

the same quality, there being remarkably little of the low grade stuff, so much in evidence in other years. Dealers are paying 13c for most lots, commission basis, and the range is from 12 to 14c.

CHEESE—Higher prices have been paid for choice factory cheese this week in sympathy with eastern markets. With Brockville leading at 11 3/4c, there seems some excuse for a 10c market here, and as high as that has been paid this week. Factory cheese is regularly quoted at 9 1/2c to 10c per pound delivered here, and dairy at 9 1/4c.

EGGS—There is no change in the market. Receipts continue large. Some dealers do not offer more than 11c per dozen, while others will pay 12 1/2c for fresh case eggs.

VEGETABLES—The wet weather of last week stopped deliveries of potatoes and prices were up to 45c for a day or two in the city, as against 35c a week ago. They are now down to last Saturday's level again, with the return of fine weather. Other lines are unchanged. We quote: Potatoes 35c per bushel; rhubarb, 20c per dozen; lettuce, 10c per dozen; parsley, 20c; green onions and radish, 10c per doz.; carrots 10c, beets and turnips, 15c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen; ripe tomatoes, 3 1/2c per lb; imported tomatoes, 45c per basket; celery, 20c per dozen; cucumbers, 10 to 25c per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS—The plentiful supply of western beef and light demand has caused a drop of 1/4c in the price of fresh dressed beef. Mutton and veal are steady at last week's prices and hogs are higher at an advance of 1/4 to 1/2c. We quote: Choice beef, 5 1/2 to 6c per lb; veal, 7 to 9c; mutton, 10 to 10 1/2c, lamb, 10 to 11c, hogs, 7 1/4 to 7 1/2c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is in a little better supply at steady prices. Live hens are worth 40c per pair; spring chickens, 30 to 35c per pair; dressed fowl, 12c; dressed chickens, 14c; ducks, dressed, 10c; turkeys, dressed, 13c; live weight, 9c.

HIDES—The hide market is weak. As prices rule now in the east and south the prices being quoted at Winnipeg are decidedly too high and should have at least 1/4c taken off them. It seems however that the dealers, while each is of the opinion that they are paying more for hides than they are worth, cannot adopt any concerted line of action in the direction of a change, and the butchers accordingly get more for their hides than they are really worth. We quote: No. 1 inspected hides, 6c per lb for all weights; No. 2, 5c per lb; No. 3, 4c; shearing sheep skins, 20 to 25c for late killed; calfskins, 8c; deakins, 25 to 35c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.25 each.

WOOL—Receipts are practically nil. We quote 8 to 8 1/2c per pound for unwashed fleece and 12 1/2c per pound for washed.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c.

SENECA—There has been no change in Seneca here this week, but the feeling of the market is if anything a little firmer. New York prices have gained another cent which serves to strengthen primary markets such as this. Minneapolis buyers are soliciting shipments of Manitoba root on a basis of about 4c here, but local buyers do not offer more than 23c for best root and some will not pay over 22 1/2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—With finer weather and improved old country market the export movement of cattle has greatly increased over last week. About 3,000 head of fat cattle have passed through the city during the week bound for England. The handling of these has been no small task and the stockyards have presented a very busy scene. Butchers' cattle are plentiful. Stockers are not wanted. About 3 1/2c is the prevailing quotation here for exporters, and 2 1/2c for best butchers, with a range from 2 to 2 3/4c for these.

SHEEP—The market is quiet. About five or six carloads of western sheep have been taken recently by local concerns to supply their requirements. Manitoba sheep come in slowly. Choice wethers and ewes are worth 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c per pound live weight, off cars here.

HOGS—The season's trade in hogs is now tapering off and they are now quite scarce. Every shipment reaching the city is eagerly sought after by

packers. Prices show some improvement this week and we note an advance of 1/4c per lb for choice weights. Hogs weighing from 150 to 250 lbs. are worth 5 1/2c weighed off cars and heaviest 4 1/2 to 5 1/4c.

MILK COWS—These are very scarce and rapidly bring from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—There is only a light demand for horses, mostly for farm purposes. Drivers are in poor demand.

Weather and Crops.

There were further heavy rains during the early days of this week, but since Wednesday the weather has been fine and settled. Very little work could be done this week, as the grain, which is nearly all in stock, would have to stand for some days before it would be dry enough to thresh or stack. Threshing, which was just commencing when the wet weather set in, will be resumed next week, if the weather keeps fine. It is impossible to say what damage has been done by the rains until threshing has made some progress. The appearance of the country now is as fresh and green as in early spring, the recent warm rains having started an abundant fresh growth of vegetation.

