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British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Oct. 26, 1895.

Butter continues very firm and creamery is again higher. The changes in price of this commodity have been so frequent of late that a daily report would have been necessary to keep track of the market. Eggs are also firm at the recent advances. Receipts from Manitoba are arriving. Cured meats are easier. Shorts and bran are inclined to go lower. Business is good and collections improving. Following are market quotations:

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, 17c to 18c; Manitoba creamery 25 to 27c; Manitoba cheese 9 to 10c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon 14c; backs 12½c; long, clear 10c; short rolls 10c; smoked sides 11½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per pound; in rails and tubs 11c. Mess pork \$17; short cut \$18.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; halibut 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; crab 60c dozen; smoked salmon 12½c; smoked halibut 10c; bleaters 11c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon 8c per barrel.

Game.—Mallards, 60c; pintail, 50c; widgins, 35c; venison, 8c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.; sweet potatoes, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 35c; Eastern 19c a dozen per dozen.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$3.00; California lemons \$1.00 to \$5.00, B. C. plums, \$1. per box; peaches, \$1.10 per box; apples, 75 to \$1.15 per box; tomatoes, \$1.50; California pears, \$1.50 per box, California grapes, \$1.10.

Nuts.—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.70; strong bakers, \$1.50, Oregon, \$3.30.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.25; 45 pound sacks, \$3.35; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.45; 10.7 sacks, \$2.65. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.21; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.70; 2-45's, \$2.50.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$19 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.50 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$2.10 to \$2.22 per ton; ground barley, \$2.22 ton, shorts, \$1.90 ton; bran \$1.70; oil cake meal, \$2.26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6½ to 7c; mutton, 7½c to 8c; pork, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 8c per lb.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Live Stock.—Calves, 4 to 6c; steers, 3 to 3½c lb; cows 2½ to 3c; sheep, \$3 to \$3.25; hogs, 5 to 5½c; lamb, per head \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1 to \$6 per dozen. Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes

The Comox Brewery Co., Cumberland, has been incorporated.

Reed & Barber, have taken the Manor House hotel at Vancouver.

James Morris, tobacconist, Vancouver, has sold out to H. E. Padmore.

R. H. Berryman, hotel, Victoria, is out of business.

California Wine Co. Ltd., Victoria, have sold the London saloon to M. Costello.

The stock of Joseph Sears, painter, etc., has been sold by mortgagees.

D. McGillvary is establishing a blast powder factory at Nanaimo.

A Japanese firm, who declined to allow your correspondent to use their name, have a scheme well in hand to establish a silk manufactory in Vancouver or Westminster. They will employ 200 girls and pay in wages from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

The Read and Currie Iron works, Westminster, are very materially extending their capacity, anticipating the coming boom in mining, fishing, etc.

The statement that tin ore has been found on Taxada Island has not yet been satisfactorily proven, the bare announcement however created great excitement. A tin mine would be better for British Columbia, especially so near the distributing centers, than the best gold mine the country could produce. The fact however, has been demonstrated over and over again that the variety of precious metals are very numerous in this province, and that there are numerous cinibar claims for instance lying idle for want of capital to work them.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters

Last Saturday, October 19, we quoted lake freights at 6c from Duluth or Port William to Buffalo. The same day, however, rates declined and charters were offering at 5½c.

The Montreal Bulletin of October 18 says: "In grain freights there have been engagements at 1s 4½d for Liverpool, with 1s 6d now asked. Business has transpired for London at 2s 3d, and for Glasgow at 1s 9d, although nothing can now be had under 2s. The rates for sack flour are nominal at 8s 9d to Liverpool, 10s to 11s 3d London, and 12s 6d Glasgow. Cheese and butter have been engaged for this week's steamers at 15s to Liverpool, 15s to London, 25s to Glasgow, and 20s to Bristol. Apples have been booked at 2s 6d to London, 1s 9d to 2s to Liverpool, 3s to Glasgow, and 2s 3d to Bristol. Cattle freights are 40s to London, 45 to 47s 6d Liverpool and 40s to Glasgow.

The Northern Pacific railroad company has issued a new freight tariff from Pacific coast points to Kootenay. British Columbia, which goes into effect at once. It makes reductions to Robson, Nakusp, Trail and Waneta, but the principal feature of it is that it puts Victoria on an equal footing with Vancouver and Tacoma. Formerly the rates from Tacoma and Vancouver were ten cents per hundred weight less than from Victoria.

