

ton, 12c; hogs 8c; pork, 11c; calves, 7c; veal, 11c. Local supply of fresh meats better than ever before.

**VEGETABLES**—The tendency in vegetables is to decrease from this out. They are cheap and plentiful. Potatoes continue at \$16; onions at 1½ per lb.

**LUMBER**—Quotations for Douglas fir lumber in 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; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$10; dressed T. and G. flooring, \$17; pickets, rough, \$9; lath, 4 feet, \$2. Local prices quoted are: Rough merchantable lumber, per M, \$12; double dressed and edged, \$22.50; single, do, \$20; No. 1 tongued and grooved flooring, 1 x 4, \$22.50; Rough deck plank, \$14; laths, per M, \$2.25; shingles, common, per M, \$2.25. The export demand seems to be improving, and a large number of vessels have been chartered to load lumber, notwithstanding that prices are depressed. Quotations as above are to some extent nominal, as special rates can be made on contract. There is a great deal of competition and close figuring.

**EGGS**—Eastern eggs are worth 15c. The price is stiffening and they may be looked to advance shortly.

**DAIRY**—There has been no change in the price of creamery and dairy. Stocks remain large and the demand slow. Eastern creamery is 20c in 20 lb and 25 lb tubs and 25c in 50 lb tubs. Manitoba and Northwest dairy 18c; cooking butter 14c; cheese 12½c.

#### Brief Business Notes.

Geo. Butchart, farmer, Port Moody, has assigned.

Hurd, merchant tailor, has reopened in Westminster.

Mrs. Mary Ann Trotheway, merchant, Mission, assigned.

W. Molherson has retired from the Lulu Island Packing Co.

John Craig, fruits, etc., Nanaimo has sold out to J. Nicholson.

Kinnard & Wilson are a new firm of merchant tailors in Victoria.

J. W. Harvey, dry goods, etc., Westminster, advises retiring from business.

An offer of \$100,000 has been made for the Waverly hydraulic mine, Barkerville.

The Wilson House, Nanaimo, has been opened under the management of Joseph Richards.

The contract for the Electric Tramway and Lighting Co's buildings, Victoria, has been let.

Port & Winch, Westminster, shipped a car load of halibut and salmon to New York last week.

The Victoria Brewing and Ice Co. will place its first brew of lager beer on the market this week.

The Michigan Lumber Co. has sold the stock of lumber in their Victoria yard to Wm. Lang, contractor.

Innes & Richards, Vancouver, have added the Atlas Fire Assurance to the list of their fire companies.

W. H. Perry, galvanized iron worker, Victoria, contemplates closing out and opening in stoves and tinware.

Another attempt will be made by Capt. Whitelaw to raise the hull of the wrecked steamer San Pedro.

Canning, Walker & Co., fruiterers and florists, Vancouver, have taken over the business of John Canning.

Rolfe & Goepel will erect a saw mill at Frederickton, West Kootenay District. The machinery is on the way.

The B. C. Exhibit Association has decided to hand over its exhibits to the C.P.R. this year for exhibition at Toronto.

Findlay & Desbrisay are opening a soap factory at Warren's Wharf, James Bay, and machinery is now being put in.

Joseph McPhoe, general merchant, Comox, has admitted Mr. Moore into partnership, under the firm style of McPhoe & Moore.

The contract for the new power horse of the National Electric Tramway Co. has been given to J. W. Carter at \$16,300.

H. A. Eastman, of the late firm of E. H. Port & Co., Westminster, has taken over the real estate business of the late partnership.

The Fraser Valley and Burrard Inlet bonus by law will be voted on September 24 in Vancouver. It is proposed to give \$300,000 bonus.

G. A. Fraser has retired from the firm of G. A. Fraser & Co., ship chandlers, Vancouver. The business will be carried on under the same style by Alfred and C. S. McKinnell.

The American schooner Alice Cook, 732 tons, has been chartered to load lumber at the Hastings Mill for Sydney. She has been chartered by Williams, Brown & Co. of San Francisco.