Fall Millinery Openings.

The feature of dry goods trade in the city this week has been the millinery openings of the jobbing houses. This brought buyers to the city from all parts of the west, points as far distant as Edmonton on the west and Port Arthur on the east, being represented. The attendance has been very satisfactory to the trade and considerable business has been done, not only in millinery, but also in other lines of ladies' goods. In fact the opinion has been expressed that buyers were more sanguine in their ideas than the business situation warrants, and bought about all the goods that they have any chance of selling, but, as one dealer remarked, "the ladies must have their new hats, no matter what happens."

The D. McCall Co., of Toronto, as usual, show a fine range of hats and other headgear for ladies' wear, and their warehouses have been a centre of interest this week. The main points in regard to styles this season are that hats are to be lower in the crown and broader in the brim, the trimming is mostly on the under side of the brim and the predominating effect is black. Green is also to be much worn, and gold braid and buckles will be favorite trimmings. Blue will be another favorite color. Some of the black hats are exceptionally beautiful, being trimmed with long black ostrich feathers, drooping over the sides. Almost every hat is trimmed with the breasts of pheasants or gulls, hackle feathers of geese and the longer these are the more stylish.

Another Signal Success.

Still another leading Canadian manufacturing concern has come to the front at Paris. Mr. Mackenzie, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the McLaughlin Carriage Co., has received word that this company has carried off a silver medal, being the highest award for light work; including phaetons and light drivers. The continued success of Canadian manufacturers at Paris should be most gratifying to our people, indicating as it does the great progress made by Canadian industries of recent years.

John Wake, a pioneer shipper of cattle from Northwestern Manitoba, has purchased some 1,800 head of cattle this season. He shipped a train load of cattle to Montreal on Friday of last week, and it will require four or five trains yet to ship the remainder.

The Franklin Press Job Printing establishment in Winnipeg has been busy lately printing the new grain forms required by the new grain act. The new act governing the grain trade provides for the use of a number of special forms for making returns required by the act. The Franklin Press has prepared a complete set of forms, which have been approved by the grain commissioner, for the use of grain men.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Sept. 3, 1900.

The feature of the week is the sale of the Britannia copper claims, close to Vancouver, to an English syndicate. The same syndicate some time ago offered \$1,000,000 cash for the properties or \$750,000 cash and \$750,000 in stock. It is understood that the present offer, which was accepted is somewhat less cash and more stock—bringing the transaction up to a \$2,000,000 basis. Five thousand dollars spot cash was to have been paid on the first offer, and it is understood this was the sum paid to bind the present bargain. This means a great deal to Vancouver, and in the words of Sir Hibbert Tupper, who is interested in an adjoining copper group, known as the Goldsmith claims, "the working of these two properties, the Goldsmith and Britannia, means more to Vancouver than any other industry or enterprise ever dreamed of."

The provincial government concluded their labors on Thursday last. The revenue was very substantially increased, chiefly by the tax on coal. The coal mine owners, with the exception of Premier Dunsmuir, who owing to his position could not "kick," made strenuous protests. It was stated by one of the owners that the tax would mean 20 per cent of their dividend of last year. The News-Advertiser in commenting upon this statement, asks: "If the consumer will not eventually have to make up partially at least that deficiency in the dividend of that particular company caused by the tax."

The salmon pack has been estimated at 130,000 cases for the Fraser not counting spring and coho salmon. Considering existing conditions this is the smallest pack on record.

British Columbia Markets.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, Sept. 3.

Provisions are firm. Cattle have declined about 1/4c, and dressed beef is proportionately lower. Sheep have advanced 1/4c. Other lines unchanged.

GRAIN—Oats, \$25 per ton; wheat, \$27. FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.25; strong bakers, \$4.80; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; bran, \$13; shorts, \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$12. **MEAL**—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$2.60; two 45lb sacks, \$2.70; four 22 1/2lb sacks, \$2.90; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.25; in 50lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.75 per 100lb; butchers' cows, \$3 per 100lb; sheep, \$4.50 per 100lb; lambs, \$4.00 each; hogs, \$0.75 per 100lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7 1/2c; mutton, 10c; pork, 8 1/2c; veal, 10 1/2c. **GAME**—Mallard ducks, 65c per pair; grouse, \$1 per pair.

CURED MEATS—Hams 15 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 14 1/2c; backs, 13 1/2c; long clear, 11 1/2c; rolls, 12 1/2c; smoked sides, 12 1/2c.

