

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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## VICTORIA.

The money market is fairly firm, and the Bank of England rate is hardening. Hong Kong exchange is slightly dearer; 78½ is now asked, as against 75½ last week.

## FLOUR AND FRED.

Business continues fair with scarce any change in prices. Large shipments of produce and grain are being received to go into store. The steamer Maude brought down 100 tons of wheat and milling oats from Ladner's Landing last week. Large imports of Manitoba oats are being received, and are selling at \$28 per ton. A great part of the British Columbia crop was spoiled by the heavy fall rains. Potatoes are a drug in the market, and are selling at \$10 to \$20 a ton, according to quality. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: Enderby flour for carload lots, Premier, \$5.00; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " " " " " " " "	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 55 @ 0 00
XXX., " " " " " " " "	5 65 @ 0 00
XX., " " " " " " " "	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " " " " " " " "	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	6 10 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	6 10 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	6 10 @ 0 00
Royal.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	\$40 00 @ 45 00
Oats.....	25 00 @ 35 00
Oil cake meal.....	32 50 @ 35 00
Chop feed.....	33 00 @ 35 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Brans.....	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 25 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 75 @ 0 00
Corameal.....	3 00 @ 3 25
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @ 1 25

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

All of the Valley grown grapes are out of the market for shipment to British Columbia from San Francisco. These include the Rose of Peru and Muscat brands, which are now over ripe. The grapes now arriving are from the foothills, and will last till Christmas if the weather continues dry in California. Lemons are on the rise on account of the short crop in California. The first shipment of Japanese oranges will arrive on the Zambesi, which is due to arrive about the 30th Nov. The first lot will probably be a little green, but the second shipment, due shortly before Christmas, are the prime lot.

Quotations are: Pears, (winter), \$1.40; Tokays, Black Ferrara, in bxs, \$1.50, in crates, \$1.75. Cowichan apples (greenings), \$1.00; Baldwin, bellflower, rose and blue pearmain, \$1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, \$5.25; California Messina lemons, \$5.75; silverskin onions, 1½c. per lb.; potatoes, \$18 per ton; island apples, \$1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 2½c. per lb.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Pickled eggs are quoted in barrels at 23c, and fresh in cases at 25c. Manitoba dairy butter in assorted sizes is quoted at

23c, Manitoba creamery 30c, Ontario and Quebec creamery 27½c, in round lots. A recent advice from Montreal says: "There is a steady export movement in butter, and stocks in Canada are very light. You cannot make a mistake in keeping a carload ahead of you. If you are forced to buy in January you will have to pay well for the goods."

Canadian meats are still stiff, and are quoted: Hams 15c, rools 12½c, Dysart sides 11½c to 12c per lb. There will probably be a slight drop from these prices, as Eastern packers are quoting 5 to 10 per cent. lower for December. Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 8½c, in half bbls. 10c; valencia, 8½c; sultanas, 10c; London layers, \$2.50 a box, dates, 9c, prunes, 9c to 12½c. California evaporated fruits in 25 lb. boxes are quoted as follows. Peaches, 12½c; apricots, 14c; nectarines, 14c; apples, 12½c; pitted plums, 11c. About the same grade of fruits in cotton sacks are quoted from 1c to 2c per lb. less.

The local jobbers are now carrying full stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which include apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot marmalade, etc. Quotations are 1½ lb. size, \$3 per dozen; 3 lb. size, \$5 per doz.

Falconer's malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce and mushroom catsup are now quoted by the leading grocers.

