

"Butter receipts during the past week were 1,373 pkgs., against 1,032 pkgs., for the week previous. The market holds fairly steady, but business is confined exclusively to the local trade. Creamery butter is being jobbed out at 22c to 21c as to quality; but the holders say that it would be difficult to move a round quantity of finest fall made creamery at over 22½c. Sales of 20 to 30 tub lots of good solid even colored Townships have been made at 20c to 20½c, with 1c to 1½c more obtainable for single packages of selected. Western have sold in jobbing lots at 18c to 19c. Advices from England state that owing to large arrivals of Australian and New Zealand butter, a sharp decline has been experienced all round, and that Canadian creamery has been sold at 100s to 108s. We may therefore expect no more demand from England this season. We quote:—Creamery choice fall, 22c to 23c; Creamery good to fine, 21c to 22c. About 1c to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. A very good demand exists for rolls, with sales of Western at 18c to 19c and Morrisburg at 19½c to 20½c. The supply is limited, and fine Western rolls would sell well. Cheese receipts during the past week were nil boxes against 14 for the week previous. During the past week some very heavy shipments have been made from Canada via New York and Portland, the shipments via the former port being about 35,000 boxes, most of which are believed to be West of Toronto cheese. There is consequently very little left in Canada today. Sales of finest colored have been made in this market at 11½c to 11¾c, finest white being quotable at 12c. The market is very firm, and there is not sufficient stock left in this city to fill a dozen moderate sized orders."

The London *Grocer's Gazette* of January 14 says of the tea market: "China tea—The improved tone noticed in our last week's report has scarcely been maintained, and the week closes with a dull feeling all round. In black leaf, teas are offering at 4½d, and large transactions have taken place at this price, showing slightly easier rates. Reds at the same price, and up to 7d, have been in large supply, and numerous sales were effected in the early part of the week by private contract. 'Souchongs' at a less figure have been enquired for, but this class at present appears rather scarce. Fair kinds up to 7½d and 7½d have exchanged hands, showing good value to the buyer. A large quantity of scented teas have been offered and have mostly sold, low common kinds showing a slight rise on early purchases, but medium are in less demand, whilst finest, being scarce, realize full rates. There has been a better feeling in the green makes during the past week, and the prices are well maintained for all grades excepting low young Hysons and Hysons, which are easier. India tea—At the large auctions for the week, the bulk of the enquiry has again been for the commoner grades of tea. There was nothing selling under 8d per lb except one or two very inferior parcels, and of these nothing went below 7½d per lb. Broken Pekoes there is very little enquiry for, therefore they are very cheap. The weakest point seems to be for teas about

1s 1d per lb. Quality on the whole was very fair, but only one or two noted marks made anything like high prices. There are rather large sales advertised for next week. Ceylon tea—The greater portion of the tea offered this week was sold on Tuesday, of which low-priced Pekoe Souchongs and Pekoes were the only class in demand; consequently, like last week, these teas realized high prices. There was very little enquiry for broken Pekoes, especially for teas about 1s per lb, therefore they went very much in favor of the buyers. On Thursday, although a large proportion of the broken Pekoes were withdrawn, there seemed to be a little more demand for them at slightly firmer rates than on Tuesday. Coffees quiet, at 32c to 34c for East India, 33c to 35c for fine Mocha and 20c to 22c for Rio."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27½ @ 30
Manitoba Dairy Choice	18 @ 22
Cheese—Canadian, lb	12 @ 11½
California	16 @ 00
Eggs, pickled, per doz	25 @ 00
case	25 @ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15 @ 18
Breakfast bacon	17 @ 18
Short rolls	13 @ 11
Backs	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear	12½ @ 13½
Pure Lard, 50 lbs	16 @ 17
" 20 lbs	17 @ 17½
Lard Compound	15½ @ 16

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ¾c higher:

Dry Granulated	53
Extra C	51
Fancy Yellow	51
Yellow	5
Golden C	43
Syrups, per lb	3
" 1 gal. tins, American	6 50
" " " "	6 00
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1½ " " "	7 00

#### LUMBER.

Since last review, the American ship Ivy, 1,181 tons, Capt. Lowell, has been chartered to load at the Hastings mills for Wilmington, Del. She is the sixth vessel that has loaded at this mill for that port. She is now on the way from Portland, and is due by the 24th February.

