

# THE FAMOUS GRANBY RUBBER GOODS.

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#### TRADE AND COMMERCE

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#### VICTORIA.

There are no special features to note in the general situation. Retailers are carrying fair stocks of holiday goods and are pushing for business. Nearly all of the retail dry goods are making reductions and seeking to clear up stocks. The stationery business is also being pushed, as two local houses are in the hands of mortgagees, who are pushing sales to realize the amounts of their claims.

The chartered banks have notified their customers that from and after the 1st of January next they will abolish the system of granting advances by way of over-drawing current accounts, and from that date the method of making advances in practice in the Eastern Provinces will be adopted. Borrowers must hereafter submit their requirements to the banks from time to time, and, upon approval, the proceeds of loans arranged for will be placed to the credit of the customer's account current, drawings to be restricted to the amount of the credit balance, and any cheques drawn in excess being subject to dishonor accordingly. The steamship Arawa, which is expected to arrive early in the week, has a considerable cargo of merchandise for this province consisting of refined sugar, canned meats, fruit, nut ton, etc.

The Vancouver News Advertiser says: "Though business still continues rather quiet, it is expected that an improvement will take place during the next few days on account of the near approach of Christmas. The news of the decline in the price of sealskins has not tended to brighten the prospects for next season, and may result in several vessels staying at home or going out for only a few months. This will greatly diminish the receipts, and will prevent a large amount of money from being put into circulation, and while it will chiefly affect Victoria, Vancouver will also suffer thereby. The lumber industry is not very profitable at the present time owing to low prices and keen competition. The shingle trade is, as usual at this period of the year, rather

quiet, but manufacturers are hopeful that the opening of the new Soo line will give them new markets. Wholesale business continues steady at last week's quotations. The only feature to note is the drop in flour, which is now being quoted at cost by some retailers."

#### FLOUR AND FEED.

Quotations on the whole are unchanged. Feed wheat is reported a little weaker. Portland Roller and Snowflake are quoted by jobbers at \$1.05.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Ogilvie's Hungarian..... | \$1 25 |
| " Strong Bakers .....    | 1 05   |

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Premier .....             | \$1 00 |
| XXX .....                 | 3 85   |
| Strong Bakers or XX ..... | 3 45   |
| Superfine .....           | 3 15   |

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.....       | \$1 25 @ 0 00 |
| Lion, " .....                    | 1 25 @ 0 00   |
| XXX, " .....                     | 1 25 @ 0 00   |
| Premier, Enderby mills.....      | 1 35 @ 0 00   |
| XXX, " .....                     | 1 20 @ 0 00   |
| XX, " .....                      | 3 80 @ 0 00   |
| Superfine, " .....               | 3 50 @ 0 00   |
| Ogilvie's Hungarian.....         | 1 65 @ 0 00   |
| " Strong Bakers.....             | 1 50 @ 0 00   |
| H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian .. | 1 65 @ 0 00   |
| " Strong Bakers .....            | 1 50 @ 0 00   |
| Oak Lake Patent Hungarian .....  | 1 65 @ 0 00   |
| " Strong Bakers .....            | 1 50 @ 0 00   |
| Regina Hungarian .....           | 1 65 @ 0 00   |
| " Strong Bakers .....            | 1 50 @ 0 00   |
| Benton County, Oregon.....       | 1 00 @ 0 00   |
| Portland Roller.....             | 1 05 @ 0 00   |
| Snowflake.....                   | 1 05 @ 0 00   |
| Wheat, per ton.....              | 28 00 @ 30 00 |
| Oats.....                        | 30 00 @ 32 50 |
| Oil cake meal.....               | 45 00 @ 00 00 |
| Chop feed.....                   | 28 00 @ 30 00 |
| Shorts.....                      | 28 00 @ 30 00 |
| Brans.....                       | 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.....            | 1 50 @ 0 00   |
| " " Chop feed .....              | 25 00 @ 28 00 |
| California oatmeal.....          | 3 75 @ 0 00   |
| California rolled oats.....      | 3 80 @ 0 00   |
| Corn, whole .....                | 37 50 @ 10 00 |
| Cornmeal.....                    | 2 75 @ 3 00   |
| Cornmeal-feed.....               | 40 00 @ 00 00 |
| Cracked corn.....                | 10 00 @ 00 00 |
| Hay, per ton.....                | 18 00 @ 20 00 |
| Straw, per bale.....             | 1 00 @ 0 00   |

#### RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| 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            |

#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

California oranges are becoming more plentiful and prices are weakening. New navels have arrived and are quoted at \$1.50 per case. Grapes are becoming very scarce, and it is believed that the season's supply is over, although a few more stray lots may arrive; \$1.40 per crate or box is the ruling figure for prime fruit. A fresh stock of Japanese oranges were received

by the ss. Victoria. They are in better condition than the first shipment and found a ready sale. The Empress of India, which is due early in the week, will bring large consignments of oranges, and will just be in time for the Christmas trade. The demand for bananas is slackening off in consequence of the large arrivals of oranges.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits as follows:—

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Oranges—Australian.....  | 2 50 @ 0 00         |
| California navels.....   | 1 50 @ 0 00         |
| " seedlings.....         | 3 50 @ 0 00         |
| " Loreto.....            | 3 00 @ 0 00         |
| Japanese .....           | 55 @ 75             |
| Lemons—California.....   | 3 50 @ 1 50         |
| Australian.....          | 2 50 @ 0 00         |
| Bananas.....             | 1 00 @ 1 50         |
| Apples.....              | 1 25 @ 1 75         |
| " Canadian.....          | 5 75 @ 0 00         |
| Pears.....               | 1 50 @ 1 75         |
| " Winter Nellies.....    | 2 00 @ 2 25         |
| Grapes, California ..... | 1 10 @ 0 00         |
| Cocoanuts.....           | per 100 8 00 @ 9 00 |
| Pineapples—sugar.....    | per doz 3 50 @ 4 00 |
| Hawaiian.....            | per doz 0 00 @ 0 00 |

#### Vegetables are quoted:

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| Potatoes—Local.....     | per ton 17 00 @ 20 00 |
| Onions—Silverskins..... | per lb 2 @ 2 1        |

#### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There has been a good inquiry for new season dried fruits and nuts, for Christmas trade. Five cars of assorted fruits and nuts were received a short time ago and jobbers are looking for a second consignment for a number of lines are short. Fresh case eggs are stiff and new stock is difficult to procure.

There are a number of changes, but quotations are, on the whole, steady. Canadian cured meats show a little decline. Sugar continues easy without any further decline. Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd, received 200 tons of China dry granulated by the steamship Victoria and report a good demand. A large consignment is coming on the steamship Arawa. Although there are such large stocks of sugar carried by individual houses, it is not generally expected that there will be a further decline on the part of the Refinery, although China quotations are still  $\frac{1}{2}$  below their prices. It is expected, however, that when their cargo of raw's, on the ship British General, now 42 days out from Java arrives, that the sugar market will be quite interesting, for R. P. Rithet & Co. state that they are prepared to quote  $\frac{1}{2}$  below the Refinery prices. A number of leading retail grocers are now giving a rebate of 5 per cent. on monthly bills if paid in ten days, thereby giving an inducement to their customers for prompt settlements.

#### New season's dried fruits are quoted:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Valencia raisins.....   | per lb \$ 6 @ \$ 7  |
| Malaga raisins.....     | per box 3 00 @ 3 25 |
| Currants (barrels)..... | per lb 5 @ 6        |
| " (cases).....          | per lb 5 1 @ 7 1    |
| Sultana raisins.....    | per lb 10 @ 12 1    |
| Taragona almonds.....   | per lb 14 @ 15      |
| Filberts.....           | per lb 11 1 @ 11    |

#### Dairy produce is quoted:

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs..... | 27 1 @ 28 |
| Manitoba dairy.....                | 23 @ 29   |
| Cheese—Canadian, lb.....           | 12 1 @ 14 |
| California.....                    | 16 @ 18   |
| Eggs, case, per doz.....           | 22 1 @ 23 |

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Hams.....             | 15 1 @ 17 |
| Breakfast bacon ..... | 16 1 @ 18 |
| Short rolls.....      | 13 1 @ 15 |