TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business has, on the whole, been rather quiet during the past month, and it is generally acknowledged that collections are slow. The large number of failures for the first half year tell the story. *Bradstreet's* report 39 failures for the first six months of this year as compared with nine for the same period last year. The principal causes have been overtrading on insufficient capital and giving indiscriminate credit. The seizure of the steamer Coquitlam with supplies for the sealing schooners now in northern waters will necessitate the return to port of many of the vessels earlier than usual, thus tending to lessen the catch. It is estimated that the coast catch for the season will be about 30,000 skins. The Carlotta Cox heads the list for the season with 2,012 skins which is the largest coast catch on record. The next largest catches were the Viva, 1,656; E. B. Marvin, 1,600; and Walter E. Earle, 1,225 skins.

The past week has been a very light one for trade. Both the Canadian and American national holidays came in last week, and the celebrations in outside points have attracted large numbers from the city. It has practically been a full holiday week. Some of the local wholesale trade are engaged in their semi-annual stock taking.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The receipts of butter from San Francisco have almost completely fallen off. The City of Puebla, on July 1, only brought 6 cs for Victoria, comprising 695 lbs. The receipts from the East are increasing, both of Dairy and Eastern Creamery and controls the bulk of the trade which is for a fine article. Manitoba Dairy has weakened during the past week 2c per lb. Quotations are: California fancy roll, extra choice, 26c per lb; California, in kits and tubs, 27c; Manitoba creamery, 26½c; Manitoba dairy, 19c to 20c; Canadian cheese, 14c; new California cheese, 16c; eggs, 18 to 20c.

The best quality of Canadian meats are quoted by local jobbers: Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15½c; long roll, 13½c; short roll, 13c; backs, 14½c; pure lard, 50 lbs, 13¼c and 20 lbs, 13½c. The prices of ordinary Canadian meats are unchanged.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½@11½c; lard tins, 12½@13½c.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5⅝c; extra C, 5¼c; yellow, 4⅞c; golden C, 4⅜c.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Business is reported somewhat quiet with no changes in quotations.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, $5.40; XXX., $5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., $5.00; Superfine, $4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	$ 5 25 @	0 00
Lion, " "	5 25 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 75 @	0 00
XXX., " "	5 55 @	0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @	5 50
Superfine, " "	4 25 @	4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian	5 85 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 50 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	5 85 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon	5 50 @	0 00
Snowflake	5 75 @	0 00
Portland Roller	5 50 @	0 00
Royal	5 35 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton	35 00 @	40 00
Oats	30 00 @	32 50
Oil cake meal	35 00 @	00 00
Chop feed	30 00 @	00 00
Shorts	28 00 @	30 00
Bran	25 00 @	27 50
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	30 0 @	0 00
California oatmeal	4 35 @	0 00
California rolled oats	3 85 @	4 00
Cornmeal	2 75 @	3 00
Cracked corn	45 00 @	50 00
Hay, per ton	18 00 @	20 00
Straw, per bale	1 25 @	0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice,	per ton	$77 50
China rice	"	70 00
Rice flour	"	70 00
Chit rice	"	25 00
Rice Meal	"	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruit and vegetables by steamship City of Puebla, July 1, for Victoria:—208 bxs apples, 313 bxs apricots, 239 bxs peaches, 45 bxs pears, 191 bxs plums, 174 bxs cherries, 72 bxs oranges, 98 bxs tomatoes, 307 sacks potatoes, 2 bxs grapes, 12 bxs cucumbers, 3 cts bananas, 14 sacks onions, 1 cts cabbage, 2 cs pineapples, 1 cs peppers; total, 1,719 packages. For Vancouver—87 cs peaches, 101 bxs cherries, 8 bxs lemons, 115 bxs plums, 102 bxs apples, 118 bxs apricots, 18 cs tomatoes, 312 sacks potatoes, 41 sacks onions, 15 cts cabbage, 5 bxs pears, 1 ct pineapples, 3 cts cauliflower, 4 cs beans; total, 930 packages. Grand total, 2,649 packages. There has been a general rise in fruits. Nearly all kinds are quoted higher this week owing to late advances in San Francisco. The first grapes have been received and are quoted at $2.50 a box. Fresh local strawberries are still coming in but the supply is dropping off. Local raspberries are on the market and large supplies are expected this week. The demand for old potatoes has fallen off and there is no stock on the market. New potatoes are arriving in increased quantities from San Francisco. The price has advanced ½c per lb on new potatoes, since last steamer. There were very few cherries received last week. The supply in San Francisco is about finished and prices are 10c higher per box. Oranges are in light demand and supplies in San Francisco are short. Prices have advanced 25c. Peaches are 37½c to 50c higher. Sicily lemons are up $2 a box. Tomatoes are 50c lower. Quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, $4.50; navels, $5 to $6; Mediterranean sweets, $4.50; California lemons, $5.50; Sicily lemons, $7; bananas, $3.50 to $3.75; cabbage, 2c per lb.; new potatoes, 1½c to 1⅝c per lb.; strawberries, 12½c per lb. box; cherries, $1.35 per box; red California onions, 1½c per lb.; California silverskins, 1⅜c; pineapples, $5 a doz.; cocoanuts, 90c a doz.; apricots, $1.25 to $1.35; plums, $1.50; do. large boxes, $1.75; peaches, $1.62½ to $1.75; pears, $1.35; green apples, $2; do. large boxes, $2.25; tomatoes, $1.75; grapes, $2.50.