There is at present one vessel loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—Br. ship County of Yarmouth, 2,154 tons for U. K. f. o.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber, in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet	\$ 9 00
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M	19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M	17 00
Pickets, rough per M	9 00
Laths, 4 feet, per M	00

Local prices are very low, and this has, it is said, induced builders to buy now for use this spring and summer, otherwise there would be almost nothing doing. Local selling prices are quoted as follows. Rough lumber per M feet, \$7.00; shiplap, \$8.00; 1x4 t and g flooring, No. 1, \$14.00; do, No. 2, \$12.00; 1x6 t and g flooring, No. 1, \$12.00, do, No. 2, \$10.00; rustic, same as 6-inch flooring Nos. 1 and 2; laths, \$1.50, shingles, \$1.50.

#### INLAND REVENUE.

The statement of Inland Revenue returns at the port of Vancouver for January, shows the following:

*Vancouver Division—Comprising the Mainland of B. C.:*

##### INLAND REVENUE RETURNS.

Spirits warehoused during month	1,636.93 p gals
" ex-warehoused	2,719.81 p gals
Balance in warehouse	5,114.12 p gals
Malt warehoused during month	42,838 lbs
" ex-warehoused	38,389 lbs
" balance in warehouse	25,376 lbs
Tobacco warehoused during month	4,900 lbs
" ex-warehoused	7,144 lbs
" balance in warehouse	8,318 lbs
" raw leaf warehoused during month	938 lbs
" ex-warehoused during month	938 lbs

##### COLLECTIONS.

Spirits	\$ 3,323 50
Malt	767 38
Tobacco	1,786 00
Cigars	400 95
Petroleum Ins.	198 90
Other receipts	87 45

Total.....\$ 6,761 18

The Inland Revenue returns, for the month of January at the port of Victoria, were as follows:

*Victoria Division—Comprising all of Vancouver Island:*

##### INLAND REVENUE.

Spirits	\$ 7,161 74
Malt	921 50
Tobacco	2,336 25
Cigars	850 05
Petroleum inspection	302 80

Total.....\$11,573 34

##### WAREHOUSED. EX-WAREHOUSED.

Spirits	6,613.31 p gals	4,776.51
Malt	16,075 lbs	16,075 lbs
Tobacco	9,376 lbs	9,125 lbs
Raw	1,202 lbs	1,202 lbs
Cigars	39,500	27,000

Spirits removed	91.26 p gals.
Raw leaf tobacco	490 lbs.
Spirits exported	79.32 p gals.

Balance in warehouse:

Spirits	8,053.27 p gals
Tobacco	1,138½ lbs
Cigars	92,550

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

Angus Macaulay tailor, Northfield, is dead.

Dr. J. F. Rogers will shortly open an office at Kaslo.

McLean & Stewart, clothing, Victoria, have closed out the business.

Hasenfratz & Lawson, brewers, Victoria, have dissolved. John Lawson continues.

J. N. Thacker & Co., steam laundry, Vancouver, effects seized by mortgagee and advertised for sale, Feb. 15th.

Riddell & Davidson, general store, Langley Prairie, recently destroyed by fire, intend rebuilding immediately.

J. H. McMillan & Co., grocers, etc., Nanaimo, have dissolved. W. Worden retires, and J. H. McMillan continues the business.

Turkish Bath Company, Victoria, sold out by Sheriff for rent, was purchased by Jas. Hastie. The business will be continued as usual.

Bradstreets have appointed C. Z. Perry local agent at Vancouver, where they have established an office with complete files for the reference of subscribers.

The Lulu Island Canning Co., have dissolved partnership. B. J. Short, and J. J. Crane have retired. Geo. S. Dutcher will continue under the old style.