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**BRITISH COLUMBIA.****Victoria Review.**

March 12, 1894.

The situation has been somewhat acute here, owing to the failure of the private banking firm referred to last week. On of the immediate results of the failure has been the assignment of Henry Saunders, one of the oldest and largest grocers in the province. The latter's assignment is largely due to investments outside of his own business, which was in itself a paying and prosperous one. Business is very quiet and credits restricted. The fresh meat and poultry business has been very much disturbed by eastern importations, a big reduction in prices and large stocks in hand being the result. Mutton from the Maritime Provinces has been selling freely. There is very little change in other lines, and so far as the outlook is concerned no change is anticipated until some more money is put into circulation by the large public works about to go ahead on the advent of spring.

**Vancouver Business Review.**

March 12, 1894.

Business continues very quiet. The failure of Green, Worlock & Co.'s bank at Victoria has been indirectly felt by several firms in Vancouver through loss of confidence. The principal topic of conversation in business circles this week was that the failure of a very extensive real estate and insurance firm was imminent. The affair was kept as quiet as possible by the principals, and it is thought by those not in the confidence of the firm that a compromise of a private nature has been arrived at, preventing the necessity of closing the office doors.

David Douglas, saddler and harness maker, New Westminster, assigned to a creditor and proceeded to get married. Three hours before the time fixed for the ceremony he was arrested on a capias, it being alleged that he intended leaving the country for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. The marriage ceremony was proceeded with. At this writing Douglas is in jail.

A. O. Leask, customs broker and commission agent, has absconded, defeating a large number of creditors in various amounts, aggregating about \$15,000.

With the exception of one or two smaller concerns. The factories are closed down.

The lumber trade is at a standstill. The coal fleet is small. Very extensive preparations are being made for hydraulic mining

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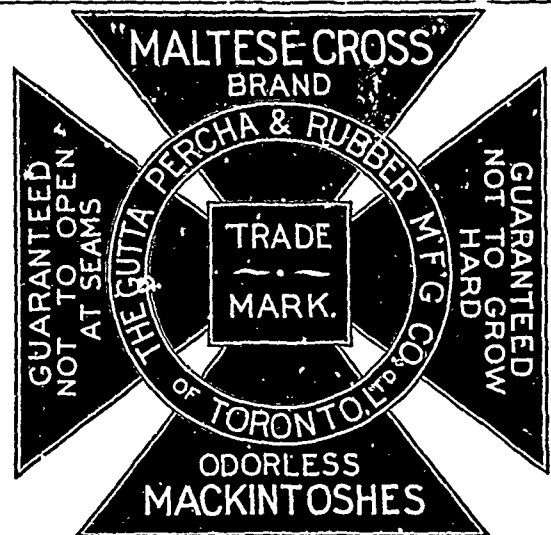
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along the Fraser this summer, which has caused visionary men to prophesy the return of the boom days of 1858 and '59. The local Legislature is to dispose of 3,000 acres of reserve lands in small 10 acre holdings, on easy payment, extending over a period of ten years with certain restrictions as to cultivation. The land would be rapidly taken up by bona fide farmers, and it would tend to check the large importation of provisions into British Columbia, and the consequent heavy financial drain on the province, estimated at over \$2,000,000 annually. Large tracts of excellent farming lands are at present held by speculators.

**B. C. Market Quotations.**

Fish are still very scarce. Manitoba white fish are out of the market. Potatoes are plentiful. Abundance of fresh and case eggs on hand. Another large consignment of butter has arrived from the government experimental farm. It is of excellent quality. Very limited supply of fruit. A local wholesale dealer recently returned from California says:—"Though the California orange crop is plentiful, a very large number of oranges have been frozen. Out of five car loads of fruit put up at auction only one car load was sound." California apples are coming in again. Japanese oranges are not quoted.

A recent editorial in the Edmonton Bulletin, questioning the accuracy of the Vancouver grain quotations, has caused considerable comment among the flour, feed and grain jobbers. They claim The Commercial has been giving correct selling prices from week to week. They explain that it is not necessary or business like to disclose to whom it may concern the necessary working margin between the selling and buying prices, which includes freight, expenses of handling, interest on money invested, risk of bad debts incurred by selling in small lots to numerous customers, and last but not least the living profit; and it has been demonstrated that some retail store keepers who are conversant with the jobbers' buying price are not always consistent in their demands. This has been the reason wholesale firms have thought it wiser to quote their wholesale selling prices, but on behalf of the farmers the grain men have been prevailed upon this week to try the experiment of quoting about what they were willing to give for flour, feed and grain first handed subject to rapid fluctuations. As the criticism on grain quotations, oats specified, came from Edmonton the statement of a grain buyer of Vancouver will not be out of place:—

"Freight on oats from Edmonton has been reduced 15 cents per 100, making the present rate 35 cents per 100. Edmonton shippers have advanced the selling price of oats 5 cents a bushel, ringing the cost of this grain back to its original price, before the reduction of

freight rates, laid down on track in Vancouver." This move on the part of the Edmonton shippers practically barred out their oats from the Pacific markets. As Washington oats can be bought for \$26 to \$27 and the lowest price Edmonton oats were sold for in Vancouver this season was \$28 to \$29.

**FISH**—Prices are—salmon 10c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 5c; cod, 6c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 8c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered herring, 12½c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes, \$22 per ton; onions, 3 to 4c; cabbage, 1½ to 2c; carrots, turnips and beets, 1½ to 1½c; California onions, \$3.50.

**EGGS**—Eastern case eggs, 14c; fresh, 20 to 25c; Japanese, 25c.

**PACIFIC HOPS**—Ordinary command 20c in New York, and five pounds in London. Choice hops, 22 to 22½ in New York, and five pounds twelve shillings in London, which is the highest price recorded.

**FRUITS**—Lemons, California \$3.50 to 4 00; oranges, navals, \$2.75 to \$3; seedlings, \$1.75 to 2.00; California apples, \$2.25.

**POULTRY**—Geese, 14c; turkeys, 16c; chickens, 15c; duck, 14c, all scarce.

Selling prices for flour and feed are the same as last week. For the convenience of shippers, however, jobbing houses now quote the buying prices. To these must be added freight, etc.

**FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.**—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patent, per bbl., \$4.00; strong bakers, \$3.80. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Eaderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$3.90; XXX, \$3.75; strong bakers, or XX, \$3.40; superfine, \$3.10. Flour, Manitoba patents, \$4.00, ladies choice, \$4.00; prairie lily, \$3.80; Oregon, \$2.75. Rolled oats—National mills \$2.60 per sack; Westminster Mills, \$2.60; cornmeal \$2.25; chopped feed, \$23 per ton; bran, \$18; shorts \$20; Manitoba oats, \$29; wheat \$25; oil cake, \$52; hay, \$10. Feed wheat, \$23 to 25 per ton; American oats \$29; chop barley, \$21. California chop, \$16. Oak Lake patent Hungarian \$3.80; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$3 75; barley chop, \$23. Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, \$2.60 (90-lb sacks); 22½ lb sacks, \$2.90; 10 10 baled, \$3; 50 lb sacks, \$2.90; rolled oats, 10-7 lb gunnies, baled, \$2 30. B. C. oats, \$24.50.

**DRESSED MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.**—Live steers are 4c; beef, 8c; sheep, 4 to 4½c; mutton, 9½ to 10c; hogs, 6 to 7c; pork, 8 to 10c.

**SUGARS**—Unchanged and steady. Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellow, 4½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4c.

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