SALMON.

During the past week, the Martha Fisher and Frederick have been chartered for salmon. Shippers are not anxious to charter further, tonnage for the bulk of the pack being already provided, until they see how the run turns out.

LUMBER.

There have been two arrivals during the week, the Guineveve, from Antofagasta, to load for Valparaiso on owner's account, and the American barkentine Robert Sudden, to load for Valparaiso at 40s. The Leonor finished loading at Moodyville June 30, and has a cargo of 637,375 feet, composed of 486,364 feet rough and 151,011 feet t. and g. flooring, valued at $6,520, for Valparaiso. The cargo of the Antonietta, which sailed June 27 for Valparaiso, consisted of 824,361 feet rough and 40,000 laths and 5,180 pickets, valued at $9,015. The Palawan, loading for Iquiqui, will finish early in the week. The situation of the foreign market remains unchanged. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, $9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, $19; dressed flooring, $17; pickets, $9; laths, 4 feet, $2.

The Victoria Lumber Exchange quotes the following schedule of prices net at yard:

Rough merchantable lumber, per M	$12 00
Double dressed and edged, per M	22 50
Single " " "	20 00
No. 1 tongue and groove flooring, 1 x 4	22 50
Rough deck plank	14 00
Laths, per M	2 25
Shingles, common, per M	2 25

Eight per cent on all accounts over 30 days standing.

MANIFEST TO ARRIVE.

British steamship Bushmills, 1,588 tons, Capt. O. Venning, from Liverpool April 13 for Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo. Consignees, Baker Bros. & Co., Ld., Vancouver.

For Victoria—105 bundles tubes, Matthews, Richards & Tye; 15 bxs meters, 2 csks lead pipe, 1 large meter, 4 iron pipes, 2 valves, 1 water lathe, 2 iron frames, 1 bdl bolts, Gaslight Co; 163 bdls tubes, 50 tons pig iron, 50 cs whiskey, 50 cs lime juice, order; 1 cs merchandise, Andrew Gray; 250 cs whiskey, 50 cs do, 30 cs wines, order; 50 cs whiskey, A B Gray & Co; 100 cs whiskey, 3 csks do, H Saunders; 3 cs merchandise, order; 29 pkge spirits, Dixi H Ross & Co; 390 cs whiskey, 30 csks do, Hudson's Bay Co; 60 cs beer, A B Gray & Co; 1 puncheon rum, 3 qr csks whiskey, 10 cs do, 10 csks do, 100 cs do, 6 csks do, 175 cs do, 8 csks do, 50 cs do, 10 csks do, 110 cs do, 40 cs do, order; 1,314 bags salt, 898 bags do, J H Todd & Son; 80 iron platse