Chicago Trade Bulletin, of October 21, says: "Eastbound rates ruled strong in view of an advance being made by the Central Traffic

Association roads and an increase in the shipments of freight, together with probability of a car famine. The tariff to New York is 29c per 100 pounds on flour and grain and 30c for provisions. Through rates to Liverpool were higher, at 26c per 100 pounds on flour, and 1½c per bushel for wheat. Lake and rail rates to New York are 17½c per 100 pounds on flour, 8½ on wheat and 9½ on oats. The New England rate was firm at 6c on oats, and will advance October 24 to 6½c on oats. Lake rates to Buffalo have been on the down grade all the week, with offerings of vessel room more free and the demand fair. Rates for corn declined from 3½ to 3¾ to 2½c at the close. The rate for oats dropped to 2½c, while that for flax seed was 4c."

Wheat Stocks

The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Oct. 19, 1895, shows an increase of 1,718,000 bushels, against an increase of 1,585,000 for the corresponding week last year and an increase of 1,730,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago.

The following table shows the total visible supply of wheat on the dates named for four years, as compiled by the Chicago board of trade and includes stocks at most important points of accumulation in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains. There are some important points not covered by this statement:

	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.
Jan. 2...	88,581,000	80,223,000	81,288,000	45,997,000
Feb. 5...	83,376,000	79,583,000	81,321,000	43,101,000
Mar. 4...	78,765,000	75,569,000	79,088,000	41,556,000
April 1...	74,308,000	71,458,000	77,051,000	41,036,000
" 8...	72,703,000	70,782,000	77,291,000	41,177,000
" 15...	70,487,000	69,217,000	70,096,000	42,055,000
" 22...	68,628,000	68,425,000	74,869,000	39,149,000
" 29...	65,776,000	66,582,000	75,027,000	37,930,000
May 6...	62,190,000	65,156,000	73,769,000	36,190,000
" 13...	59,623,000	63,510,000	72,082,000	35,190,000
" 20...	56,481,000	62,444,000	71,392,000	34,670,000
" 27...	54,244,000	61,329,000	70,159,000	29,822,000
June 3...	52,290,000	59,394,000	71,080,000	27,900,000
" 10...	49,739,000	58,211,000	64,662,000	26,951,000
" 17...	47,717,000	57,005,000	68,376,000	2,006,000
" 24...	46,226,000	55,820,000	63,041,000	21,501,000
July 1...	44,010,000	54,617,000	62,310,000	24,020,000
" 8...	43,359,000	54,114,000	61,890,000	23,130,000
" 15...	41,227,000	53,154,000	59,323,000	24,439,000
" 22...	40,437,000	53,771,000	58,901,000	23,008,000
" 29...	39,233,000	52,144,000	59,319,000	23,897,000
Aug. 5...	38,517,000	51,010,000	59,240,000	20,073,000
" 12...	37,839,000	50,321,000	58,569,000	22,300,000
" 19...	36,892,000	49,900,000	57,812,000	21,773,000
" 26...	35,083,000	48,771,000	57,210,000	21,650,000
" 31...	35,083,000	48,910,000	56,881,000	3,360,000
Sept. 7...	30,754,000	48,168,000	50,140,000	33,760,000
" 14...	29,097,000	46,214,000	57,331,000	44,411,000
" 21...	29,355,000	46,159,000	56,693,000	44,910,000
" 28...	40,768,000	70,153,000	60,528,000	49,801,000
Oct. 7...	41,852,000	73,614,000	67,270,000	51,256,000
" 14...	44,481,000	75,174,000	65,139,000	55,010,000
" 21...	46,190,000	76,639,000	66,978,000	59,402,000

Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat in Canada on October 14 is as follows:

	bushels.
Montreal	260,000
Toronto	22,000
Kingston	4,000
Winnipeg	203,000
Manitoba elevators	1,475,000
Fort William, Port Arthur & Keewatin	2,069,000

Total stocks in the United States and Canada as reported by Bradstreet's were as follows, on October 14, 1895:

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	62,881,000
Pacific Coast	9,760,000
Total stocks a year ago were:	

	bushels.
East of the Mountains	98,090,000
Pacific Coast	9,074,000

Bradstreet's report for the week ended Oct. 21, shows an increase of 3,783,000 bushels in stocks of wheat east of the mountains, making the total 66,666,000 bushels on the latter date.