

HIDES.—Hides are weak. In the United States the tendency is lower, and some markets show a decline of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Here the tendency is easier, and a decline is looked for, though some dealers were still paying 5¢ for No. 1, others were quoting about $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 5¢; No. 2, 4¢; No. 3, 3¢; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 5 to 7¢ per lb.; dekins 15 to 20¢ each kips 4 to 5¢; sheep 50 to 65¢; shearlings, 5 to 15¢; lambskins, 10 to 20¢; Horsehides, 75¢ to \$1.25.

TALLOW.—The decline foreshadowed by The Commercial last week has taken place, prices having dropped to 3¢ for No. 1 rendered. Prices in the United States are very low on tallow and grease of all kinds, prices in Chicago being hardly any higher than in Winnipeg. We quote No. 1 rendered, 8¢ per lb, and undergrades 2 to 2½¢.

WOOL.—The outlook continues very poor for wool. United States markets are no better and Eastern Canada markets were about 1¢ lower last week. Here a little over 8¢ has been paid in some cases, but this has been for selected lots, heavy or dirty fleeces being thrown out and taken at a lower price, which would bring the average of most lots down to about 8¢, and we quote 7 to 8¢ as to quality for unwashed Manitoba fleeces. The western range wool is about all held yet by the rangers. An agent for a Chicago house bought about three cars around Maple Creek, but the wool was refused when it reached Chicago, and is now on the hands of the shippers. This is a warning to ranchers to exercise care in accepting offers from unknown parties. Fine Dakota wools are quoted at Minneapolis at 4 to 6¢. These are a heavy shrinking class, owing to prairie dust in the fleeces.

SENECA ROOT.—About 15¢ per lb is the best price paid for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulky and dirty 12 to 13¢. The quantity offering is much less than last year.

HAY.—Dull at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—There were quite a number of cattle in this week, approximating 1,000 head. Gordon & Ironsides shipped two train loads of range cattle from Medicine Hat, and a Manitoba & Northwestern syndicate shipped a train load of cattle from that section. The cattle are thin yet, even the range cattle being in poor condition for the time of year, owing to the grass being soft and the flies bad. Cattle generally are about six weeks longer fattening than last year. We quote 2 to 2½¢ here, as to quality, for butchers' stock, but very few will reach the the top quotation.

HOGS.—The price is steady at about 8½¢ off cars here for good packing hogs, averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3¢ as to quality; stags 1½ to 3¢. Hogs and products keep very low at Chicago.

SHEEP.—The market is still easy. We quote 2½ to 3¢ off cars here, but 2½¢ is about as high as can be obtained. Lambs \$2 to \$3.50 per head, as to quality.

The Live Stock Trade

At Toronto on July 28, export cattle sold at \$3.25 to \$3.60 per 100 pounds and one load went 5¢ better. Butchers cattle ranged from 2 to 3¢, and a few at 3½¢. Sheep, 3 to 3½¢ for export and 2½ to 2¾¢ for butchers' stock. Lambs easier at 4¢ for choice. Hogs in light supply, choice selling at 4½ to 4¾¢. Heavy 3½¢, light fat, 3½¢.

At Chicago on July 31, the market for hogs was firmer and 5¢ higher at \$3 to \$2.25 for medium and \$3.10 to \$3.40 for light weights. Most sales were at \$2.85 to \$3.10.

At Liverpool on July 27, cattle advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 9½¢ for choice Canadians. Sheep declined $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11½ to 12¢.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, August 1, 1896.

