

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Dec. 11, 1895.

The holiday trade has commenced and business is steadily improving and better than any time during the year. Collections are good. Money is easy. The butchers say, "Should we have a cold winter, the price of fresh meat will advance rapidly, but if the winter continues mild and rainy as at present, the advance will not be great. Red meats are easy at last week's quotations. It is prophesied by wholesalers that butter and eggs will be a little easier next week the strain being released by the arrival of Eastern consignments. A brisk Christmas trade has commenced in staple and fancy groceries, fruit and vegetables. Bran and shorts are scarce. Oatmeal is 25c lower per 100 pounds.

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 25c; Manitoba cheese 10 to 11c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 12c; long, clear 9c; short rolls 9½c; smoked sides 10½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in rails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$15; short cut \$18.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; salmon 9c; halibut 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked salmon 12½c; smoked halibut 10c; blotters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon 87½c per barrel.

Game.—Mallards, 50c; putails 10c; blue grouse 75c; wildgeese, 35c; venison, 5c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 35c; Eastern 21c per dozen.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$1.00; native apples \$1.00; California lemons, \$1.50 to \$3.00; California apples, \$1.20 to \$1.30; California pears, \$1.50 per box; California grapes, \$1.35; local pears, \$1.00; Japanese oranges, 75c; Jap oranges 75c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.40; strong bakers, \$1.10; Oregon, \$3.80, Oak Lake patent \$1.20; do strong bakers \$1.00.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00, 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.20; 10.7 sacks, \$3.40. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.00; 2-50's, \$2.75. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.70; 2-45s, \$2.80.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$24.50 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chf, \$20 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6½c; mutton, 7½c to 8c; pork, 7½ to 8c; veal, 7 to 9c per lb. Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Live Stock.—Calves, 5 to 7c, steers, 3 to 3½c lb; cows 2½ to 3c; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50; hogs, 4½ to 5½c; lamb, per head \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1 to \$1 per dozen. Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c, Paris lump, 3½c, granulated, 3½c, extra C, 4½c, fancy yellows 3½c; yellow 3½c per lb.

Syrup.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound, 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo Fair, 11½c, good, 18c; choice, 25c. Ceylons Fair, 25c, good 40c, choice, 85c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes

W. La Trace, blacksmith, Ainsworth, is dead.

N. S. Clarke, blacksmith, Barkerville, has sold out.

George Williscroft, general store, Port Simpson, is dead.

J. D. Sibbald, grocer, Revelstoke, has assigned.

Fraser River Fish Company, Vancouver, has been incorporated.

The British Columbia Pottery Co., Victoria, has been incorporated.

Dean & Cryderman, druggs, Victoria, are succeeded by Dean & Hiccocks.

R. Kenry & Co., house furnishings, Victoria, are selling out.

J. J. Wilson, baker, Victoria, advertises his business for sale.

J. H. Cavanagh, Calgary, is opening a general store at Rossland.

C. F. Foreman has purchased Hobson Bros.' stock of boots and shoes.

R. Howson, furniture, Revelstoke, has admitted F. W. Laing as partner.

Eigreen & Munson, grocers, Rossland, have dissolved. John Eigreen continues.

G. & J. Doughty, manufacturers brushes, Victoria, have dissolved. James Doughty, continues.

Two carloads of beef cattle went forward from Vernon to Kootenay last week and two carloads more go this week.

"Bradstreet" has opened an office in Vancouver in Innis of Court building, with J. B. Gordon in charge.

The Guardian Insurance Co. will arrange for the loss sustained by R. W. Frupp, whose house and furniture was burned last week.

The Vancouver market has been taken out of the hands of the late Jesse, D. M. Beattie, and will probably be run by the city.

G. F. Monckton is now giving weekly lectures on mining in Vancouver, and to encourage him the council are granting him the use of the city hall.

