

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The usual improvement at the beginning of the month is to be noted, particularly in the grocery and provision trade.

The mild weather during the past month has had no stimulating effect in trade. There is a disposition to delay purchases and goods seem to be bought only where depleted stocks demand it. Jobbers and manufacturers in the east, report only the most conservative kind of buyers in the market. There seems to be an entire lack of speculative feeling. Everybody appears to be feeling their way cautiously.

Already this seasons northern trade has begun to open up, the Danube which sailed on Thursday, having a large freight as well as a considerable passenger list. Numbers of Chinamen have sailed for the canneries, and it will not be long before they are in full preparation for this season's pack.

In the bank statement for January there is shown a shrinkage of \$98,500 in the issue of large Dominion notes in Victoria, and a reduction of \$120,500 compared with January, 1894.

Business in Vancouver is reported to have been very flat for several weeks, but at the present time an improvement is noticeable. There have been several failures at both the Terminal City and Westminster, but these will, it is believed, serve to clear up matters and place them on a better footing. The failures have been those of establishments which the banks and wholesale houses did not consider it good policy to prop up any longer.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Portland Commercial Review says of flour: There has been very little alteration in the general position, prices in the main remaining practically unchanged. There has been little activity although a moderately active jobbing demand was reported. There has been a fair inquiry for shipping to coastwise ports; although exports to Europe have been one cargo. Any tendency to improve the general market has hindered largely by the depression in wheat which has served to make buyers timid. The Signal on her last trip took 600 tons for China. Quotations remain at \$2.30 per barrel for standard brands with 10c to 20c less for inferior grades.

The markets continue unchanged. Hay and mill feed are weaker owing to the ear approach of spring.

Enderby mill brands of xx and super e flour are completely sold out of firms

hands and there is but little in jobbers warehouses.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....\$1 50
" Strong Bakers..... 1 20

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

Premier.....\$1 25
XXX..... 1 10
Strong Bakers or XX..... 3 65
Superfine..... 3 10

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

Delta.....\$3 50
Victoria XXX..... 3 50
Superfine..... 3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....\$ 3 50 @ 0 00
Lion..... 3 50 @ 0 00
Victoria XXX..... 3 50 @ 0 00
Superfine..... 3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills..... 1 50 @ 0 00
XXX..... 4 35 @ 0 00
XX..... 3 20 @ 0 00
Superfine..... 3 65 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian..... 4 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 4 35 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Port Garry Hungarian..... 4 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 4 35 @ 0 00

Regina Hungarian..... 4 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 4 35 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller..... 3 75 @ 3 85
Snowflake..... 3 60 @ 3 75
Gem..... 3 60 @ 0 00
White Lilly..... 3 40 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton, feed..... 25 00 @ 00 00
Oats..... 21 00 @ 23 00
Oil cake meal..... 33 00 @ 15 00
Chop feed—California..... 27 50 @ 00 00
" Washington..... 20 00 @ 23 00
Shorts..... 18 00 @ 23 00
Bran..... 16 00 @ 20 00
National Mills oatmeal..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats (9-lb sks)..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" " " 10 7s, baled..... 3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley..... 4 75 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed..... 20 00 @ 25 00

California oatmeal..... 3 85 @ 0 00
California rolled oats..... 4 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole..... per ton 35 00 @ 20 00
Peas, field..... per ton 40 00 @ 06 00
Cornmeal..... 2 65 @ 2 90
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton 40 00 @
Cracked corn..... 37 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton..... 12 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale..... 1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....\$ 80 00 @ 90 00
" (polished) .. 90 00 @ 100 00
Best China rice..... 80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarice No. 1 " (mats)..... 68 00 @ 00 00
" " (sacks)..... 63 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour..... 70 00
Broken rice..... 30 00
Rice Meal..... 17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The California fruit associations have advanced oranges 25c per box, and talk about a further advance. Local prices are fully covered by the wide range in jobbers quotations.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—California Navals..... 3 00 @ 4 00
" Common..... 2 75 @ 3 00
" Seedlings..... 2 25 @ 3 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's) 3 50 @ 4 00
California selected..... 3 00 @ 3 25
Apples—British Columbia..... 1 40 @ 1 50
Oregon..... 1 25 @ 1 60
Coconuts..... per 100 8 00 @ 9 00
Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins..... per lb 1 1/2 @ 2
Cabbage..... per lb 2 @
Potatoes..... per ton 14 00 @ 20 00

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Granulated sugars, both British Columbia Refinery and China, have been advanced 1/2c since last review and is now quoted at 4 1/2c. Advices from the east state that an abundant harvest of maple sugar and syrup is looked for this spring. Sales of last year's stock of syrup are reported from Montreal at 65c to 70c per can, and several lots of sugar have changed hands at 6c to 6 1/2c per lb. in boxes and cases.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, for lots of one barrel and upwards, delivered into warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by net spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags..... 4 1/2
Extra C..... 4
Fancy Yellow..... 3 1/2
Yellow..... 3 1/2
Golden C..... 3 1/2
Paris lumps in bbls or 100-lb bags..... 5 1/2
Powdered icing and bars, in bbls..... 5 1/2

Above prices are for barrels or bags, 100 lb. keg 1/2c. higher; half bbls. 1/2c and boxes 1/2c.

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms 60 days.

Dry Granulated (China)..... 100-sack 1 25
Extra C, China..... " 00
Standard C..... 3 65
Refined German Beet..... 1 1/2 c @ 4 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)..... 1 1/2
Extra C..... 1 1/2
Fancy Yellow..... 4 1/2
Yellow..... 4
Golden C..... 3 1/2
Cubes..... 6
Powdered..... 6 1/2
Syrups, per lb..... 3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)..... 5 50
" 1 " " (16)..... 5 50
" 1 " " Vancouver..... 5 00
" 1 1/2 " "..... 7 0

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins..... per lb \$ 6 @ \$ 7 1/2
Valencia Layers..... per lb 7 @ 7 1/2
Malaga raisins..... per box 3.00 @ 3.25
California London Layers per box 2.00 @ 2.25
Currants (barrels)..... per lb 5 @
" half bbls..... per lb 0 @ 0
" (cases)..... per lb 5 1/2 @ 0
Sultana raisins..... per lb 8 @ 10
Taragona almonds..... per lb 17 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts..... per lb 16 @ 17
Brazil Nuts..... per lb 16 @
Shelled Almonds..... per lb 32 1/2 @
Smyrna Figs..... per lb 16 @ 0
" 11-oz box each 12 1/2 @
California Figs..... per lb 8
Egyptian Dates..... per lb 8
Filberts..... per lb 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs..... 25 @ 26
Manitoba dairy..... 15 @ 20
" creamery .. in tins 27 @ 28
" " in tubs 26 @ 00