

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The last week in the month has shown a considerable improvement in all lines of merchantable business, which demonstrates conclusively that the smallpox has not had such a disastrous effect upon business as was generally anticipated. The fact of the matter is the month of July this year will compare favorably with the same month of any previous year. Even the customs returns show a gratifying increase over the corresponding month of last year. The prospects are still that the coming autumn will be one of unprecedented success.

Some interest is manifested in sealing circles over the proposed combination of that industry, and although nothing is stated officially, yet sufficient is known to justify the suspicion that it is not all talk.

The *News-Advertiser* reports that business is still very quiet in Vancouver, especially among the retail merchants. It has, however, shown signs of reviving during the last few days, and now that the smallpox scare is virtually over, and the quarantine raised, trade will become much brisker, although it is probable that it will be some time before the business of the Province recovers from the set-back it has received.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruit and vegetables by steamship City of Puebla, July 30, from San Francisco, comprised: For Victoria—120 bxs pears, 173 bxs apricots, 210 bxs peaches, 302 bxs apples, 212 bxs plums, 88 bxs grapes, 26 crts bananas, 20 bxs lemons, 25 bxs oranges, 16 crts melons, 18 bxs cucumbers, 2 bxs peppers, 1 bx corn, 68 bxs tomatoes, 58 sacks onions; 70 sacks potatoes, 6 bxs nectarines; total, 1,424 packages. For Vancouver—89 bxs peaches, 73 bxs apricots, 130 bxs plums, 137 bxs apples, 138 bxs pears, 32 crts bananas, 24 crts melons, 2 bxs oranges, 2 sacks coconuts, 33 bxs grapes, 5 bxs beans, 3 ca peppers, 6 crts prunes, 6 bxs cucumbers, 61 bxs tomatoes, 1 bx garlic, 78 sacks onions; total, 818 packages. Grand total, 2,242 packages. The totals show only a slight increase in the imports over last week. A large decrease is noted in the importation of potatoes, the demand is now being supplied principally from the local supply which are sold at about \$27.50 to \$30 per ton. Grapes are arriving more freely, but the demand is principally for peaches, plums, pears and apples which are the bulk of the receipts. It is said that about 75 bunches of bananas were delivered ex ss. Palmas and were sold at first for \$2 a bunch, but were reduced and, before the steamer left, a considerable lot was sold for \$1.20 a bunch. Melons of all kinds are coming in freely. Watermelons are quoted at \$6.50 a crate; muskmelons, \$5.50; and nutmeg melons, \$2.50. Crab apples are also on the market and quoted at \$1.25 per box. Quotations remain about the same as last week, but grapes and pears show a decline of 25c a box. A considerable increase is noted in the demand for fruit toward the end of the month, and

it is fully expected that during the present month the trade will show much improvement.

Current quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Santa Barbara.....	\$3 75 @ 4 00
Tahiti Seedlings.....	.....
Riverside Seedlings.....	3 00 @ 3 50
Lemons—California.....	5 50 @ 6 50
Sielly.....	7 00 @ 0 00
Bananas, crate.....	2 50 @
Plums, box.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Prunes.....	1 75 @ 0 00
Apricots.....	1 25 @ 1 35
Peaches.....	1 35 @ 1 50
Nectarines.....	2 00 @ 0 00
Pears—Bartlett's, large boxes.....	2 25 @ 2 50
Apples—Red Astracan.....	75 @ 2 00
Crab apples.....	1 25 @ 0 00
Grapes.....	2 00 @ 2 50
Pine Apples, doz.....	5 00 @ 0 00
Coconuts, doz.....	90 @ 0 00
Cherries—Royal Anns (local) 20-lb box.....	2 50 @
Watermelons, crate.....	6 50 @ 0 00
Musk.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Nutmeg.....	2 50 @ 0 00
Vegetables are quoted:	
Potatoes—California.....	1 1/2 @ 1 1/2
Local.....	1 1/2 @ 1 1/2
Onions—Red California.....	1 1/2 @ 1 1/2
California Silverskins.....	1 1/2 @ 1 1/2
Tomatoes, bx.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Cucumbers, bx.....	1 25 @ 2 00

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The receipts of butter from San Francisco to British Columbia have about completely fallen off, the last steamer bringing only one case of 100 lbs. There were, however, 51 crates of Edam cheese received July 30 ex City of Puebla. The main supply of butter comes from Montreal and Manitoba. Receipts are regulated according to the demand, and the market rules steady. No changes in prices have occurred for some time. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: Receipts of butter during the past week were 5,678 packages, against 10,197 for the week previous. Creamery butter appears to be difficult to move in this market either for local use or export. A round lot of the last half of June was offered at 19c and cabled to the other side, but it brought no response. Shipments, however, have moved out more freely of late, making the total exports up to the close of last week of 6,678 packages, against 9,547 packages for the corresponding period last year. In dairy butter there is a jobbing trade passing at 17 1/2c to 18 1/2c, Morrisburg bringing about same prices. Western has sold at 15c for fine dairy packed, and we quote 14c to 15c, selections bringing 15 1/2c for Newfoundland. There is a large quantity of creamery still in store here, part of which is said to be awaiting orders from England.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	25 @ 00
" " tins.....	26 @ 00
Manitoba Creamery, lb.....	25 1/2 @ 00
" Dairy choice.....	18 @ 19
" Cooking.....	10 @ 14
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 @ 14
California.....	16 @ 00
Eggs, doz.....	15 @ 18
Smoked meats and lard are quoted:	
Hams.....	14 @ 15
Breakfast bacon.....	14 @ 16
Short rolls.....	11 1/2 @ 13
Breads.....	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @ 12 1/2
Pure Lard, 50lbs.....	13 @ 13 1/2
" 20lbs.....	00 @ 13 1/2
Lard Compound.....	10 1/2 @ 11 1/2

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, 1/2-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated.....	5 1/2
Extra C.....	5 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	5 1/2
Yellow.....	5
Golden C.....	4 1/2
Syrups, per lb.....	3

## FLOUR AND FEED.

Business for the past week has shown much improvement in the city, but the fact that most of the farmers in the Spanish district are busy haying tends to check the receipts from that section. Reports from there of the state of the crops continue favorable and a large yield is looked for.

Recent advices from Portland say that the wheat market shows an upward tendency, and, although there has been no general advance in figures, dealers are declining to fill orders at the present prices quoted. The reason stated is that the recent scorching hot weather throughout the grain districts of the continent has injured the standing grain and considerably lessened the visible supply.

The Victoria Mills "Lion" brand of family flour is again on the market, and is reported as giving good satisfaction to the general trade. It is still quoted at \$5.25 per bbl.

There are no changes to note in quotations.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: 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 65 @ 5 75
" Strong Bakers.....	5 45 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 55 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 35 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	30 00 @ 35 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 00 00
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 00 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 85 @ 4 00
Corameal.....	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
Best China rice.....	100 00
China rice No. 1.....	70 00
Rice flour.....	70 00
Chit rice.....	25 00
Rice Meal.....	17 50

## SALMON.

Advices just received by steamship Islander from the Skeena River, dated July 28th, say that the canneries expect to fill almost immediately. It was generally expected that the canneries would secure