

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 reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, March 4.

The market is bare of creamery butter and no consignments are expected for two weeks. Creamery price has advanced 1-2c in consequence. Local eggs have declined 5c, while Washington eggs have advanced 2c. Potatoes are up to \$20.00 per ton. Ashcroft potatoes are out of the market. Flour has declined 20c, owing to the suspension of new freight tariff. Oats are now worth \$20.00 per ton straight. Following are quotations:

Butter—California fresh grass butter, 60c; creamery, good, jobbers price, 25½c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 80c; Washington fresh, 26c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11@12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$20.00 per ton, California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$2.75 @ \$3 box; apples, 65c @ \$1.25 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$2.75 @ \$3.00 box; seedlings, \$1.75 @ \$2.00 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 245 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.70; strong bakers \$4.30; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.30. Grain—Oats, \$20.00 per ton; wheat, \$23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 9½@10c; pork 9@9½c; veal 10@10½c; Pemican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.50 @ 3.75; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$8.00 per lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 12c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C-4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 29c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c per barrel higher. Grains and

flax seed have undergone only slight fractional changes. The big "boom" in eggs noted a week ago has collapsed and prices are about 12c lower per dozen. The sharp advance in butter of a week ago has also not held and prices are 1c lower per pound. Poultry is firm. Potatoes are up 5c. Apples have advanced 50c per barrel.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.65 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 313-4c for No. 3 yellow, and 31 1-2c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 40c; feed quoted at 40 to 43c.

Flax seed—\$1.14 per bushel.

Eggs—13 to 14 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 10c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1-2 to 19c; for choice to extras, seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 13 to 16c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 5 to 8c; veal, 6 1-2 to 8 1-2c; hogs, light, 4 1-2c; medium, 4 1-2c; heavy, 4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 8 1-2 to 11c; hens, 7 to 9c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 11c; ducks, 6 to 10c; geese, 5 to 9c. Frozen stock 1c less.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9c for 1; 8c for No. 2; green salted steers, 9 1-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c; each; veal, calf, 93-4 to 11 1-4c; tal-low, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 45c; mixed, white, 40 to 43c; mixed, red, 35 to 40c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$5 to \$5.50 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.40 to \$3.55. Lambs, \$4.25 to \$5. Stockers, \$2.75 to \$4.75; stock cows from \$2.50 to \$3.60; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50; butcher cows, \$2 to \$4; steers, \$3.85 to \$4.25.

Tenders

Tenders will be received by S. Hooper, Winnipeg, up to March 11, for the erection of a brick building on the corner of Main and Thistle streets.

Tenders are asked, up to March 9, for clothing for the Winnipeg city police.

The city council of Winnipeg is calling for tenders, to be in by March 22, for the supplying of an asphalt plant, in whole or in part.

Alberta.

O. S. Moore, rancher, is opening a general store at Olds.

R. Smith, tinsmith, Innisfail, has taken in as a partner R. M. Miller, and the style is now Smith & Miller.

J.T. Macdonald, superintendent of the government creamery at Calgary, has bought an interest in the bakery and fruit business of W. H. Kinniston & Co., at that place, and will assume the management of the same.

Frances Scholes, managing director of the Canadian Rubber Co., Montreal, is dead, at the ripe age of 86 years. Mr. Scholes was well known at Montreal as one of its leading citizens.

**WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.**

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended March 2, 1897.....\$1,568,418
Corresponding week, 1896.....1,566,141
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Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for three years:

	1896.	1897.	1898.
Jan.	\$3,317,108	\$5,009,819	\$1,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,032,000
March	5,988,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	6,683,864	5,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,398,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,288	5,816,008	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,285,574	4,840,959
Sept.	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct.	9,847,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov.	11,553,669	18,550,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,781	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year ...90,672,798 83,435,121 64,143,935

1899.
Jan. \$ 7,688,052

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The transactions at the Dominion Government Savings bank in Winnipeg during the month of February were as follows: Deposits, \$19,503; withdrawals, \$16,286.12; deposits exceeding withdrawals by \$3,216.88.

The work of removing the old building from the lot on which the new Bank of Commerce building is to be erected this year will be commenced at once. The new building in architectural design will be something entirely new in this city.

The council of Rat Portage will submit a by-law to raise \$7,000 by a debenture issue, to complete the waterworks system. They have also under way another debenture by-law to raise \$4,000, which will be used to buy a half interest in the Citizens Electric company.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has three branches of their bank in the Yukon, having recently located a third at Atlin City. Skagway and Dawson City are the locations of their other branches, so that with a new one at Atlin City they will have an important part of their system in the mining country, and will be a strong factor in the development of the mining industry.

The name under which the new consolidated loan company of Toronto, which will consist of the Canada Permanent, the Freehold, the Western Canada and the London and Ontario, is to be known, if the shareholders of the four companies interested approve of the move, is to be the Canadian Mortgage and Investment Corporation.

Northwest Ontario.

There is some likelihood that a pulp factory will shortly be established at Rat Portage by a company of eastern people. It is thought that the location is a favorable one.

Leancy & Arthurs intend opening a grocery, fruit and confectionery store at Port Arthur shortly.