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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business circles were quiet at the end of the month, buying being confined to assortments. The effect of the recent cutting of freight rates is being felt in quotations on most articles that are shipped across the continent in car lots, they being much lower than last season. The dry goods trade will also get the benefit of lower freights, and the whole country will be benefitted. A general improvement in business circles is anticipated this fall. Business houses are gradually getting into better shape, and they will be in a position to be benefitted when the returns of the season's industries are realized. The salmon run has been good, during the past week, and there is every confidence that the anticipations of packers for a good season will be realized.

The *News Advertiser* reports business steady in all lines at Vancouver, with no special features to note. Collections are still slow and money tight, but the few failures that have occurred in Vancouver as compared with other cities, show that the merchants are solidly established, and speaks well for the place. The success of the Canadian-Australian line is undoubtedly already assured, and the general opinion is that the line will do a great deal to build up Vancouver. Reports from the agricultural districts are of an even more hopeful tone, and, although the harvest

will be late, it will be much better than was anticipated. The fruit crop has also proved much heavier than it was thought a few months ago it would be. Wholesale business continues fairly active. The chief feature to note is the drop in flour.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of fruit from San Francisco by the Walla Walla on July 27 were very heavy. Dealers report the volume of trade satisfactory. Local small fruits are coming in freely, raspberries, currants and blackberries being in season. Grapes are in fair condition, and sell at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box. A few crates of cantilopes were received and are quoted at \$1.50. Potatoes have dropped $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and the current quotation is now $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. Tomatoes and cucumbers are both slightly lower in price. The fruit received by the last Australian steamer is about all disposed of. Large shipments are expected by the next steamer.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Riverside Seedlings.....	2 50 @	2 75
Mediterranean sweets.....	2 75 @	3 00
Australian.....	2 50 @	0 00
Lemons—California.....	4 25 @	6 00
Sicily.....	5 75 @	6 00
Australian.....	2 50 @	3 00
Bananas.....	1 75 @	2 25
Apples, Red Astrakan.....	bxs 1 35 @	1 50
Apricots.....	1 10 @	1 15
Plums.....	1 00 @	1 25
Peaches.....	1 00 @	1 25
Grapes.....	2 25 @	2 50
Cocoanuts.....	per 100 7 50 @	7 75
Currants.....	0 00 @	80
Watermelons.....	per doz 4 35 @	7 50
Cantelopes.....	per crate 4 50 @	0 00
Pineapples—sugar.....	per doz 5 00 @	6 00
Hawaiian.....	per doz 2 00 @	2 50

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local.....	per lb 11 @	
New California.....	per lb 11 @	
Onions—Silverskins.....	21 @	
Cabbage.....	11 @	2
Tomatoes.....	per box 1 10 @	1 25
Cucumbers.....	per box 1 25 @	1 75

FLOUR AND FEED.

Prices are about the same as last week, and the volume of trade is steady.

The *Portland Commercial Review* says of flour: "What business was accomplished during the last week was confined to local and coast domestic wants. There are some China orders unfilled owing to the detention of the connecting steamer. Next month will witness the renewal of shipments to Europe; in the meantime the movement is slow. Quotations remain steady at about \$3.40 per bbl. for standard brands. Rail receipts and San Francisco shipments were light the past week."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$4 40
" Strong Bakers.....	4 10
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote	
Enderby flour in carload lots laid down at	
Victoria:	
Premier.....	\$1 55
XXX.....	4 45
Strong Bakers or XX.....	4 05
Superfine.....	3 55
Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:	
Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 4 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	4 50 @ 0 00

Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 90 @	0 00
XXX., " ".....	4 80 @	0 00
XX., " ".....	4 40 @	0 00
Superfine, " ".....	3 90 @	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 80 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 70 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	4 80 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 70 @	0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	4 80 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	0 00 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 80 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	0 00 @	0 00
Benton Coun Oregon.....	4 65 @	0 00
Portland Roller.....	4 75 @	0 00
Snowflake.....	4 75 @	4 50
Royal.....	4 60 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	28 00 @	35 00
Oats.....	32 50 @	35 00
Oil cake meal.....	40 00 @	50 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @	35 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @	30 00
Bran.....	25 00 @	30 00
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @	0 00
" rolled oats.....	3 50 @	0 00
" split peas.....	3 50 @	0 00
" pearl barley.....	4 50 @	0 00
" Chop feed.....	26 00 @	28 00
California oatmeal.....	4 25 @	0 00
California rolled oats.....	4 00 @	5 00
Corn, whole.....	per ton 37 50 @	40 00
Cornmeal.....	2 75 @	3 00
Cornmeal-feed.....	per ton 40 00 @	00 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @	00 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @	20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @	0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$ 77 50
Best China rice ".....	100 00
China rice No. 1 ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Quotations are steady and business as usual at the end of the month is reported quiet. The volume of trade for the month compares favorably with that of the same period last year. The recent cutting of freight rates from Eastern points have caused a drop in every line. Nearly all goods shipped in car lots are lower. Lard, both Canadian and American, is lower. Syrups are quoted lower but stock has not yet been received at the reduced freights. The freight rate on butter remains unchanged and dealers' quotations are consequently stiff. Meats are also unchanged in price.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 6,779 pkgs., against 11,534 pkgs., for the week previous. The market for butter has remained fairly steady during the week, 21c having been paid for creamery by exporters, and 18c to 18½c for Eastern Townships dairy, while 17c has been paid for choice selected Western for export. There has been more activity West of Toronto, and considerable quantities are reported to have been bought up. Cable advices, however, received this morning, report easier cables from Liverpool and Bristol. Last week the exports from Montreal were 2,348 pkgs., against 717 pkgs., for the corresponding period last year. The total exports to the close of last week were 6,842 pkgs., against 6,692 pkgs., for the corresponding period last year. Creamery, 20½c to 21½c; Eastern Townships, 18c to 20c. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 40,425 boxes against 84,211 boxes for the week previous. Beyond all previous expect-