Trade is reported much brisker this week than last, though money is still very scarce. Wheat is scarce. Now hay is commencing to come in, bran and shorts are plentiful, oats remain firm, but the new crop will soon be in, and a drop will take place. The fruit market is still active, bananas and Australian apples are out of the market. Small fruits are in demand for preserving. Vegetables are holding firm, owing to the continued drought. Manitoba butter is not in demand at prices to encourage shippers.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 14¢; Manitoba creamery, 17 to 18¢; local creamery, 20¢; Manitoba cheese, new, 9½¢.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12¢ to 12½¢; breakfast bacon 12 to 12½¢; backs 12 to 12½¢; long, clear 8½¢; short rolls 9½ to 10¢; smoked sides 9½¢. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10¢ per pound; in pails and tubs 9½¢. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$16.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8¢; smelt 4¢; sea bass 4¢; black cod 6¢; rock cod 4¢; red cod 4¢; tommy cod 4¢; herring 4¢; spring salmon 7¢; sockeyes, 7¢; whiting 6¢; soles 6¢; steel heads, 6¢; crabs 60¢ dozen; smoked halibut, 10¢; kippered cod 9¢; sturgeon 6¢; salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 12½¢.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$1.40 per 100 pounds; onions silver skins, 1½¢ lb.; sweet potatoes \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; cabbage, 1½¢ lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch, 20¢. Manitoba, 15 to 16¢.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 360 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Cherries, (10 lb box), local 70¢; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.50; Plums, 20 lb boxes \$1.50; Apricots 20 lb boxes \$1.10; Raspberries, 24 lb box, \$1.50; Tomatoes, \$3.25.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11¢ per lb; peaches 7½¢; plums 7¢; prunes, French, 4¢; loose Muscatel raisins 4¢; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18¢; filberts, 12½¢; peanuts, 10¢; Brazil, 12½¢; walnuts, 10 to 16¢ lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Offgrades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.30; strong bakers, \$3.80; Oregon, \$4.20; Oak Lake patent \$4.30; do. strong bakers \$3.85.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$20.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$15.00 ton; bran \$14.00; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7¢; mutton, 6½ to 7½¢; pork, 6 to 7¢; veal, 7¢.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½¢; Paris lump, 6¢; granulated, 5¢; extra C, 5½¢; fancy yellows 4½¢; yellow 4¢ per lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1.00; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½¢ per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½¢; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½¢; good, 18¢. choice 26¢. Ceylons: Fair 25¢; good 30¢; choice 35¢ per lb.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, July 28, 1896.

The lumber trade continues active. Later-ly many ship loads of lumber have gone to China. This week the American Barkentine Quickstep and the American ship Benjamin Sowell have sailed with lumber cargoes for China valued at \$18,000. The forest fires which have been raging for the past ten days in British Columbia have burnt many valuable timber limits, destroying houses and barns, burnt up crops and swept away mining and logging camps and drove settlers from their locations.

Farmers throughout the province are complaining bitterly of the continued drought particularly at Comox where the high scorching wind has almost destroyed all growing crops of grain, vegetables and fruit.

British Columbia Mining News.

The financial loss to the Duke of York Mining company at Alberni by the bush fires is \$2,500. It is said that when the flames attacked the camp the miners punched holes in the pipes and the force of water made a protecting spray for much valuable property. Nine horses and the women and children were put under the piping for safety. They were drenched with water but escaped with their lives. The men dug holes in the ground and breathed into them at intervals while fighting the flames. The only way they could get sufficient oxygen to keep them alive. The danger of fire at Alberni is thought to be over. The last strike at Alberni is a rich black quartz running \$20 to the ton.

This week no further strikes are reported at Rossland of great importance. There is said to be much confusion at South Kootenay owing to a number of mines bearing the same name. J. E. McLaren of Ottawa has purchased 13,333 shares of the Le Roi stock for \$5 a share. The total purchasing sum amounting to \$65,665. This is the largest sale of stock which has taken place in South Kootenay for some time, and the first large block of Le Roi stock that has brought par.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending July 30 were \$1,076,551; balances, \$203,806. For the previous week clearings were \$1,097,338. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$917,357 and for the week two years ago, \$769,623. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$9,062,795
Toronto.....	5,601,143
Halifax.....	919,367
Winnipeg.....	1,076,551
Hamilton.....	559,506

Total.....\$17,257,362

F. D. Barclay, general storekeeper, Wawanesa, has admitted Charles Barclay as partner. Style Barclay Bros.

J. Brennan, boots and shoes, Winnipeg, is selling out by auction.

The stock of B. J. McCulloch, tailor, Winnipeg, was sold on Friday at 61½¢ on the \$ to B. J. McCulloch & Co.