

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

The spring is opening up nicely, and, although no special features are noted, trade is progressing very favorably. Collections are generally reported slow, and renewals are asked by country dealers on paper held by local wholesale houses as it falls due. The local dry goods and clothing houses have cautioned customers, with whom they carry large accounts, not to order full stocks for the fall trade from eastern travelers. The local wholesale firms say they have finished with helping retail dealers pay their eastern bills as they fall due and have determined to check over-buying and shorten dates on bills in their lines when the dealer's capital is limited, and their stand is favorably received by the retail trade whom it will ultimately benefit. Eastern clothing travelers, now on the coast, state that their orders are considerably less than last year. In the face of all the talk among the eastern clothing houses of shortening dates, the travelers are offering the same dating as last year, that is will deliver goods about August and date from October 1st six months, bringing bills due on April 1th, 1893.

Dun, Wiman & Co. report 20 failures in British Columbia for the first quarter of 1892 with liabilities at \$159,350. The corresponding period of last year shows 5 failures with liabilities of \$31,000. Bradstreet's report 60 failures in Canada during the week ending April 11, and 23 for the previous week. Of the firms failing, 56 had a capital employed of \$5,000 or less, and 1 between \$5,000 and \$20,000 capital.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Feed business was reported busy last week, consisting chiefly of large shipments to the northern canneries and logging camps. Large quantities of hay are being brought in from Washington; the supply having run short on Vancouver Island and on the Fraser River dealers are obliged to import from the Sound. Oil cake meal is firm at quotations. Some poor wheat on the market is quoted a little below regular quotations, \$35.00, which are weak generally in sympathy with prices on the Sound and at Portland, where the stocks are very large. There is quite a drop in Oregon flour since last week. Portland Roller is quoted in carlots at \$5.50. The Portland millers claim they lose 15c a bbl at these quotations. The local jobbers have dropped 3c, and are now quoting at \$5.75. Royal has also declined, and is quoted at \$5.50. The National Mills report a brisk demand for their rolled oats, which are largely taking the place of the hitherto imported article from San Francisco.

The *Commercial Review* says the Portland market is weak and prices have again declined, the reduction amounting to 30c per barrel on standard brands. Quotations are Standard brands, \$1.30 per barrel; lower qualities, \$3.125. The local inquiry for oats continues fair, but the large supply upon the market tends to

keep prices down. Fair to choice stock commands from 38¢ to 40¢ per bushel, the latter probably an extreme quotation on strictly choice.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.50; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$5 50	00	00
Lion, " "	5 50	00	00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 85	00	00
XXX., " "	5 55	00	00
XX, " "	5 25	00	50
Superfine, " "	1 25	00	1 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian	6 00	00	00
" Strong Bakers	5 60	00	00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	6 00	00	00
Benton County, Oregon	6 00	00	00
Snowflake	5 35	00	00
Portland Roller	5 75	00	00
Royal	5 50	00	00
Wheat, per ton	35 00	00	1000
Oats	30 00	00	00
Oil cake meal	35 00	00	00
Chop feed	30 00	00	00
Shorts	28 00	00	30 00
Bran	26 00	00	27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50	00	00
" " rolled oats	3 50	00	00
" " split peas	3 50	00	00
" " pearl barley	1 50	00	00
" " Chop feed	30 00	00	00
California oatmeal	1 35	00	00
California rolled oats	3 90	00	1 00
Cornmeal	2 75	00	3 00
Cracked corn	15 00	00	50 00
Hay, per ton	18 00	00	20 00
Straw, per bale	1 25	00	00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$77 50
China rice "	70 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Chit rice "	25 00
Rice Meal "	17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Walla Walla on Friday, 22nd inst., for Victoria, consisted of 185 cs oranges, 20 cs lemons, 32 cts bananas, 1 cs berries, 36 cs asparagus, 15 cs peas, 20 cts cabbage, 17 sacks potatoes, 1 cs string beans, 1 cs rhubarb; total, 337 cs. For Vancouver—103 cs oranges, 7 cs lemons, 23 cts bananas, 5 cs rhubarb, 3 cs peas, 13 sacks potatoes, 20 cts cabbage, 5 cs celery, 3 cs beans, 1 cs cucumbers, 1 cs horse radish; total, 193 cs. Grand total, 530 cs. The receipts by the previous steamer were 550 cs. Apples are rather scarce, and those on the market are of inferior quality. The consignments of oranges coming forward are of better quality than the previous arrivals. There are no changes advised in prices. A shipment of about 20 tons of White Star potatoes arrived last week from the Sound and are reported to have found a ready sale at \$18.50 per ton. They will be followed by another shipment. The general quotation for Washington potatoes is however, \$15 per ton. Some Fraser River potatoes are quoted very low down to \$12, but are of very inferior quality. Good potatoes held by farmers on the Fraser River are quoted too high to compete with importations from Washington. Quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$3.75; navels, \$1.50 to \$5.50; Los Angeles, \$2.75; California lemons, \$1 to \$1.75; bananas, \$3.50 to \$1.50; cabbage, 2¢

per lb.; asparagus, \$2.75 per box; Oregon yellow danver, 1¢; apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$15 to \$18 per ton; rhubarb, 5c.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The arrivals of California butter by steamship Walla Walla on the 22nd inst. for Victoria consisted of 55 cases, and for Vancouver 131 tubs, 10 kits, 32 cases, and 25 half cases.

Quotations are: California fancy roll 25c per lb.; Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 29½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairy, 18c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c. Cheese is quoted at 14c.

In San Francisco, the *Commercial News* says, heavy consignments are arriving daily, and in the anxiety of dealers to prevent stocks from accumulating, prices are often shaded below quotations, and the market cannot fail to be in the interest of buyers until packing commences in earnest.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4½c.

Meats and lard are unchanged.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½¢ 11½¢; lard tins, 12½¢ 13½¢.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom cat-up, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

SALMON.

There has been three arrivals of cargoes at Liverpool during the month—the Lebu with 30,000 cases, the Rothesay Bay with 32,690 cases and the Wanlock with 29,916 cases. A large amount of stores for canneries arrived by the Lizzie Bell from Liverpool on April 24. The last advices from London state that the market is unsettled, owing to the reports circulated by interested parties that the Alaska packers' combination had dissolved, which tended to bear the market for the time being until the false nature of the report could be exposed and verified.

LUMBER.

During the week the Craigend sailed for Iquique and Callao, and the Mistletoe for Wilmington, Del. The Riverside is loaded and ready to sail for Sydney. The Thermopylae has gone to Vancouver to load for Japanese ports, and the Burmah arrived at Moodyville 21st to load for Valparaiso. The Crown of Denmark arrived in Royal Roads April 23, and will load for Melbourne at the Hastings Mills. The Ema Luise, reported on the way, has arrived at Port Townsend and will load on the Sound. The foreign markets continue dull, and advices received are not very favorable. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.