LARD—Tins, 12c per lb; pails, 11c; tubs 10c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Ontario creamery, 23 1/2c; Manitoba creamery, 23 1/2c; fresh dairy, 16 1/2c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c; 35c; Manitoba egg, 19c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 13c; 13 1/2c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$14 per ton; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 per ton; silver skin onions, 2 1/2c; California onions, 2 1/2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; sole, 6c; halibut, 5c; salmon, 8c; cod 6c per lb; crabs, 90c per dozen.

GREEN FRUITS—Australian oranges, \$2.75; lemons \$4.40; California peaches \$1.00 per box; imported plums, \$1.00 @ \$1.10; local plums, 55c; 60c box; California prunes, \$1.10; pears, \$1.50; tomatoes, 90c; California apples, \$1.50; \$1.75 per box.

DRY FRUITS—Apricots, 11c; peaches, 10c; pitted plums, 12 1/2c; 13 1/2c; prunes, French, 5 1/2c; London layer raisins, \$2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2c; crown, 3c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 8c; larger figs, 10c; box, \$1.45; silver prunes, 5 1/2c; quartered pears, 11 1/2c; 12 1/2c; half pears, 12 1/2c; 13 1/2c; Valencia raisins, 7c; sultanas, 11c; 14c; blackberries, 18c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 10c.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; almonds, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 8 1/2c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 15c per lb; coconuts, 10c.

SUGARS—Powdered, 11c; and bar, 7 1/2c; Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 6 1/2c; extra C, 6 1/2c; fancy yellows, 6c; yellow, 4 1/2c per lb.

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 24c; 10 gal. kegs, 23c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tin, \$4.60 case of 10; 1/2 gal. tin, \$3.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

HAIRWARE—Hair iron—base, \$3.00. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent. Horse shoes, keg, \$3.25. Wire nails—base price, \$4.75, cut \$3.00. Rope, Manila, 10c. Balled oil, \$1.10. White lead, 90 Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, Sept. 3.

Market steady and prices unchanged as follows:

Butter—Manitoba creamery, 23 and 24c; choice dairy, 18c.

Cheese—New cheese, 13 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh, 20c per dozen.

Oats—Per ton, \$32. Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.00. Hay—New, per ton, \$23.

Potatoes—New, \$17 per ton. Oats—Per ton, \$29.

British Columbia Notes.

The firm name of Rubinowitz & Co., of Vancouver, has been changed to The Rubinowitz Departmental Stores Co. of B. C.

The Mount Sicker Mining Co. have purchased Thos. Loyd's sawmill at Westholme and will run it in connection with their mines.

The rumor that Dunsmuir & Sons had purchased the interests of the New Vancouver Coal and Land Co. in Vancouver Island is declared to be without foundation.

A bill has been introduced in the British Columbia legislature forbidding the use of trading stamps.

Mrs. Hanbury has purchased the restaurant business of H. L. Lovering, Revelstoke.

The Union Steamship Co.'s steamer Cutch struck a reef 25 miles south of Juneau last Friday and will probably be a total wreck. The sea was calm at the time and no trouble was experienced in landing passengers and crew safely. The Coquitlan will be placed on this run in the meantime.

A serious fire visited Atlin, B. C., on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000; the heaviest losers being the British American Corporation, Mostyn Williams, J. Anderson, J. H. Rose, John Broder, Captain Nickerson, M. Delamare, A. C. Hirschfeld. About 16 structures of more or less importance were destroyed. Ten of the largest buildings were burned to ashes. There is little if any insurance.

Vancouver News-Advertiser: J. C. Loutit, who has been eighteen years in the Canadian Pacific railway service, latterly as chief clerk in Allan Cameron's office, recently received the appointment as western agent of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, with his headquarters in Vancouver. His associates in the Canadian Pacific railway were loth to let so old and tried a colleague go from their midst without some token of their esteem and friendship, consequently they presented him with a handsome gold watch.

Hewitt Bostock, a well known Vancouver capitalist, has assigned his real and personal effects for the benefit of his creditors. He was believed to be very wealthy and certainly controlled a large amount of capital, which, however, has been speedily dissipated by unwise investments in mining, lumbering, ranching, and newspaper and printing enterprises. Mr. Bostock represents a British Columbia constituency in the Dominion parliament, and personally is very popular among his acquaintances. His financial troubles will be a source of regret to many friends, and many of regret to many friends, and may also seriously injure British Columbia interests abroad, as Mr. Bostock was well known in England, where his failure may be attributed to some fault of British Columbia investments generally.

The mackerel fishing on the south and southwest coasts of Ireland has been a failure this year.