1 25
XXX.....	4 10
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3 65
Superfine.....	3 40

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl lots at the mills as follows:

Delta.....	\$3 50
Victoria XXX.....	3 50
Superfine.....	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
Superfine.....	3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 50 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	4 35 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	3 90 @ 0 00
Superfine, ".....	3 45 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 75 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 15 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..	4 75 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers	4 15 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	4 75 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers.....	4 15 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 75 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 15 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	3 75 @ 3 85
Vashon, Washington.....	3 90 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Gold Drop.....	3 65 @ 3 75
Wheat, per ton.....	25 00 @ 00 00
Oats.....	24 00 @ 28 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 (90-lb sks)	3 50 @ 0 00
" " 10 7s, baled	3 00 @ 0 00
" split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley.....	4 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	40 00 @ 00 00
Corameal.....	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 bn'c.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale: