

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The wholesale trade report business quite up to the average, and on a much more satisfactory basis than a year ago. The dry goods trade is reported especially good, as this is the busy season of the year in that line. Fall buying has been on conservative lines, and few, if any, are purchasing beyond nearby wants. This is accepted as a healthy sign and augurs well for a good trade throughout the winter. The British bark Wythop, 1,352 tons register, is advised to go on berth at Liverpool early in November to load for Victoria and Vancouver. The British ship City of Florence, 1,246 tons register, is reported to sail from Liverpool early in November for Vancouver direct.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "Business has been a little quiet during the past week. The annual fall fairs have been held in many of the country districts, and thus farmers have remained at home instead of coming into town to purchase fall supplies. Quite a number of people have also gone out to attend the fairs from the cities. The lumber trade is not very brisk at present, and but one export mill is running full time, while unfortunately one of the local mills has just failed. Several of the logging camps have closed down during the last few days, and the outlook for this industry is not very promising. The local shipping trade has been brisk during the past week, both the trans-Pacific liners having been in port, and taken away heavy cargoes. In wholesale, business continues fairly steady, though collections are very slow and hard to make."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The tendency of American cured meats continues downward. Jobbers are quoting $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. lower than last week. Eggs are firm, and fresh ranch eggs are scarce and commanding high figures.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	43
Yellow, according to quality.....	4 to 43
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	52
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls.....	61

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins..... per lb	\$ 7	¢ 3	0
Malaga raisins.....per box	3 00	¢ 3	25
Currants (barrels).....per lb	43	¢	
" half bbls.....per lb	5	¢	53
" (cases).....per lb	51	¢	74
Sultana raisins.....per lb	8	¢	10
Taragona almonds.....per lb	14	¢	18
Grenoble walnuts.....per lb	14	¢	18
Filberts.....per lb	113	¢	14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	21	¢ 26
Manitoba dairy.....	18	¢ 19
" creamery in tins 27½	¢ 29	
" " in tubs 26	¢ 00	
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13	¢ 11
Canadian Stilton.....	17	¢ 18
Eggs—Canadian..... per doz	19	¢ 20

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15½	¢ 16
Breakfast bacon.....	15	¢ 15½
Short rolls.....	11	¢ 12
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11	¢ 11½
Backs.....	13½	¢ 13½
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0	12½
" " " 50-lb tins.....	0	12½
" " " 20-lb ".....	0	13
" " " 10-lb ".....	0	13½
" " " 5-lb ".....	0	13½
" " " 3-lb ".....	0	13½
Lard Compound, 10-lbs.....	10½	¢ 00
" " 20-lbs.....	10½	¢ 00
" " 5-lbs.....	10½	¢ 00
" " 3-lbs.....	10½	¢ 00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher:

Dry Granulated (China)..... 100-sack	4 65
Extra C, China.....	4 37½
China, yellow.....	4 12½
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)..... 1½ to 4½	
Extra C.....	4½
Fancy Yellow.....	4½
Yellow.....	4½
Golden C.....	3½
Cubes.....	6½
Powdered.....	6½
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" " " (16).....	5 50
" " " Vancouver.....	5 50
" " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " " heavy.....	0 15½
" " " breakfast bacon	0 15½
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 18½
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 18

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton.....	12 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton.....	18 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.....	3 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs.....	8 75
" " " quarter boxes.....	
28 lbs, per cwt.....	9 00
Malt vinegar, English, 25-gal. bbls.....	11 25
" " " octaves.....	6 50
" " " cases of 3 doz., per cs.....	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria.....	1 25
" " " California.....	1 30
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs.....	80 00
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs.....	80
Coal oil, per case.....	2 80
Nails, per keg—4d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 40d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.	

FLOUR AND FEED.

A drop of 10c per bbl is announced for Ogilvie's flour in car lots. Jobbers' prices are holding the same as formerly until the new stock arrives at lower prices.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "No change can be noted in flour prices since our last review. Millers are all busy. Quite a large amount of the product goes to California by each steamer. Quote standard brands at \$2.30 per bbl. Other brands can be bought as low as \$2 per bbl."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$3 90
" Strong Bakers.....	3 70
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote	
Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:	
Premier.....	\$4 00
XXX.....	3 85
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3 10
Superfine.....	3 15

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

Delta.....	\$3 50
Victoria XXX.....	3 50
Superfine.....	3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 3 50	¢ 00
Lion, ".....	3 50	¢ 00
Victoria XXX.....	3 50	¢ 00
Superfine.....	3 25	¢ 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	1 25	¢ 00
XXX, ".....	4 10	¢ 00
XX, ".....	3 65	¢ 00
Superfine, ".....	3 40	¢ 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 30	¢ 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10	¢ 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	4 30	¢ 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10	¢ 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	4 30	¢ 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10	¢ 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 30	¢ 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10	¢ 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	3 75	¢ 00
Portland Roller.....	3 75	¢ 00
Vashon, Washington.....	3 90	¢ 00
Snowflake.....	3 65	¢ 00
Wheat, per ton.....	25 00	¢ 00
Oats.....	27 00	¢ 30 00
Oil cake meal.....	35 00	¢ 50 00
Chop feed—California.....	27 50	¢ 00 00
Shorts.....	20 00	¢ 25 00
Bran.....	20 00	¢ 22 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50	¢ 00
" " rolled oats (90-lbs).....	3 50	¢ 00
" " " 10 7s, baled.....	3 00	¢ 00
" " split peas.....	3 50	¢ 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 75	¢ 00
" " Chop feed.....	20 00	¢ 25 00
California oatmeal.....	3 85	¢ 00
California rolled oats.....	1 15	¢ 00
Corn, whole..... per ton	37 50	¢ 40 00
Peas, field..... per ton	40 00	¢ 00 00
Cornmeal.....	2 50	¢ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton	40 00	¢ 00 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00	¢ 00 00
Hay, per ton.....	15 00	¢ 18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00	¢ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 75 00	¢ 80 00
" " (polished).....	90 00	¢ 00 00
Best China rice.....	80 00	¢ 100 00
China rice No. 1..... (mats).....	65 00	¢ 00 00
" " " (sacks).....	65 00	¢ 00 00
Rice flour.....	70 00	
Broken rice.....	30 00	
Rice Meal.....	17 50	

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Pears have advanced 25c per box. Silverskin onions are also up $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb, and sweet potatoes $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Australian lemons are again scarce. Concord grapes are out of the market, but Delaware are still quoted by jobbers.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian.....	2 50	¢ 00 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	6 25	¢ 6 75
" Australian.....	3 00	¢ 00 00
Apples—California.....	1 15	¢ 1 50
" Oregon.....	1 25	¢ 1 50
Cocoanuts..... per 100	8 00	¢ 9 00
Peaches.....	1 00	¢ 1 10
Pears.....	1 25	¢ 1 50
Grapes.....	1 25	¢ 1 35