British capital is still flying in. A company with a capital of 100,000 pounds sterling has been formed with headquarters at Vancouver, the trustees being Vancouver citizens, to carry on a general fish business. They will export frozen, salt, dried and canned fish.

In Vancouver the customs duties and inland revenue collected for November shows an increase over the corresponding month of 1895 of \$10,000. In Victoria the customs duty alone shows an increase of \$10,318.78. Through the entire province the increase is very large. Conclusive proof that the business of the Canadian Pacific country is improving.

The Art and Scientific Societies in different cities of British Columbia are considering the question of sharing in the celebration in 1897 of the landing of John Cabot, 400 years ago, on what is now Canadian soil. The matter is being brought before the different Societies by R. E. Gussell, provincial government statistician.

The Imperial Bank of Canada located in Innis of Court block opened its doors to the public on Saturday, and the returns to the Head Office chronicle the business done since that time will be very satisfactory to the board of directors. A. Jukes, manager, is very well and favorably known and there is no doubt through his able management, his personal influence and the excellent standing of the Imperial Bank of Canada Mr. Jukes will get a fair share of the large banking business transacted in the Terminal City.

Fort William Wheat Inspection

The following is a statement showing the number of cars of grain inspected at Fort William for the week ending Dec. 7, shown by returns of F. E. Gibbs, inspector, and also showing the total number of cars of wheat inspected on this crop to Dec. 1:

	Cars for week ending Dec. 7, 1895	Total Cars on Crop 1895.
WHEAT.		
No. 1 Hard	157	4,286
" 2 Hard	210	2,578
" 3 Hard	198	2,719
" 1 Northern	56	1,182
" 2 Northern	12	271
" 3 Northern	2	64
" 1 W. Fife	1	37
" 2 W. Fife	7	19
" 1 Spring	20	149
" 2 Spring	1	6
" 3 Spring	—	3
Rejected No. 1	34	601
" " 2	17	634
" " 3 Hard and No. 2 Northern	21	397
" Frosted	7	120
No Grade	—	18
1 Frosted	134	1,673
2 Frosted	36	591
3 Frosted	2	45
Feed	0	42
Total Wheat for week	931	cars.
Total Wheat on Crop	11,836	cars.
Oats inspected—No. 2 white, 9 cars; No. 2 black, 2 cars. Total for week, 11 cars; total on crop, 55 cars.		
Barley—No. 3, 2 cars. Total for week, 2 cars. Total on crop, 41 cars.		
Total cars inspected for the week of all grains, 944; total for corresponding week, 1894, of all grains, 227.		
Total cars of all grains inspected for crop of 1895, to December 7, 14,932; total cars inspected for crop of 1894, 12,927.		

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William December, 62c and 45 to 55c to farmers, Manitoba country points.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.55; Bakers, \$1.70.
Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.
Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, 24 to 25c.
Barley.—Per bushel, feed 28c to 31.
Flax Seed.—95c to \$1.
Butter.—Round lots country dairy 14 to 16c.
Cheese.—Small lots 11 to 11½c.
Eggs.—Fresh, 14, to 15c round lots.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 3 to 4½c.
Mutton.—Fresh, and lamb, 5.
Hogs.—Dressed, 4½ to 5c.
Cattle.—Butchers, 2 to 2½c. choice 8.
Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.
Sheep.—\$2.25 to \$2.40 per 100 pounds.
Seneca Root.—19 to 20c.
Poultry.—Chickens, 6 to 7c, turkeys, 9 to 10c, geese, 7 to 8c, ducks 7 to 8c.
Hides.—No. 1 cows, 2½c.
Potatoes.—40 to 50c per bushel.
Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.50 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—8 to 9c, unwashed fleece.

Wheat prices in the country were very irregular this week last year and inclined to boom.

It is not thought that any Manitoba cattle will be shipped east for the Christmas market at Toronto or Montreal, owing to the bad state of those markets lately. Eastern Canada markets have been flooded lately with a very poor class of stock, and this has so depressed the price of good cattle that it would not be profitable to ship from here.