

Premier	\$3 00
XXX	3 75
Strong Bakers or XX	3 30
Superfine	3 05

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	\$1 00
Victoria XXX	1 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 25 @ 0 00
Lion, "	25 @ 0 00
XXX	25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	25 @ 0 00
XXX, "	10 @ 0 00
XX, "	65 @ 0 00
Superfine, "	40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	60 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	45 @ 0 00
B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	50 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	45 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	60 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	45 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	60 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	45 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	85 @ 0 00
Snowflake	75 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	26 00 @ 30 00
Oats	39 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 40 00
Chop feed	25 00 @ 30 00
Shorts	22 00 @ 28 00
Bran	20 00 @ 25 00
National Mills oatmeal	50 @ 0 00
" rolled oats	3 00 @ 0 00
" split peas	50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley	50 @ 0 00
" Chop feed	23 00 @ 25 00
" Special chop feed	20 00 @ 20 00
California oatmeal	75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole	37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal feed	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn	40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
Best China rice	80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1	68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

DRY GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "The arrival of the Easter holidays finds the wholesale dry goods merchants in good temper. The mild warm weather of the past three weeks has influenced a free movement in spring fabrics, notwithstanding tariff uncertainties and other adverse conditions. The trade is unanimous in stating that the sales during March this season have been ahead of those during the first three weeks of March last year, and by general consent the reason for the improvement is assigned to the early seasonable weather. Up to the present the season's trade is behind that of last year, owing to the light placing of orders, but the evidence is growing stronger week by week that a more active sorting trade will off-set the light buying at the beginning of the season. House sales have been restricted owing to the holiday. Orders from travellers and by mail, however, have been fair. An agent who canvassed the trade during the week stated to-day that all of the houses were doing a nice business. The principal movement at present is in dress goods, dress trimming, silks, laces, parasols, spring suitings and overcoatings, men's furnishings, carpets and house-

furnishings. The representatives of the Canadian mills are now booking orders for fall deliveries in such goods as flannels, blankets, etc. Jobbers pronounce the samples to show an improvement on those of last year, in make and finish, while the prices are fully as close. The home manufacturers are thus entrenching themselves in view of possible changes in the tariff. The woollen mills report orders for fall delivery to the clothing trade as being quite satisfactory and sorting orders for this spring's trade are coming in well. The wholesale houses, however, are acting cautiously and orders for blankets and flannels are not so large as usual at this season of the year. Doubt is expressed as to whether some of the smaller mills will be able to complete their orders. Sales have been made at very low prices, and as yet some of them have not submitted samples of the goods they propose to deliver. Orders for shirts and drawers, underwear and top shirts are fair. One reason, perhaps, while wholesale houses are hesitating about placing orders for flannels is to be found in the cut in prices inaugurated by a large commission house in Montreal. Prices, however, seem to be so low that any movement should be in an upward direction."

LUMBER.

There have been two arrivals of vessels to load lumber—the British ship *Astoria*, 1,335 tons, Capt. Dagwell, arrived at Victoria March 29 from Liverpool with general cargo. She is under charter to load at the Hastings Mills for Cork, U. K., for orders. The Chilean ship *Hindustan*, 1,542 tons, Capt. Walsh, arrived at Moodyville March 30 from Valparaiso in ballast, and will load a return cargo on owners' account. The American barkentine *Modoc*, 452 tons, Capt. Bosch, is now on the way from San Francisco to load a cargo of mining props at Mill Bay, Cowichan, for Santa Rosalia on account of Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd.

The export mills of British Columbia and Puget Sound are making an arrangement to generally advance prices. To this end, meetings have already been held at Victoria, Vancouver, Puget Sound points and San Francisco. The low figures that have been ruling in the export trade for sometime have resulted in losses to the mills that cut lumber. It is now freely confessed that the mill owners are heartily sick of cutting, and are all anxious to establish quotations for the export trade on a fair and profitable basis. The final negotiations will probably be completed by a representative of the British Columbia milling interests who is now in San Francisco, during the present week. Inquiry for export is said to be showing improvement. There are several orders on the market, but suitable vessels are difficult to procure. Vessel owners are asking higher rates of freight in consequence of the demand for tonnage.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Moodyville Mill—Am. schr. *Aida*, 507 tons, for Shanghai; Chil. barque *India*, 953 tons, for Valparaiso; Chil. ship *Hindustan*, 1,542 tons, for Valparaiso. At Brunette Mill—Br. bark *Thermopylae*, 948 tons, for Shanghai. Total, 3,950 tons.

The following are the current city quotations, net in yard: Rough, \$8.00 per

Mft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$10; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$15; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$15; shingles, \$2; lath, \$1.75.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment: Rough Merchants' lot, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet, \$ 8 00
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M 19 00 || Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M | 15 00 |
| Pickets, rough per M | 8 00 |
| Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M | 1 90 |

BUSINESS CHANGES.

A. J. Venn, boots and shoes, has opened at Kamloops.

J. H. Gosnell, boots and shoes, Victoria, has closed out.

S. M. Wharton, is erecting a sawmill at New Denver.

Patrick Murphy, hotel, Donald, contemplates selling out.

Langman & Co., are opening a general store at Chilliwack.

John Boyd & Co., metal brokers, are opening at Vancouver.

Olson, Clark & Leitch, furniture, Vancouver, have dissolved.

J. D. Rae, grocer, New Westminster, is reported admitting a partner.

E. Hunt & Co., have succeeded Mrs. Hunt, general store, Steveston.

W. Maxwell Smith & Co., teas, coffees, spices, etc., are opening at Vancouver.

Steward & Mills, electrical agents, Vancouver, have dissolved. W. T. Steward continues.

McDowell & Co., druggists, Vancouver, have sold out Westminster avenue branch store to John K. Sutherland.

R. Grant and L. Mounce, sawmill, Wellington, have amalgamated with the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co.

W. F. Marvin, Victoria, has been appointed agent for Alex. McPherson & Son, general hardware merchants, Montreal.

The Stanley House, dry goods stock, Victoria, has been sold by mortgagee to F. T. Childs, who advertises bankrupt sale.

J. J. Banfield, Vancouver, has been appointed general agent of the National Assurance Company of Ireland, for the mainland.

Messrs. Philip & Mitchell, real estate and insurance agents, have removed to Dupont Block, Columbia street, New Westminster.

The Provincial Building and Loan Association, (foreign,) has been registered; capital stock, \$5,000,000. Victoria is the place of business.

The Victoria Iron Works Co., (Ltd.) will be wound up by order of the court, under the Winding-up Act. Wm. Monteith was appointed official liquidator.

Postill Bros. and T. W. Williams, butchers, Vancouver, trading as the Okanagan Cattle Co., have dissolved. T. W. Williams retiring. Postill Bros. continue under the old style.