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TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

It is said that the extraordinary heavy rains during the past ten days have seriously impeded harvesting in Victoria district, and no doubt the damage to the unsaved crop will be considerable. It is further reported that one-third of the grain has been housed, while half of the remainder was in the sheaf in the fields when the first heavy rain fell.

Trade in the city has not suffered as much as might be expected from the wet weather, and the merchants report a steady volume of business. On the Fraser River, trade is reported generally quiet, the time of farmers being taken up with harvesting operations, consequently they cannot spare the time to come into town to make purchases. The outlook for the winter is decidedly hopeful. The crops are heavy and prices are sure to be high. The sugar question has absorbed the attention of provincial merchants the greater part of the week, and yet remains the topic of much discussion. The report spread by a Vancouver paper that a prominent wholesale firm of Victoria would start a branch in the Terminal City is denied. A person in a position to speak authoritatively says: "There is not the slightest truth in the rumor, and there never was in any shape or form, and I don't think there ever will be." The position of the monetary market remains unchanged.

DRY GOODS.

Trade in this line is steadily improving as the season advances. The country merchants are ordering freely for their fall stocks, consequently the city wholesale trade has been more than usually good during the week.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Late reports from Chilliwack are to the effect that crops in that district are coming in fine. The oat crop has been harvested, and farmers are now working on the wheat. Oregon bran and shorts have been advanced, bran being quoted at \$30 per ton and shorts at \$35. Manitoba bran is quoted at \$28 and shorts at \$30. The prices of flour have gone up in Oregon,

but no advance in Oregon brands has yet taken place here. It is noted in this connection that Oregon millers have always been willing to take from 25c. to 50c. less for their product here than in their own State. The British Columbia flour has completely knocked them out both in strength and quality. The rise advised last week came into effect. Quotations are: Enderby flour, for carload lots, Premier, \$6.00; XXX., \$5.70; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.25; Superfine, \$4.25.

Delta, Victoria mills	.....	\$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	.....	5 50 @ 0 09
Premier, Enderby mills	.....	6 25 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	.....	5 95 @ 0 00
XX., " "	.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "	.....	4 50 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	.....	6 50 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Snowflake	.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Royal	.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	.....	4 50 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	.....	\$10 00 @ 0 00
Oats	.....	30 00 @ 0 00
Oil cake meal	.....	35 00 @ 40 00
Chop feed	.....	37 50 @ 00 00
Shorts	.....	30 00 @ 35 00
Bran	.....	28 00 @ 30 00
California oatmeal	.....	4 50 @ 00 00
Rolled oats	.....	4 25 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	.....	5 25 @ 0 00
Tacoma rolled oats	.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Corameal	.....	3 00 @ 0 00
Cracked corn	.....	50 00 @ 55 00

WHEAT.

The Hungarian government has issued an estimate of the world's grain harvest, based upon consular reports from all parts of the world. The yield of wheat is estimated at from 725,000,000 to 739,000,000 hectolitres, and rye at from 350,000,000 to 360,000,000 hectolitres—being from 44,000,000 to 50,000,000 hectolitres below the average for rye. Austria requires to import from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 hectolitres of wheat, and 6,000,000 hectolitres of rye, Germany, 10,000,000 hectolitres of wheat and 23,000,000 to 26,000,000 hectolitres of rye; and France, 30,000,000 hectolitres of wheat. Hungary has a surplus of 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 hectolitres of wheat, but in rye there is a large deficit. In Russia, the wheat surplus amounts to 10,500,000 hectolitres and the rye deficit amounts to 40,000,000 to 45,000,000 hectolitres. Much of the grain that will be needed will doubtless be drawn from the abundant harvests of the Canadian and United States northwest,

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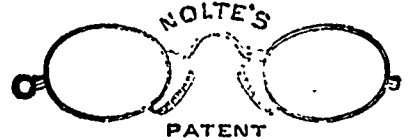
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and, therefore, they need have no fears of being compelled to dispose of their stocks at a bare margin of profit.

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole sale:

Japan rice, per ton	.....	\$90 00
China rice	.....	70 00
Rice flour	.....	70 00
Chit rice	.....	25 00
Rice Meal	.....	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There is a serious deficit in the local fruit crop, especially in apples, plums and pears. Last year, large quantities remained on the trees to decay, but this year it is said that in the Chilliwack district there will not be over 1,000 pounds of plums, all told, while the apple crop is very light. Large quantities of Oregon apples, plums and pears are being shipped to New Westminster and district. This is regarded as very strange, in view of the fact that New Westminster district has, in past years, produced a surplus. The imports, this week, have been exceedingly heavy, on account of the large demand created by the exhibition at New Westminster. There is said to be a large crop of potatoes, on the Upper Fraser, of a superior quality, while on the Lower Fraser, the crop is not nearly so good in quality. Quotations are: Peaches, \$1.25; pears, (bartlett's), \$1.65; plums, 90c.; grapes, (white), \$1.65; grapes, (black), \$1.50; apples, (green), \$1.25; apples, (gravenstein), \$1.25; Santa Barbara oranges, \$5.25 to \$5.50; California Messina lemons, \$7.25 to \$7.50; bananas, \$3.25; cantalopes, \$4.50; nutmeg, melons, \$1.50; watermelons, \$5.50 a crate; nectarines, \$1.50; crabapples, \$1.25; silverskin onions, 1 1/2c. per lb.; native potatoes, \$18 per ton; island apples, \$1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$1.00; cucumbers, \$1.00; sweet pota-