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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., June 13.—There were numerous changes in the market last week. California and Sound steamers continue to bring in large supplies of early fruit. Peaches have been placed on sale. Local cherries are on the market and apples and gooseberries are for sale for the first time this week. In vegetables local new potatoes have arrived, the former quoted at four cents, and the latter at eight cents. Provision merchants report much activity; creamery and dairy butter have fallen and cheese will be lower when this is in print. The hardware firms continue to do a large steady business in mining outfits. Flour has declined in sympathy with the recent drop in wheat, but prices still continue higher than the average.

There is a good feeling generally among the salmon canneries, who are well pleased to learn that no changes are to be made in the regulations this year. Those who own traps on the American side of the line are, however, dissatisfied that no intimation has been received of the taking off of the import duty.

The lumber trade continues in some departments to be quite exceptionally active, big shipments are being made east, while there is a large local demand for salmon cases. New buildings on a large scale and extensive public improvements are also causing considerable demands for local lumber. The lumber mills are working 12 hours a day.

An interview with Mr. Thos. Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector and lecturer, states that never during 24 years' experience in the province, has

he known so fine a June for strawberries and small fruit ripening and gathering. He anticipates a very large crop of strawberries this season, accompanied as regards the Vancouver district generally, by satisfactory prices. The hay and oats crop seems very bountiful, and it is likely will be gathered in excellent condition. Mr. Cunningham thinks that on the whole the large fruit crop will be very fair though somewhat damaged by frost.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The reduction in yellow sugars by Montreal refiners, noted in The Commercial telegrams last week, was somewhat of a surprise, in view of the strong tone of the raw sugar market, and small supplies.

The Patras currant market, owing to the restricted demand from abroad, has declined lately to about 17s 3d for good provincials; 17s 6d for fine and extra; 18s 9d for fine Patras, and 21s 9d for fine Vostizza. The stocks now in Greece are reduced to about 6,000. The new crop promises a good yield.

The Montreal Gazette says: There has been considerable activity in the tea market during the past week. The demand has been chiefly from New York buyers, owing to the prospects of a duty being placed on teas in the United States. A sale of one lot of 600 packages Japan was made, at 16c to 18c, and one lot of 300 Ping-Suez at 17c to 22c, for shipment to the United States. Another shipment of 400 Ping-Suez was also made on consignment, as prices for these teas in the United States at present are 5c per lb higher than the figure ruling here. A lot of 300 boxes of gunpowder was sold on local account at 13c. Late advices from Yokohama state that suitable teas for Canada are 21-2c to 3c per pound higher than last season.

At a recent meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Exchange at New Westminster, J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, read a report from the special committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the alleged adulteration of preserves. It referred to the importance of the present jam factories, the good work done by the Fruit Exchange in securing outside markets for the larger fruits, but stated that the disposal of the small fruits was largely dependent upon the fruit canneries. These had suffered from outside competition which flooded the markets with adulterated products. In some instances it was found that the latter contained only 15 per cent of the fruit supposed to be preserved, 40 per cent sugar and the balance glucose and foreign substances, such as apple parings, carrots, etc. The pure article should contain 50 per cent fruit and 50 per cent sugar. It was thus impossible for British Columbia canneries to compete with the adulterated product. In California the adulteration of fruit was legislated against with good results, and the committee suggested the urging of the Dominion government to enforce existing legislation, and the appointment of proper inspectors for the protection of local fruit growers and fruit canners. Some discussion took place on this report and it was decided that the same committee proceed with the investigations, and the sum of \$50 was placed at its disposal for the purpose of having the necessary analysis made of samples of adulterated brands.

Movements of Business Men

A. P. Stuart, of the Northern Elevator company, has returned from New York.

A. C. Flummerfelt, of Victoria, B.C., a member of the Ames, Holden Co., passed through on his way to Montreal the first of the week.

G. L. Calus, managing partner of the wholesale dry goods firm of S. Green-shields, Son & Co., Montreal, is making a tour of the west.

H. Cockshutt, manager of the Cockshutt Plow Works, Brantford, returned east the first of the week. He has been some weeks in the west, looking after the extensive interests of his company here.

Mr. Crawford, representing Gault Bros., returned this week from a two months' trip on the Canadian Pacific railway main line west. He says the feeling throughout the country is very hopeful, owing to favorable crop outlook.

G. W. Hastings, of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Hastings, have returned to Montreal from a three months' visit in Europe. They will spend a few days with their friends before continuing their journey westward. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have, during their travels, visited many places of interest including Buda Pesth, the great milling centre of Hungary.

A. A. Mackenzie, formerly an active member of the wholesale firm of Mackenzie & Mills, Winnipeg, was in the city this week, returning from an eastern trip. Mr. Mackenzie has been in the Kootenay country for several years and now has his headquarters at Rossland. Like most others in that country, Mr. Mackenzie has given considerable attention to mining, and he is the owner of a number of claims. One or two of these he is now developing, having formed a company known as the Castle Gold Mining company. Development work is now proceeding and the prospects are very encouraging. Mr. Mackenzie has great faith in the future of the Kootenay, and in fact Canada in general, as a mining country. He says Canada will soon be the greatest mining country in the world.

Tenders.

Medicine Hat, Assa., school district offers \$5,500 debentures by tender.

Tenders for the new system of water works for Winnipeg, are wanted.

Nee-pawa, Man., school district offers \$15,000 school debentures for sale.

Tenders for a bridge across the Boyne river at Carman, Man., are asked for.

Tenders are called for the erection of a store for White & Maughan, Winnipeg.

Tenders for the mason work for a Methodist church to be built at Brandon, Man., are invited.

Tenders for supplying stationery to the Winnipeg public schools for year ending June 30 are wanted.

Tenders are called for the right to cut timber in timber berth No. 823 comprising fifty square miles, in Lake Winnipegosis district, Manitoba.

Tenders are called for the erection of a brick and stone building on the corner of Portage avenue and Fort street, Winnipeg.