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BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, August 10, 1895.

The market is now supplied with eastern Canada eggs, and Manitoba eggs are about out of the market. Potatoes have dropped to one-half their former price and are in excessive supply. Oats and other grains are coming in from the States at considerably lower prices, and no sales of Manitoba oats are reported.

Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, old 8 to 8c, new 10 to 12c; Manitoba creamery, 17 to 18c; do. off grade 15 to 16c per lb.; Manitoba cheese 8 to 10c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18½c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 10c; smoked sides, 11½c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 11c per pound; in pails and tubs, 10½c; mess pork, \$17; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 8c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4c; black cod, 6c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 7c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 12½c; salmon 7c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon, \$6 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$10 to \$12 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 25c; Eastern 17c per dozen.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$6.00 per box; rhubarb 3c lb; cherries, 75c small box. California plums, \$1.35, apricots \$1.30 to \$1.40, peaches, \$1.10 per box; oranges, Mediterranean sweets, \$2.75; St. Michael's \$3.00 per box; raspberries \$2 crate; apples \$1.75 per box; tomatoes \$1.50; pears \$2.50 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba Patent, per bbl., \$1.90; strong bakers, \$1.70; Oregon, \$1.00.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.15. Cornmeal, per 98-lb, sacks, \$2.15; Manitoba 80-lb sacks, \$2.50.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25; do. oats \$27 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid.

Ground Feed.—Manitoba chop feed, \$28 per ton; chop barley, \$28; United States, chop, \$25.00 ton; ground wheat, \$27.50 ton; ground barley, \$22.00 ton; shorts, \$19.00 ton; bran \$17.00 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, duty paid.

Live Stock.—Calves, 5c; steers, 3 to 5½c lb; cows 2½ to 3c; sheep, \$3 to \$3.25; hogs, 5½ to 6c; lamb, per head, \$2.75 to \$3.50.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6½ to 7c; mutton, 8c; pork, 8½ to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c per lb.

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

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 50 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 25c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 85c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes.

Whalen & Chambers, Shoal Bay have dissolved.

R. Shortreed, general store, Shortreed, has assigned.

A. Heath, furniture, Alberni, is offering to sell out.

Charles Dempster, auctioneer, Nanaimo, has assigned.

John Huston, publisher, Rossland, has sold out to David P. Bogle.

The estate of E. Conway, hotel, Esquimalt, has been sold to F. J. Dawley.

B. and McK. Ingram, livery, Midway, have sold out to McAuley Lundy.

Julius Ehrlich, produce, etc., Nelson, is succeeded by Simpson & Co.

Holt & Airy, builders, Vancouver, have dissolved, Holt continues.

The Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer Society Ltd., Nanaimo, has assigned.

The effects of Wm. McEachren & Co, hotel, Kaslo, are advertised for sale.

E. W. Bickle & Co., general store Wellington, has sold out to Thos. Bickle.

F. W. LeVatte, manufacturer cider, etc., Victoria, is succeeded by LeVatte & Ward.

The Point Ellis Iron Works, Victoria, are burnt out. Loss \$3,500; insurance \$1,500.

The style of the firm of Bain & Co., dry goods, Wellington, has been changed to Bain & McKay.

The effects of the B. C. Pottery and Terra Cotta Co., Ltd., Victoria have been sold by the liquidator.

Cannonica & Seaton, hotel, Vancouver, have dissolved and are succeeded by Cannonica & Roberts.

A bureau of mines is being established for the province. All possible information in reference to the mines and mining operations, with specimens, is being gathered and sent to the government museum at Victoria.

McDonald & Co., wholesale grocers, of Winnipeg, are looking up a location for a branch establishment in Kootenay, says the Revelstoke paper. A. McDonald has made a trip through the district with this object in view.

It is reported that the Kansas City Consolidated Smelting and Refining Company has decided to erect a large smelting plant at Nakusp in West Kootenay. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific railway has done everything possible to secure the establishment of large smelters in British Columbia by offering special facilities in the matter of freights on shipments of bullion.

Carlin & Lake, general merchants, Golden, B. C., have assigned in trust to W. Georgeon, of Winnipeg. It is not likely that the creditors will lose much, if anything, as the assets are heavy. The manner in which this firm have acted in their difficulties, stands out in contrast to the crookedness of some insolvents who have been gathered in during the past year. Both parties placed in the hands of the assignee every dollar or dollars worth they possessed including a wide range of exempt property, which the law allowed them to retain, if they were so inclined. Men of that stamp may meet misfortune, but they will survive it and rise again above it.

Vice-president Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway while in British Columbia recently devoted considerable attention to the mining country and the progress being made there was in evidence all through the Kootenay district. Arrangements have been almost completed for the extension of the Canadian

Pacific Railway system into that country, so that all centres will be served by the railway, and if possible the smelting of ore from Kootenay mines will also be done in Canada.

The full court of British Columbia has dismissed with costs the appeal of the railway company in the celebrated precious metals case, Bainbridge vs. Esquimaux and Nanaimo Railway company. In the action Hon. Justice Drake affirmed the right of the crown to precious metals in the Island Railway belt, which the railway company held to have been granted to them with their deed of land. The full court unanimously sustained the judgment of Drake and the case will now go to the Supreme Court of Canada and thence to the privy council of England.

The annual farmers convention was held at Agassiz on August 1st. Prof. Saunders director of the Dominion experimental farms, and Prof. Fletcher, entomologist of the central farm at Ottawa were present and addressed the farmers. Prof. Saunders said he was highly pleased at what he had seen of the farming lands of British Columbia, that it was one of the best countries in the world for dairying, and he thought before many years the province would make her own butter and have a margin for export. He said that the soil of British Columbia by actual analysis was richer than the soil of the prairie lands of the west, and immeasurably richer than the average soil from Europe. He said that the British Columbia experimental farm was the largest experimental fruit farm in the world, and by its experiments an immense amount of good had been done to the farmers. Prof. Fletcher also made some encouraging remarks. He spoke of the best means to rid plants of pests; the best manures to use, and the best way to cultivate the soil. He said the province was almost entirely free from fruit pests and that he could find no trace of the scale bugs, or the codling moth, and the provincial government were doing a good work in keeping these pests out of the country by a rigid enforcing the law as regards the destruction of affected fruit. The black spot in apples was however prevalent in British Columbia, and the crop was reduced by it fully 10 per cent. He assured them that British Columbia had one of the finest climates in the world with immense possibilities for fruit growing. He said that British Columbia was destined to become a great fruit country. That not many years ago Prof. McCoun was called a lunatic because, when he noticed that certain wild plants grew in the west that grew in countries where wheat was raised in abundance and that therefore the prairie west would become a great wheat country. He, Prof. Fletcher, read the signs here which indicated that British Columbia would become a great fruit country, and would be able some day to fill the Manitoba markets with fruit to the exclusion of California and the east. The deputy minister of agriculture urged the farmers to co-operate in shipping their fruit, and in bringing the fruit grower and consumer nearer together.

The August number of The Northwest Magazine published at St. Paul, Minnesota, is as usual of especial interest to northwestern readers. A very entertaining contribution is written and illustrated by Geo. Cady Johnson and is descriptive of Lake Cushman, Washington. "A Pasco Belle," by Jennie Louise Harris is a western story that possesses unusual literary and dramatic merit. "Minnesota as an Educational Center" by Lucius R. Root, reflects credit upon the entire northwest. Dr. A. Hersey continues his graphic descriptions of Montana mines, towns and countries, Victor Herbert Smalley tells of his "Life as a Cadet," etc., etc. There is the usual amount of interesting miscellany, tales of western life, bits of science, humor and wit.