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice " " " " " "	70 00
Rice flour " " " " " "	70 00
Chit rice " " " " " "	25 00
Rice Meal " " " " " "	17 50

## SALMON.

The outside stocks, amounting to a fair quantity, have, lately, been marketed, at San Francisco, at \$3.80 per case, and the entire pack is now in the hands of the Alaska packers' combination. It is not expected, however, that the association will begin to sell its holdings until next Spring, believing that by that time stocks in England and elsewhere will be so much reduced as to ensure a profit. The arrivals of Alaska, at San Francisco, to Nov. 6, are 581,975 cases. For the same period in 1890, 549,087 cases; and in 1889, 630,571 cases. During the past week, there has been very little doing. The Northern canneries are about all cleared up, the best part of the salmon, not already on shipboard, is in warehouse in Victoria. There is a large quantity also in store on the Fraser River. There is some demand from Eastern Canadian markets for barrelled salt salmon, which demand cannot be satisfied, on account of the limited supply here. The basis price is \$8.00 a bbl. A consignment of 2,000 cases will be shipped, this week, by the Upton Line SS. Sussex, for London via Hong Kong, and, it is expected, will reach its destination in 75 days. This shipment, being an experimental one, will be watched with interest.

The bark Lebu cleared, last week, for London, with 30,800 cases valued at \$161,424. The bark Rothesay Bay has about completed loading and will sail early in the week. The bark Wanlock is also expected to finish and sail by the end of this week. The ship Titania, from London,

now discharging merchandise at Victoria, will, shortly, load salmon on the Fraser River. The bark City of Carlisle, from London, is fully due, and will also load salmon homewards.

## LUMBER.

There is nothing to note in the foreign markets. The situation is extremely dull. The export trade to the Northwest has also dropped off, perceptibly, as is usual at this season of the year. The latest charter is the Am. schooner F. S. Redfield, 41 tons, Capt. Brikholm, which is now at Chemainus loading for Sydney. The schooner Olga has cleared from Vancouver for Sydney. There are five vessels loading at present at Burrard Inlet. The Nor. bark Flora, 713 tons, Capt. Anderson, for Melbourne; Nor. bark Dominion, 1,250 tons, Capt. Jensen, for Australia. Am. barkentine Willie R. Hume, 632 tons, Capt. Bergman, for Callao; Am. ship Benj. Sewall, 1361 tons, Capt. Sewall, for Valparaiso; Chil. ship Atacama, 1,235 tons, for Valparaiso, owner's account. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

For local trade, the Rock Bay Saw Mill quotes:

Rough lumber, per M.....	\$10 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M.....	00 00
Second " " " " " "	00 00
Laths, per M.....	2 50
Shingles, " " " " " "	2 25

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

The following advices have been recently received:—Oil of Anise firm and likely to advance; oil of Lemon and of Bergamoth firm; Orange oil, a short supply reported; Pennyroyal oil and Peppermint oil advancing; Castor oil is unchanged; Norwegian Cod Liver oil will probably advance. In roots Jensing and Goldensial are slightly higher, while Orris is steadily advancing. The best quality of rhubarb is scarce. Ipecac is easier.

In chemicals citric acid is firmer; tartaric acid lower. The fight among the manufacturers of bromides still goes on, and prices continue low. Chloride of lime is much higher. An advance has taken place in crude camphor, consequently refiners are also advancing prices. Chloroform is likely to rise on account of a recent advance in spirits and chloride of lime.

## VANCOUVER.

The general condition of trade is unchanged, the volume being fully up to that of last year. Some cutting has been done in flour, and the prices are unsettled. The potato market is still glutted, and the quality generally poor. Fraser River, \$15; Ashcroft, \$20 per ton. Ontario eggs 22c to 25c. Butter, creamery, 27c to 28½c; dairy, 21c to 25c. Manitoba cheese, 12½c to 13½c. British Columbia apples are worth 75c to \$1 per box; Oregon, 90c to \$1.25; British Columbia pears, \$1.25 per box; California, \$1.75; grapes, \$1.65; plums, \$1.25. Lard, 50 lb tubs, 13c; in pails, 13½c; in tins, 13½c to 14c; hams, 13½c to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13½c to 14c; rolled bacon, 12½c. In flour and feed, Ogilvie's Hungarian is quoted \$8.00. Some sales