

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The weather has been very unfavorable for city trade, since last review, but jobbing business is reported steady all round with collections close. There has been a fair movement of goods to provincial points. The canneries are making active preparations for the season's pack, and the greater number of them will commence making tins about the 1st of May. The \$100,000 granted to reimburse the sealers for losses under the *modus vivendi* of 1891 will be a considerable benefit to the sealers and strengthen the situation of the industry.

The Kinkora is daily expected, having been spoken near San Francisco. She brings a large cargo of English goods, which are laid down here at a much lower rate of freight than previous shipments. Some lively competition may be the result when these goods are put on the market.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship City of Puebla, April 23, for Victoria: 48 crts cabbage, 12 crts cauliflower, 42 bxs asparagus, 14 bxs rhubarb, 30 bxs oranges, 17 bxs lemons, 17 bxs peas, 20 crts bananas, 1 bx new potatoes, 1 bx radishes, 1 bx pineapples, 3 bxs onions, 1 bx celery, 1 bx sweet potatoes, 1 bx cucumbers. Oranges are slightly weaker in price. Sicily lemons are a little higher; an advance of 75c a box took place in New York last week, and local prices are up in sympathy. Apples, in boxes, are quoted a little lower. Potatoes continue scarce, and the jobbing quotation has gone up to \$45 a ton. Onions and cabbage are both higher this week. A box of new potatoes were received by last steamer and a regular supply may be expected shortly.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Navels, common to good	3 50 @	0 00
" fancy	0 00 @	0 00
Riverside Seedlings	2 00 @	2 25
" fancy	2 35 @	2 75
Los Angeles	2 00 @	2 25
Lemons—California	1 00 @	5 00
Sicily	5 50 @	6 00
Apples—California, bxs	2 00 @	2 50
bbls	6 00 @	7 50
Bananas	3 50 @	3 75

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local	per ton	10 00 @	45 00
Onions—Red California		00 @	0
Oregon Yellow Danvers		3 @	1
Cabbage		24 @	
Asparagus	per lb	9 @	
Rhubarb		10 @	
Cauliflower, per doz		1 20 @	

FLOUR AND FEED.

The principal feature this week is the general advance in the prices for bran, shorts, middlings and chop feed. San Francisco advices announce an advance of \$2.50 a ton in all feed products, and the Winnipeg market is also up about the same amount. This advance is the result, it is said, of the backward spring, and there being little grass for feed. Oil cake meal is also reported stronger.

The *Portland Commercial Review* says: "The changes which have occurred in wheat during the past fortnight have

had no appreciable effect upon the flour market, which has remained quite dull throughout. The usual average shipments of Walla Walla brands to San Francisco continue and exports to China are of fair proportions. The local consumptive demand shows some increase, but taking all the various channels of outlet into consideration, the combined demand remains far below the capacity of our mills. We quote standard brands at \$3.30 per bbl., that figure being the listed price, but agents are said to be still cutting prices. Two of the spot engaged fleet are credited to the Portland Flouring Mills and it is understood will take mixed wheat and flour cargoes."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria.

Premier	.....	\$1 80
XXX	.....	1 75
Strong Bakers or XX	.....	1 40
Superfine	.....	3 75

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	.....	\$ 1 75 @	0 00
Lion, " "	.....	1 75 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	.....	5 25 @	0 00
XXX, " "	.....	5 00 @	0 00
XX, " "	.....	4 75 @	0 00
Superfine, " "	.....	4 00 @	1 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian	.....	5 15 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	.....	5 00 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	.....	5 15 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	.....	5 00 @	0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	.....	5 15 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	.....	5 00 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian	.....	5 15 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	.....	5 00 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon	.....	1 85 @	0 00
Portland Roller	.....	1 85 @	5 00
Snowflake	.....	1 85 @	0 00
Royal	.....	1 80 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton	.....	28 00 @	35 00
Oats	.....	30 00 @	32 50
Oil cake meal	.....	40 00 @	50 00
Chop feed	.....	28 00 @	32 00
Shorts	.....	28 00 @	32 00
Bran	.....	25 00 @	27 50
National Mills oatmeal	.....	3 50 @	0 00
" rolled outs	.....	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 @	10 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.

The following are the receipts of California butter from San Francisco, by ss. City of Puebla, April 23, for Victoria: 24 cs, 2,652 lbs; 37 hf-cs, 2,055 lbs; 125 tubs, 5,500 lbs; total, 10,207 lbs. Receipts April 13, 12,605 lbs; April 8, 3,830 lbs; April 2, 4,895 lbs; March 26, 2,450 lbs; March 19, 7,119 lbs., March 13, 3,670 lbs.

The butter market in San Francisco is reported firm. It is believed that prices have touched bottom figures and that any change will be in the direction of higher prices. The B. C. Refinery advanced their prices of sugar 1/2c last week. The advance

for the past three weeks has amounted to 1/2c per lb. Local jobbing quotations are up 1/2c in sympathy. Raw sugar advanced in New York on Saturday last to 3 1/2c and 4c. Prices before the rise were ruling about 3c. It is said that the market is now up to speculative values. Jobbers' quotations for canned meats are steady. Eastern advices state that the markets continue firm. The English market continues to take a certain portion of the pack and a better home demand from the Eastern Canadian trade is reported. It is believed that the tendency is still upward, as all indications point to a strong situation.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 891 pkgs., against 500 pkgs., for the week previous. Quite a change has been experienced in the butter market since our last report, a considerable clearance of old dairy having been effected in a quiet way, and buyers who wanted a few lots of dairy for Newfoundland and the Lower Ports were surprised to find the market so bare. Between 400 and 500 pkgs. of choice fall Western were sold at 19c to 20c, and a round lot of Kamouraska was offered at 20c with 10c bid. Quite a clearance has also been effected of old creamery, which had to be sold at about the same price of old Eastern Townships and Western dairy, sales having been made of this old creamery lately at 19c to 21c as to quality. New creamery and Eastern Townships dairy have been sold at 22c to 24c as to quality, one lot of dairy selling at 21c. The manner in which the old stocks have been cleared up is a great relief, as the market will be ready to receive the increasing receipts of new without being hampered with old supplies. Creamery choice fall made, 20c to 21c; Creamery good to fine, 19c to 20c. There is some enquiry for nice fresh Western rolls, which have sold at 19c to 20c. Cheese receipts during the past week were 74 boxes, against 556 boxes for the week previous. The season is evidently backward, and it is thought on this account there will not be as many April cheese as was at one time generally expected, which will be no loss to the trade, as we have always contended that the less fodder cheese Canada turns out the better. One thing is certain, namely, that however well the factories may be prepared to make early cheese, the farmers are not in a position to supply the milk in cold weather. A nominal quotation for hay cheese on this market is 10 1/2c to 11c. A few lots of this early made cheese has been disposed of in the West in small quantities for local purposes. Old cheese nominal at 10 1/2c to 11 1/2c. The cable continues steady at 5 1/2s 6d."

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows. Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz. \$1.25; do. 2's per doz., \$2.00; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.45; do. 2's, \$6.50. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 18 1/2c per lb; heavy hams, 18c; choice breakfast bacon, 18 1/2c; short clear sides, 15c, and dry salt clear sides, 14 1/2c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1c lb. pails, 19 1/2c per lb. Armour's Gold Band meats, which