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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 7.

The bank clearings in Victoria and Vancouver still continue to show a steady increase. In Vancouver the returns for April, 1900, were \$3,545,461, and for April, 1899, \$3,268,405; the customs returns, however, for the month of April show a falling off of about \$250,000 from April, 1899. There have been several failures in the retail dry goods and grocery business this week, but other lines show considerable activity; the hardware business being particularly active. Lead, rope and oil have advanced. Owing to the continuation of the jam of Sound and California freight, shipping is very active, there being not enough room at the extended Canadian Pacific railway wharves for the regular line steamers. Wholesalers again report dull times and tight money. The lumber business continues active and it is impossible to get enough loggers for the camps to supply the demand for logs.

There is little good news from the mines. Reported dull times in the Kootenays continue to come in. Mr. Wilson, leader of the Conservative party in the field for the forthcoming provincial elections, and Mr. Martin, leader of the government party, have both promised, should they triumph at the polls, to build a railway from the coast to the boundary country and interior mines with borrowed money and to be owned and controlled by the province with the object of diverting the present and prospective trade said here to be enjoyed by Winnipeg, to the coast. Which ever party secures control the railway will be built, provided election promises are kept.

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, May 12.

Local eggs have advanced sharply again. Oregon eggs are now out of the market. Cured hog products are higher.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 28c. California creamery, 25 1-2. Australian creamery, 27c. Fresh dairy, 24 1-2 to 25c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 25c; Manitoba eggs, 18 to 20c, as to quality.

CHEESE—California cheese, 14c; east ern, 11c.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.00; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.90; strong bakers', \$4.60; Oregon, \$4.55 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

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

HAY—Per ton, \$16.

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

Lard—Tins, 12c per lb.; pails, 11c, tubs 10 3-4c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 8c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 9c; bloaters, 7c; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 80c per dozen.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser River stock, \$16 to \$17 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes \$19 to \$22 per ton; cabbage, 2c lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; Australian onions, 7 1-2c per lb.; California onions, 4 to 4 1-2c.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9 1-2c; mutton, 11 1-2c; Australian frozen mutton, 9c per lb.; pork, 9c; veal, 11c.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; butchers' cows, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; sheep, \$5 to \$6 per 100 lbs.; lambs, \$5 to \$5.50 each; hogs, \$6.75 per 100 lbs.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, navel, \$3.75 to \$4.00, seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Gulf fornia lemons, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bananas, \$3.00.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17 to 18c; peaches, 10 to 11c; platted plums, 12 1-2 to 16 1-2c; prunes, French, 5 1-2 to 3c; London layer raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.25 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 3c; 3 crown, 8 1-2c, 4 crown, 9c; dates, 9c; black figs, 8c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box, \$1.45; silver prunes, \$1.2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2 to 13c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; 18c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil 12 1-2c; walnuts, 15c 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, 21 1-4 lb.; 10 gallon kegs, 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins, \$6.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 22c; Ceylon and India: fair, 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5.25. Wire nails—Base price \$4.50, cut \$3.85; Rope, Man

ila, 18c. Boiled oil, 90c. White lead, \$9. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, first break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, May 12.

Butter is offering freely and is to lower this week. Oats have declined \$1 per ton. Other prices are the same as a week ago.

Butter—Ontario creamery, 23c; choice dairy, 22c.

Cheese—Large, 15c; smaller sizes, 15 1-2c per pound.

Eggs—Fresh ranch eggs 18c.

Oats—Per ton, \$25.

Milled—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$4.80.

Hay—Per ton, \$26.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$19.

British Columbia Notes.

Peach & Laurson, plumbers, Victoria, have dissolved partnership.

Bowes & Fairbairn, hotel, Silverton, have dissolved; Bowes continues.

Chas. E. Jones has sold out his drug business at Victoria to A. G. & H. E. Davies.

Hali & Noble have bought the butchering business of G. McMullan at Chilliwack.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax will erect a \$20,000 building at Grand Forks, B. C.

The principal business men of Greenwood have agreed to close their places of business at 7 p. m.

Bennet, Hood & Co., commission merchants, Vancouver, have added green fruits to the lines handled by them.

Dr. Hendrycks, Minneapolis, has purchased the Last Chance mine on Noble Five Mountain, Slokan, for \$100,000, according to current report.

The partnership heretofore existing between John C. Collins and Alvin J. Engvik, of Victoria, under the firm name of The Pacific Bottling Works has been dissolved, J. C. Collins having assigned his interest to Alvin J. Engvik.

The North Pacific Lumber Company of Ottawa, has been registered under provincial laws as an extra-provincial company. Provincial office, Barnett; John M. Portres, attorney, capital \$500,000.

The stock-in-trade of F. A. Quigley & Co., dry goods merchants, Vancouver, was sold at sheriff's sale last week for 67c on the dollar. It is understood that Quigley himself was the purchaser and will open up for business again.