

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business generally shows but little perceptible activity at the beginning of the month. The trade in provisions and staples has certainly been steady, for there is a large consumptive demand, but dealers who handle luxuries and fancy lines are complaining. Money is reported tight in all lines. The speculating fever of the past few years has resulted in the money which is generally in the hands of the circulating public getting into the control of mortgage companies, bankers and capitalists, who now offer it on good security at high rates of interest. Merchants generally have for the most part been buying very light for a year, so that their bills now falling due are small, and they are therefore gradually getting themselves into good shape.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Prices generally are steady at previous quotations. Portland flour is a little weaker, however, some dealers having reduced their quotations for Portland Roller and Snowflake 10c per bbl. Bran is also quoted 50c per ton lower.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots:

Premier.....	\$5 20
XXX.....	5 10
Strong Bakers or XX.....	4 75
Superfine.....	3 80

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 4 75 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	4 75 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 45 @ 0 00
XXX, ".....	5 35 @ 0 00
XX, ".....	5 05 @ 0 00
Superfine, ".....	4 05 @ 4 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 @ 35 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 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley.....	4 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
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed.....per ton	40 00 @ 50 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @ 45 00
Hay, per ton.....	17 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale:

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 Walla Walla, Dec. 5, comprised the following: For Victoria—38 cs grapes, 1 cs lemons, 33 cs oranges, 13 crts bananas, 25 sacks onions, 10 sacks cocoanuts, 2 sacks sweet potatoes, 1 cs horse radish, 3 cs pine-apples, 2 cs peppers, 30 cs pears; total 171 pkgs. The receipts by previous steamers were as follows: Nov. 27, 158 pkgs; Nov. 18, 403 pkgs; Nov. 8, 077 pkgs. Advices from San Francisco state that grapes are about out of the market and shipments may be considered over for the season. Oranges, bananas and lemons will be the bulk of the receipts from California until the early fruits come in season again. There are a few changes in quotations. Sweet Loretta oranges are down 25c. Grapes are a little stiffer in price. Dealers expect another large shipment of Japanese oranges in time for the holiday trade. The fruit trade generally is very dull, and jobbers report collections unsatisfactory.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Sweet Loretta.....	\$1 00 @ 0 00
Tahiti Seedlings.....	1 50 @ 1 75
Riverside Seedlings.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Japanese.....	0 75 @ 0 00
Lemons—California.....	7 50 @ 8 50
Sicily.....	7 50 @ 9 00
Bananas, bunch.....	2 50 @ 3 50
Quinces.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Apples—Red.....	1 50 @ 1 75
Green.....	1 50 @ 0 00
Canadian, bbls.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Grapes.....	1 75 @ 2 00
Cocoanuts, doz.....	1 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—California, sweet.....	2 1/2 @
Local.....	per ton 15 00 @ 16 50
Onions—Red California.....	1 1/2 @
California Silverskins.....	1 1/2 @

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There is but little Dairy butter in the market and prices are steady. Eggs continue scarce and high. American meats show a slight advance over prices given last week. Large shipments of canned goods, dried fruits etc., have been coming to hand for the last two months, and stocks for the winter are about complete, perishable goods especially.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15c per lb; heavy hams, 15c; choice breakfast bacon, 10c; short clear sides, 13c and dry salt clear sides, 12c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1 lb. pails, 15c 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, 17c, breakfast bacon, 18c.

London layer raisins are quoted by Victoria jobbers in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per box; Valencia, 20 lb. boxes, and from 8c to 8c per lb.; sultanas, 10c to 14c per lb., currants, in bbls., 7c per lb., half bbls. 7c, cases 8c. Canned peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 20c to 23c. California evaporated fruits are very high this season, and may be quoted as follows:—Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 12c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 18c; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 14c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14c to 15c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 16c.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	27 1/2 @ 30
Manitoba Dairyholco.....	22 @ 23
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2
California.....	16 @ 00
Eggs, doz.....	25 @ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15 @ 18
Breakfast bacon.....	15 @ 17 1/2
Short rolls.....	12 @ 13
Backs.....	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @ 12 1/2
Pure Lard, 50 lbs.....	13 @ 14
" 20 lbs.....	13 1/2 @ 14
Lard Compound.....	11 @ 12

Sugar—Jobber's prices 1/2-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated.....	5 1/2 @ 5 1/2
Extra C.....	5 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	5
Yellow.....	4 1/2
Golden C.....	4 1/2
Syrups, per lb.....	3

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6c; Paris lumps, 6c; granulated 5c; extra C, 4c; fancy yellow, 4c; yellow 4c; golden C, 4c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, 1c; more, boxes 1c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bls. 2c; 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 1/2 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 2 1/2 per cent. for cash in fourteen days.

SALMON.

Latest advices report the English market steady with a decidedly upward tendency. The latest quotations are 23s 6d per case, for brands of Fraser River fish of established excellence. The Chill loading for Liverpool has nearly completed her cargo. The River Ganges is also pretty well loaded. The Frederick has taken on a quantity of Naval stores and will complete her cargo with salmon. Advices from Toronto report salmon firmly held at \$1.45 to \$1.55 per dozen for talls, and \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen for flats.

LUMBER.

There have been no clearances since last week, but two charters are reported. The Norwegian bark Fritzo, 1,078 tons, has received orders to load at Hastings Mills, and the American bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, has been chartered to load at Chemainus for Valparaiso for orders at 37s 6d. She will, however, be loaded at the Genoa Mills, Cowichan River, as the management of the Chemainus Mills state that they will not start up again without having orders on hand sufficient to keep the mill running for at least six months steady. There are at present nine vessels loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—Nor. bark Benj. Bangs, 1,118 tons, for Montreal; Br. bark Grasmere, 1,216 tons, for Valparaiso, for orders; Am. ship Edward O'Brien, 1,725 tons, for Cork, U.K., for orders; Br. bark Mark Curry, 1,250 tons; Nor. bark Fortuna, 1,312 tons, for Valparaiso, f. o.; Br. ship Abeona, 979 tons, for Port Pirie; Nor. bark Fritzo, 1,078 tons. At Cowi-

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