BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Sept. 23.

Ontario creamery is now held at 24c straight, instead of 24 to 25c as quoted last week. Eggs are steady at 21c. New British Columbia oats and feed wheat are now offering freely at much lower prices than was quoted for old stock. Oatmeal is 40c per sack lower, due to the advent of the new crop in the market.

BUTTER — Ontario creamery, 24c; Manitoba creamery, 23 to 24c; Manitoba dairy, 15 to 18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c per dozen; eastern eggs, 21c.

CHEESE—14 1-2 to 15c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 1-2c; backs, 13c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 10 1-2 to 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 to 9 1-4c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c, bloaters 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES — New potatoes, $15 per ton; cabbage 1 1-2c lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, $12 ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, $2 per box; cucumbers, $2 per box.

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons $3.75 to $4; peaches, 95c; plums, $1.25 box; apples, $1.50 to $2 box; prunes, $1.25 box; pears, $2.25; bananas, $1.85 bunch. These prices are for imported. British Columbia fruits are quoted as folllows: Plums, $1 per box; green gages, 75c per box; apples, $1 to $1.50 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, $2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, $2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, $2.80; ton 7 1-2 lb. sacks, $2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. $3.25, in 5 lb. sacks, $3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.C. points— Manitoba patent, per barrel, $4.60; strong bakers, $4.30; Oregon, $4.30 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, new, $20 per ton; wheat, $22 for new and $28 for old.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, $25 per ton; shorts, $22 ton; bran, $20; oil cake meal $35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—New hay, $12; old, $10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 9 1-2 to 10c; pork, 9c; veal, 10 to 11c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, $4 per 100 lbs.; cows, $3.50; sheep, $4.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, $6.50 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, $6 per dozen.

EVAPORATED FRUITS— Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins $1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 18c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins $1.75 each; 1 gal. tins $4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins $5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c; choice dairy butter, 17c.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 23.

The butter market is firmer. Creamery is tending higher. There is a demand for choice dairy butter. Culled over stock is unsaleable. Cheese is 1-2c higher and eggs 1c higher this week. Pickled eggs are offering, to arrive, at 20 to 21c.

Butter — Manitoba fresh creamery, 23c; choice dairy butter, 17c.

Cheese—13 1-2c.

Eggs—Ontario, fresh, 20c.

Oats—Per ton, $40.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, $4.90.

Potatoes—Per ton, $20.

British Columbia Items.

A. Archibald has opened a drug store at Kimberly.

Cross & McMillan are opening in dry goods at Kimberley.

A. E. Fleming is opening a sash and door factory at Columbia.

E. McCormick, harness, New Westminster, is out of business.

John Cunningham, general store, Metlakahtla, has assigned.

The town of Midway is to have a smelter in the near future.

John Dickinson, of Dickinson & Brown, Vancouver, is dead.

John C. Richards, grocer, Victoria, is selling out to J. F. Rausch.

McAlphine & Sucksmith are starting a saw mill at Grand Forks.

Newland & Farren, hotel, Vancouver, have dissolved, A. Newland continues.

Shook & Arnott, saw mill, Lemon Creek, have sold out to Winlow & Bell.

Fishing for cohoe salmon begins on September 25 according to the new regulations.

The business of F. F. Raitt, grocer-ies, Victoria, is advertised for sale by auction.

D. C. MacKenzie has sold out his tailoring business at Kamloops to Wilson & Savage.

C. M. Eddington, who formerly carried on a drug store business on Market street, Winnipeg, has opened business in this branch at Vancouver.

The employees of the Wellington coal mines, Vancouver Island, owned by Dunsmuir & Co., are out on strike, according to a telegraphic report from the coast.

A Vancouver dispatch of September 15 said: The New England company's fishing steamer has returned from the halibut banks to-day with the first catch of the season's halibut, amounting to over one hundred thousand pounds of fish, representing two days' actual fishing. The fish are for the Boston, Chicago and New York markets.

The oilery owned by the Fraser River Oil and Guano syndicate, and situated opposite Lander's Landing was almost totally destroyed by fire on Sept. 19. During the past year the company has expended about $100,000 in new machinery and improvements to buildings. H. Wymonde, manager of the company, says the loss exceeds $50,000, but is covered by insurance.

On September 18th the regular train service on the Columbia and Western Railway extension from Robson to Grand Forks was inaugurated. This line will shortly be completed to Midway where the terminus will remain for some time, probably two or three years. The opening of a road to Grand Forks will make several of the Boundary Creek mines shippers to Trail and perhaps Northport.

Advices from Victoria, dated Sept. 20, say: The schooner Mary Taylor, the first of the sealers to return from Behring sea, arrived to-day with a catch of 54 skins. The others schooners reported are the Victoria, 570 skins, the Hatzic, Capt. Daley, 650 skins; Arletes with 475, Dora Sieward, 475; and Ainoka, with 411. The Beatrice the City of San Diego with 270. The Penelope was spoken on Aug. 4 with 28.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 781,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Sept. 16, compared with 75,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts for the week were 130,-000 bushels and shipments were 132,-000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 2,000,000 bushels compared with about 500,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns for the last week report 732 cars of grain inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 540; 2 hard, 102; 3 hard, 24; 1 northern, 26; 2 northern, 1, 1 spring, 2; rejected, 11; no grade, 20 cars. Oats, No. 1 white, 1 car; 2 white, 1 car. Flax seed, rejected, 1 car. Last week there were 174 cars inspected. The "no grade" is old wheat, but about everything else is new grain.

Western Business Items.

Robt Jackson has opened a meat shop at Franklin, Man.

Thos. Jones, confectionery, Keewatin, is out of business.

R Dunlop, harness, Lethbridge, Assa., has sold out to A. Easton.

Mrs. R. E Carr, photographer, Winnipeg, is selling out by auction.

L. C Porteous is opening a stock of hardware and groceries at Carlyle.

Geo. H Rodgers & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, are selling out by auction.

The Commercial Loan & Savings Co., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Lillie & Edmunds, blacksmiths, Alameda, have dissolved partnership; John Edmunds continues.

J. J. Heaslip, hardware and implements Alameda, Man., has sold out his implement business.

Ashley & Smith, manufacturers agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. E. W. Ashley continues.

The labor market of Winnipeg is active and men are still very scarce. A considerable number of men are wanted for railway work, and great difficulty is experienced in securing them.

A Halifax dispatch of Sept. 11 says: "Fishermen who have returned from the cod grounds on the Labrador coast report a serious situation in that bleak, northern country. The cod fishery has been almost an absolute failure, and all vessels are returning with small fares. As the fisheries are the chief support of the people, the failure will be followed by privation and possibly much suffering."

The steamships plying on the great lakes have had the tables turned on them in some ways for the exorbitant advances which they have been exacting in rates. Vessel fuel has been advanced in price 15c. per ton and will likely go much higher. Another advance of 25c. is already talked of. This is the coal man's revenge for the way he has been made to pay for the carriage of his stuff to western ports.

New York, Sept. 20.—All grades of refined sugar have been reduced 1-8c.