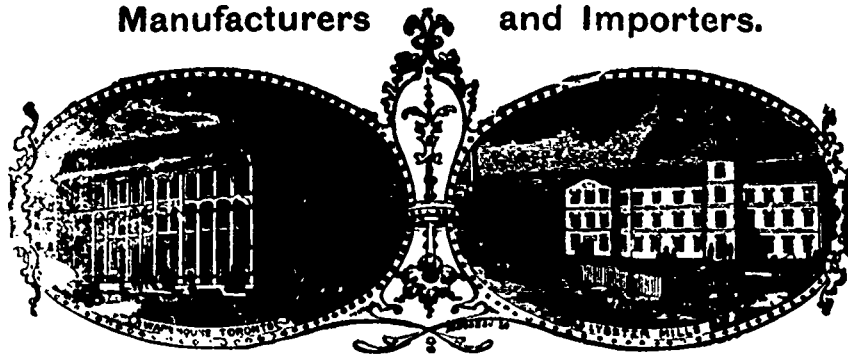


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During the past week business has been light in most lines, and collections are generally reported as slow. Prices remain about the same. The market is well supplied with the ordinary grades of butter. Dairy, 20c to 23c; Manitoba, 20c; fine creamery, 27½c; cheese, 12½c. Meats—Dry salt, 11½c per lb.; hams, 14c; long clear, 11½c; roll bacon, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14c. Japanese oranges are held firm at \$1.25 per box, as no more are expected to arrive before Christmas. The flour market is still unsettled owing to the further cut in prices by the Eastern millers. Local prices remain unchanged. Ogilvie's Hungarian, \$5.85 to \$6; Strou's Bakers, \$5.50; Oregon, \$5.80 to \$6; Premier (Enderby Mills), \$6.00; XXX, \$5.75; XX, \$5.75; oatmeal, \$4 per 100 lbs.; Eastern rolled oats, \$2.50; California ditto, \$4; Eastern cornmeal, \$3.75; California ditto, \$1.00; wheat, \$35 per ton; chopped feed, \$36 to \$38; bran, \$24 to \$25; shorts, \$26; oats, \$30 to \$34; hay, \$15 to \$16; oil cake, \$10; potatoes, \$15 to \$16.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The up-river trade has been light this week owing to the heavy rains. There is still a large quantity of produce to come down. The bulk of the hay has been marketed, and is quoted at \$15; oats, \$30 to \$35; potatoes, from \$15 to \$23; wheat, \$35 to \$40; chopped feed, \$33 to \$35; apples getting scarce at \$1.25 per box.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Robertson & Co. succeed Housley & Co., planing mills, Vancouver.

The Bank of British Columbia will open a branch at Nelson when the spring of '02 opens.

John A. Fraser, lately from New Glasgow, has opened a blacksmith shop in South Westminster.

Cope & Young, Vancouver, having disposed of their retail stock of dry goods, have gone into the wholesale jobbing trade.

Peter Sinclair, who came here in June last and went into the harness business with Wm. Duncan, has returned to Madock, Ont.

Chas. Roberts, contractor, who has been

taking contracts at low figures, has recently secured advances and departed suddenly, leaving employees' wages and mercantile accounts unpaid. There is a good deal of grumbling among merchants in regard to the inadequacy of the lien act.

INTERIOR NOTES.

To the Editor of The Commercial Journal:

SIR,—Believing a few items respecting the progress of the inland country would be acceptable to your readers, I would say that while recently in Spallumcheen and Okanagan, everywhere was to be seen signs of go-ahead-iveness. The 51 miles of railway from Skamoose, junction of the C. P. R. and S. & O. lines, to Okanagan Lake Landing, 4½ miles from Vernon, is in operation, carrying passengers and handling freight along the route, and for the Mission Valley, Similkameen, Osoyoos, etc. This reminds me of a conversation in 1882 with the carpenter that built the deceased Judge Hagues' residence that year at Osoyoos Lake. He observed a large quantity of wool occupying needed space in an outbuilding, and said to the judge: "Why don't you send that wool to market?" The reply was: "You can have it all, if you can get it to the market you speak of, at New Westminster. The carpenter made inquiry, and learned that to pack the wool to Hope and ship by boat to market would cost more than the wool would bring; consequently the "generous" offer was not accepted. A change is now such that a wagon road reaches the foot of Okanagan Lake, where a steamer connects with the S. & O. Railway, etc. True, present transportation is very high; however, a little time will give relief, and then the lower division of Yale district will have relief. Heretofore, even the Mission Valley country had no encouragement to raise for market grain, fruit or vegetables, and depended mostly upon animals that could be walked to place of sale. The erecting of new buildings, fixing up fences, and general making of a new life being infused into the interior argues favorable. The Columbia Flouring Mill Co. at Enderby. S. Gibbs, Esq., manager, is present season paying \$25 per ton for wheat, turning out 100 barrels a day, that finds a ready market. The yield of grain produced for market the

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past season in Spallumcheen and Okanagan is estimated at 4,000 tons, part shipped to the coast. Another flouring mill is about to be erected at Vernon. Next season more grain, it is expected, will be raised. When prices justify, almost any quantity of wheat can be produced. Fruit growing and mixed farming, dairy business and the like is attracting considerable attention. Parties with a little capital and a reasonable share of "push" about them cannot fall in finding good openings to take hold of paying enterprises in the divisions of Yale district named. New blood and industry is what will have the desired effect.

M. H.

Kamloops, B. C., Dec., 1891.

FREIGHTS.

Lumber freights have shown no change for some time. Quotations are as follows: From Burrard Inlet or Puget Sound to Sydney, 40s; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 47s 6d to 50s; Valparaiso, 45s; Cork for orders, 65s; China, 50s. For grain from San Francisco to the U. K. 10 charters under 27s 6d are reported, but there is reason to believe that the current rate is under that figure. The market is decided weak, and a further decline may be looked for. From Tacoma and Portland the rate is nominally about 30s. Coal freights remain weak. Nanaimo or Departure Bay to San Francisco, \$2.25; from Puget Sound to San Francisco, \$2.00 per ton.