

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The volume of trade continues about the same, and prices indicate a firmer feeling, and a brighter future for the market. There is a noticeable improvement in the feeling in trade circles with more of a disposition to inquire for goods.

Private advices from Vernon state that the prospects are very bright for an abundant harvest of wheat and fruit crops. There has been eleven days of rain which is considered unusual at this season, but is nevertheless beneficial to growing crops.

The Coast Sealing Fleet are preparing for Behring Sea, and are making their usual demands on the trade for provisions, &c.

With good crop and industrial prospects there is every reason to believe that this fall will witness a substantial improvement in almost all branches of business, for prices are now either inclined towards an advance or are decidedly firm.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There are only a few slight changes in quotations. The market is reported glutted with Manitoba and North West dairy butter. A well known commission broker said: "There is any amount in warehouse of such inferior quality as to be unfit to sell as butter." The finer grades range from 15c to 18c per lb. Manitoba case eggs are also reported a drug on the market. Most of these dairy products are handled on consignment which will in point account for the over supply.

Latest advices quote creamery butter 9d per lb. f.o.b. at Sydney, which would cost 23c laid down here and is at present too high to compete with California butter.

Present indications point to low prices for California dried fruits this season. The quantity dried will be much less than in 1895.

Pears were dried in very large quantities last year, but this season the pear crop is very short and the fruit in demand for shipment fresh and canners use. The output of dried apricots will not reach fifty per cent. of last season. Prunes will be a fair yield.

Packing house products show no change. The market is somewhat duller except in beef products which are reported firm with a tendency to advance.

Since the dissolution of the Canadian Association, the great bulk of the stock of vegetables on hand, particularly tomatoes, have been disposed of, consequently

prices on tomatoes have been advanced 7½ cents per dozen, while peas and corn are quoted 2½ cents higher. From all indications quotations will rule high for this season's pack on account of the reported damage to growing crops by frost.

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms 60 days.

Dry Granulated (China)	100-sack	4 50
" " " " " " " " " "	"	4 50
Extra C, China	"	4 25
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	"	4 1
Extra C	"	4 1
Fancy Yellow	"	4 1
Yellow	"	4 1
Golden C	"	6 1
Cubes	"	6 1
Powdered	"	6 1
Syrups, per lb.	"	2 1
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)	"	5 75
" 1 " " " (16)	"	5 75
" 1 " " Vancouver	"	4 50
" 1 " " "	"	5 60

Dairy produce is quoted :

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	20	@	22
Manitoba dairy	15	@	18
" " creamery .. in tins ..	27	@	28
" " " " in tubs ..	26	@	00
California Roll-Fancy	18		
Fancy, Tub	20	@	22
Cheese—Canadian, lb.	13 1/2		
Northwest	10 1/2	@	11
Canadian Stillon	17	@	18
Canadian	12	@	12 1/2
Eggs—Canadian	per doz	10	@ 13

Smoked meats and lard are quoted :

Hams	13 1/2	@	15 1/2
Breakfast bacon	14	@	15
Short rolls	10 1/2	@	11 1/2
Dry Salt, long clear	10 1/2		
Bacon	11	@	13
Mess Pork, per bbl.	18	00	
Best Plate Beef, per bbl	16	00	
Lard Compound, 20 lbs.	10		
" " 10 lbs.	10 1/2		
" " 5 lbs.	10 1/2		
" " 3 lbs.	10 1/2		
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0	12	
" " " 50-lb tins	0	12 1/2	
" " " 20-lb "	0	12 1/2	
" " " 10-lb "	0	12 1/2	
" " " 5-lb "	0	12 1/2	
" " " 3-lb "	0	12 1/2	

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0	14 1/2
" " " heavy ..	0	13 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0	14 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams	0	15 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0	15
Roast and corned beef, 2s per doz.	2	90
" " " 1s "	1	75
Lunch tongues, 2s per doz.	7	00
" " " 1s "	3	75
Deviled ham, 1/2 lbs "	1	60
White label soups, assorted qts., per doz. .	2	75

Canned goods are quoted :

Peaches	per doz	\$ 2.15
Apricots	"	2.50
Corn	"	1.90
Tomatoes	"	1.25
Peas	"	1.15
Beans	"	1.15

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, for lots of one barrel and upwards, delivered into warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by net spot cash :

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	4 1/2
Extra C	4 1/2
Fancy Yellow	4
Yellow	3 1/2
Golden C	3 1/2

Paris lumps in bbls. or 100-lb bags	5 1/2
Powdered Icing and bar, in bbls	6

Above prices are for barrels or bags, 100 lb. keg 1/2c. higher ; half bbls. 1/2c and boxes 1/2c.

Golden syrup is quoted as follows : 30 gal. bbls. 1 1/2c per lb., 10 gal. kegs 2c per lb., 5 gal. kegs \$1.25 each, 1 gal. tins \$3.75 per case of 10, 1/2 gal. tins \$4.50 per case of 20.

Jobbers quote :

Valencia raisins	per lb	2	6	@	\$
Valencia Layers	per lb	7	1/2	@	7 1/2
Malaga raisins	per box	3.00	@	3.25	
California London Layers	per box	2.00	@	0.00	
Currants (barrels)	per lb	5	@		
" " half bbls.	per lb	5 1/2	@	0	
" " (cases)	per lb	5 1/2	@	7 1/2	
Sultana raisins Eastern	per lb	8	@	10	
" " California 20 lb. box	1	20			
Shelled Almonds, Jordan	per lb	45			
" " Valencia, "	per lb	32 1/2			
Taragona almonds	per lb	16	@	18	
Grenoble walnuts	per lb	16	@		
Brazil Nuts	per lb	16	@		
Shelled Almonds	per lb	32 1/2	@		
Smyrna Figs	per lb	16	@		
" " 14-oz box each	12 1/2	@			
California Figs	per lb	8			
Egyptian Dates	per lb	8			3 1/2
Filberts	per lb	11 1/2	@	12 1/2	

FLOUR AND FEED.

Manitoba flours remain steady Some Washington millers have advanced quotations on their several brands varying from 10 cents to 40 cents per barrel. Last Friday an advance of 10 cents was reported from San Francisco on Sperry's and other brands of flour. Local jobbers quotations have been advanced on Big Bend, Superb and Gold Drop ; also 50 cents per ton on wheat.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian	\$5	70
" Strong Bakers	5	40

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

Delta	\$3	75
Victoria XXX	3	75
Superfine	3	25

Jobbers quote in 10 bbl. lots as follows :

Snow Flake	\$3.75
White Lilly	3.50

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are :

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 4 00	@	0 00
Lion, "	4 00	@	0 00
Victoria XXX	4 00	@	0 00
Superfine	3 50	@	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	0 00	@	0 00
XXX, " "	0 00	@	0 00
XX, " "	0 00	@	0 00
Superfine, " "	0 00	@	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	6 05	@	0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 75	@	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian ..	6 05	@	0 00
" " Strong Bakers ..	5 75	@	0 00
Regina Hungarian	6 05	@	0 00
" Strong Bakers ..	5 75	@	0 00
Olympic	4 25	@	0 00
Big Bend	4 00	@	0 00
Superb	3 90	@	0 00
Plansifter	4 25	@	0 00
Alliance	3 90	@	0 00
White Lilly	3 90	@	0 00
Gold Drop	4 00	@	0 00
Snowflake	4 00	@	0 00
Wheat, per ton, feed	28 00	@	00 00
Oats	32 00	@	35 00