

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The most important commercial event of the week was the suspension of Green, Worlock & Co's private bank, (the details of which appear in the editorial column.) Collections, which have not been of a satisfactory nature for sometime, will, it is believed, be still tighter in many quarters on account of the bank failure.

Trade is reported quiet in all lines, for spring business has not opened up yet.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "The past month is usually a quiet one, and this year it has been one of the quietest on record. With the advent of March, however, trade usually shows an improvement, and merchants are hoping that this will be the case. Collections are reported as very slow and hard to make both in towns and country districts. Most of the manufacturing industries, especially those in the lumber trade, are still shut down, the only important resumption being the Moodyville Mill, which started running full time at the beginning of the week, after being shut down for six months. The outlook for the lumber trade and kindred industries is far from encouraging, and, unless an improvement occurs before long, some of the larger mills will not be started up. The disastrous cutting in prices for the foreign trade seems to have been about 'played out,' and the mills are now awaiting better prices. The news of the suspension of the old established banking house of Green, Worlock & Co., Victoria, was received with much surprise here yesterday, though it is not thought it will directly affect any in this city. In wholesale lines, a slight improvement is to be noticed, but this is usually the case at the beginning of the month, as retailers very often hold over their orders till the first. No special features are to be noted this week."

DRY GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "At the moment there is a lull in dry goods. Travellers are off the road, and are employing their time in seeing that orders booked during the past 10 days are promptly filled. The trade is putting everything in order in anticipation of the visit of a large number of country buyers next week. The millinery openings begin on Monday, and this event will no doubt bring to the city the usual number of purchasers. The millinery houses are in readiness to receive visitors, and those who come in may expect to see some of the daintiest creations in the millinery line ever shown in this market. The general dry goods trade, as indicated by importations and orders to mills, is proceeding on conservative lines. Importations are running lighter than at this season last year, and orders received by mills are also lighter. The mills are engaged at present on repeat orders for spring fabric, and on sample pieces for the autumn clothing trade. Forward orders for autumn tweeds, blankets, shirts and drawers, hosiery and yarns are also rather under those received at this date a year ago, and cautious buying will

in all probability continue till the tariff question is definitely settled. In prices the most important change is in laces. Advices from Germany state that prices have been advanced 15 per cent. Nearly all lines are in a strong position, and an increased demand would mean stiffer prices. A few bankrupt stocks have been disposed of during the week, and remarkably good prices have been obtained. The lowest price heard of was 40c on the dollar, but as high as 70c was realized for one stock in Manitoba. Payments are again slowing up, as merchants are beginning to prepare for the 4th of March."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

There were no changes in prices during the week, and trade is reported quiet.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—California navels.....	2 50 @	3 00
" seedlings....	2 00 @	2 50
Japanese	50 @	65
Lemons—California	3 00 @	3 50
Bananas—New Orleans.....	3 00 @	0 00
Apples.....	bxs 1 25 @	1 50
" Canadian.....	bbls 5 75 @	0 00
Cocoanuts	per 100 8 00 @	9 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes.....	per ton 22 50 @	25 00
Onions—Silverskins.....	per lb 0 @	2½

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The meat market in the east is weak, and there is a tendency toward lower prices. Packers are reported as anxious to make sales, and shading of prices is said to be offered to induce business. All other quotations are steady. It was rumored that sugar had again been reduced, but inquiry failed to authenticate the rumor.

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins.....	per lb \$ 7 @	\$ 0
Malaga raisins.....	per box 3 00 @	3 25
Currants (barrels).....	per lb 5 @	5½
" half bbls.....	per lb 5 @	6
" (cases).....	per lb 5½ @	7½
Sultana raisins.....	per lb 8 @	10
Taragona almonds.....	per lb 11 @	18
Grenoble walnuts.....	per lb 14 @	18
Filberts.....	per lb 11½ @	14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	29 @	30
Manitoba dairy.....	00 @	00
California creamery	28½ @	34
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 @	14
California.....	16 @	18
Eggs, pickled, case, per doz.....	00 @	20

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	13 @	14½
Breakfast bacon.....	14½ @	15
Short rolls.....	10½ @	11½
Dry Salt, long clear.....	10½ @	11½
Backs—Canadian, lb.....	13½ @	13½
Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails.....	14 @	14½
" 10lbs, tins	14½ @	14½
" 5lbs	14½ @	15
" 3lbs	14½ @	15
Lard Compound, 10lbs.....	11½ @	00
" 20lbs.....	11 @	00
" 5lbs.....	11½ @	00
" 3lbs.....	11½ @	00

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ¼c higher:

Dry Granulated (China).....	4½
Extra C, China.....	4½
Australian Granulated	4½
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	4½
Extra C.....	4½
Fancy Yellow	4½
Yellow	3½
Golden C.....	4
Cubes.....	5½
Powdered.....	6½

Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" " " (16).....	5 35
" " " Vancouver.....	5 50
" " " " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " heavy	0 16½
" " breakfast bacon	0 16½
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 17½
" " breakfast bacon.....	0 18½
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0 14
" " 50-lb tins.....	0 14½
" " 20-lb	0 14½
" " 10-lb	0 14½
" " 5-lb	0 14½
" " 3-lb	0 14½
Lard compound (tierces).....	0 11½

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Columbia Flour Mills have lowered the price of Enderby flour. Premier, XXX and Superfine are down 10c a bbl., and Strong Bakers, or XX, is reduced 15c. The Enderby Mills also quote bran at \$16.50 per ton, and shorts at \$17.50 in carload lots delivered at customers' stores in Victoria. Snowflake flour is quoted 10c lower than last week, on account of a reduction in the Oregon markets. Oil-cake meal is quoted from \$5 to \$7.50 less than last week.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says:

"The flour market moved along in a steady quiet way last week; offerings have not been large, but fully equal to the demand. Most standard brands have been well supported at from \$2.45 to \$2.50 per bbl. to jobbers, although we hear of small lots having been closed out for spot cash at 10c per bbl. lower. The inquiry from China is again improving and the last steamer from the Sound took out about 1,500 tons of Oregon and Washington flour."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$4 00
" Strong Bakers.....	3 80

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier.....	\$3 90
XXX.....	3 75
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3 30
Superfine.....	3 05

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta.....	\$4 00
Victoria XXX.....	4 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 4 25 @	0 00
Lion.....	4 25 @	0 00
XXX.....	4 25 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 25 @	0 00
XXX.....	4 10 @	0 00
XX.....	3 65 @	0 00
Superfine.....	3 40 @	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 40 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	4 40 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @	0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....	4 40 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian.....	4 40 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	4 25 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	3 85 @	0 00
Portland Roller.....	3 85 @	0 00
Snowflake.....	3 75 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	25 00 @	30 00
Oats.....	30 00 @	32 50
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @	40 00
Chop feed.....	25 00 @	30 00
Shorts.....	23 50 @	28 00
Bran.....	20 00 @	25 00