

## British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, June 8, 1896.

The lumber trade is at present dull, there being only two or threeships loading lumber in Vancouver. There is considerable stir in fishing circles, the early run of sockeyes known as the "brickyard run" has already commenced but "brickyards" readily slip through the big mesh of the nets used for spring salmon fishing, and are consequently of no profit to fishermen. Some cannerys maintain that the early sockeye is being preserved by the government for no end or purpose. The fishermen on the Skeena river are still on strike, from last reports, no arrangement being arrived at between cannerys and fishermen. The run of spring salmon continues light.

In all wholesale lines, with perhaps the single exception of flour and feed, there is considerable improvement, and some prices have materially changed. Sugar has advanced one-eighth of a cent all around and fresh meats are stiffening. Cured meats remain firm. Fruits are active.

A few days ago a pest was reported as having been discovered among a small portion of a big consignment of Tasmania apples, but it only proved to be a comparatively harmless insect easily checked. It spite of the backward spring the local fruit crop will be large owing to the great care taken by the fruit growers to keep their orchards in condition. The orchards in Westminster are a month later than usual. A carload of packages have arrived for the Co-Operative Fruit Grower's Association of British Columbia, and will be used by the members in shipping early fruits to Manitoba and the interior. The customs returns shows a steadiness in trade on the coast. The official report from the four cities for May is as follows: Duty collected—Victoria, \$30,527.18; Vancouver, \$35,711.32; Westminster, \$4,519; Nanaimo, \$1,788.42; total, \$107,448.87. Inland revenue collected from Victoria, \$12,865.92; Vancouver, \$8,077.99; Westminster-Nanaimo, \$956.25; total \$21,400.16. Imports—Victoria, \$258,905; Vancouver, \$186,005; Westminster \$45,991; Nanaimo \$14,878; total \$115,317. Victoria last month exported goods valued at \$69,539 and Westminster shipped out \$131,828. The following are the customs returns for Vancouver for the fiscal years mentioned (1896, present month estimated):

Year ended June 30, 1888.....	\$ 63,016.76
" " " " 1889.....	184,679.55
" " " " 1890.....	210,815.79
" " " " 1891.....	331,955.12
" " " " 1892.....	330,038.65
" " " " 1893.....	317,793.60
" " " " 1894.....	312,432.94
" " " " 1895.....	274,688.04
" " " " 1896.....	345,000.00

\$2,320,075.89

Word has been received from Ottawa that cotton cordage used in the manufacture of nets will hereafter be entered free of duty.

## British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, June 18, 1896.

Dairy produce is weak and the tendency is lower. Fresh meats are also weak, sales being made in some cases 1 to 3c under quotations given below.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 14 to 16c; Manitoba creamery, 19 to 20c; Manitoba cheese, new, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 11c; breakfast bacon 11c; backs 11c; long, clear; short rolls 9½c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in casks and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bladders 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; oolachan 5c; smoked salmon 12½c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes \$5 to \$6 per ton; ash-croft potatoes, \$3 to 7 per ton; New potatoes, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; onions silver skins, 1½c lb; California onions, 2c; sweet potatoes \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; cabbage, 1½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 11 to 15c; Manitoba, 14c.

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 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. Standard Australian boxes for apples, etc., are smaller and contain from 125 to 150 apples in a box. Mediterranean sweets, 33; St. Michaels, 33; blood oranges, 33. California lemons, 33 per box; Australian apples \$2.50 to \$3.00 per box; bananas, \$1.75 per bunch, \$3.50 crate (2 bunches) \$3.50; Cherries, (10 lb box), \$1.40.

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

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c 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. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25, 2-4's, \$2.85. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.85.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.40; strong bakers, \$1.10; Oregon, \$1.20; Oak Lake patent \$1.30; do. strong bakers \$1.00.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$16.00 ton; bran \$15.00; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at 88 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 8½ to 9c; mutton, 8 to 8½c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 7½c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.50 to \$1.00; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.75 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs; lamb \$3.00 to \$4 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$6 per dozen, scarce.

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

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 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, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

## British Columbia Business Notes.

John Houston & Co., publishers, Nelson, have dissolved; John Houston continues.

The Sloan Store Co. Ltd., Three Forks, is giving up business.

T. W. Fletcher, pianos, etc., Victoria. Stock is advertised for sale by tender.

T. B. Pearson & Co., manufacturers clothing, Victoria, have assigned.

Langley & Co., wholesale and retail drugs, Victoria and Vancouver, are succeeded by Langley & Henderson Bros.

C. Braund & Co., stationery, Victoria, have dissolved and the stock has been sold to T. N. Hibbin & Co.

Bryntildson & Christenson, grocers, Victoria, have dissolved; H. B. Christenson continues.

## Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Flour was firm and 5c higher for low grades. Manitoba wheat at Buffalo was reported sold to ship back to Canada, paying a duty of 15c. Eggs advanced ½c.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat sold 95 to 96c.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$2.45; Bakers, \$2.25.

Barley.—Per ton, \$12.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 33 to 34c.

Barley.—Per bushel, about 38 to 40c, local freights.

Flax Seed.—Small sales retail at \$1.50 per bushel.

Butter.—Country dairy 10 in a small way, and very dull.

Cheese.—New 7c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 8c net, jobbing 9c.

Beef.—City dressed, 6 to 6½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 8 to 9c.

Hogs.—City dressed, 5½c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 3 to 3½c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4c.

Sheep.—4c.

Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair, turkeys, 8c lb., live weight.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 7½c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleeces, 8 to 10½c.

Potatoes.—40c per bushel.

Hay.—\$4.00 to \$4.50 per ton, car lots.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	10	43	49	43	10
No. 2 hard.....	9	19	32	17	20
No. 3 hard.....	13	27	19	7	6
No. 1 North'n.....	11	3	8	1	0
No. 2 North'n.....	7	1	3	0	0
No. 3 North'n.....	2	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyle	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyle	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	9	6	6	0	1
No. 2 Spring.....	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted.....	13	13	13	4	5
No. 2 frosted.....	3	6	7	5	9
No. 3 frosted.....	0	1	3	2	0
No. 1 Rejected.....	17	21	23	17	4
No. 2 Rejected.....	23	16	19	13	8
No Grade.....	3	1	4	3	1
Feed.....	0	0	0	1	0
Total.....	120	159	190	175	64
Same week last year.....	181	180	185	105	47

\*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

D. Craig, boots and shoes, has opened in Minnedosa, Man.

D. S. Harvie, harness, Treherne, Man., has sold out to E. F. Hutchings.

Thos. Harrison, lumber dealer, Neepawa, Man., is giving up business.

J. Y. Griffin, of J. Y. Griffin & Co. Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to the Pacific coast. Mr. Griffin went south to California while at the coast.