Agricultural exhibitions: Chilliwack, Sept. 14, 15 and 16; Surrey, Sept. 15 and 16; New Westminster, Sept. 20, 21, 22 and 23; Victoria, Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1; Kamloops, Oct. 5, 6 and 7.

The Empress of Japan arrived last week with the largest cargo of freight yet brought from China and Japan, consisting principally of rice, silk and sugar. On the way over a fire occurred on board which damaged the cargo to about the extent of \$5,000.

Major Vaughan has made a preliminary survey for railway purposes of the land between Kamloops and his mine, which is located two and a half miles south. The work of drifting in the mine still goes on energetically, and every day shows a thickening of the seam and an improvement of the coal which hardens as it gets deeper.

The *Official Gazette* announces that a certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Davies-Sayward Mill and Land Company. The company will carry on a general mining and lumber business, transport freight and passengers, handle real estate, build, prospect, etc. The capital stock is fixed at \$300,000 in 3,000 shares. West Kootenay is fixed as the principal place of business, with the head office at Victoria. The incorporators are F. Crowe Baker, G. A. McTavish, James Fredoric Fell and James Hutchison.

There is a large fleet, numbering seventy-four vessels of all nations, headed for Puget Sound and British Columbia ports to load cargoes of wheat, salmon, flour, lumber and coal for foreign and coastwise ports. Their combined tonnage is 81,094. Of the whole number, eleven, with a tonnage of 14,548, are bound for Seattle; eleven, with a tonnage of 13,746, for Tacoma; thirteen, with a tonnage 13,811, for Vancouver; eight, with a tonnage of 7,792, for Victoria; five, with a tonnage of 6,608, for Nanaimo; three, with a tonnage on 4,134, for Port Blakely; five, with a tonnage of 3,578, for Port Gamble; and the other twenty-one, with a tonnage of 19,378 are going to Port Townsend for orders and seeking charters.

#### Montreal Market.

**Flour**—One of the features in the trade is the desperate efforts American millers are making to capture the Newfoundland trade, sales of St. Louis straight rollers being reported at \$3.95 c.i.f. St. John's, and we hear that the same grade has since been offered at \$3.90. This is cutting with a vengeance. A fair business has been done in straight rollers on local and Quebec account, with sales reported for delivery in the city at \$4 to \$4.10. Extras have been placed for the city trade at \$3.25 to \$3.40. Strong bakers in round lots have been sold at \$4.30 for choice city brands, while choice Manitoba ground bakers have been disposed at \$4.20, other less desirable grades ranging from \$3.80 to \$4.15.

**Oatmeal**—The market is quiet but steady, with last sales of round lots of rolled oats and granulated at \$3.95 on track. We quote jobbing prices here as follows: Rolled and granulated at \$1.05 to \$1.10; standard, \$3.95 to \$4. In bags, granulated \$2 to \$2.05, and standard at \$1.90 to \$1.95.

**Mill Feed**—The market for bran is firm under limited supplies, and sales of car lots are reported at \$13.50 with sales in the west at \$12. Shorts are steady at \$14 to \$15, and moultie at \$16 to \$22 as to grade.

**Wheat**—No. 2 Manitoba hard is quoted at 85 to 87c, which is all it is worth for export; but holders ask 89 to 90c as supplies of that grade are scarce. No. 3 hard is quoted at 73 to 74c. No. 1 regular is quoted at 61 to 66c. The sale of a cargo of No. 1 regular is reported at 75½c delivered at Hamburg. In Ontario wheat, a lot of No. 2 spring was offered on this market, but the best bid was 81c. No. 2 red winter is quoted at 83 to 85c.

**Oats** The market remains about as last quoted, sales having transpired of round lots of No. 2 white at 36½c to 37c per 34 lbs afloat. The sale is reported of 7 cars west of Toronto at 30c. A good crop is being harvested in this province, and holders are inclined to offer more freely. The sale of a lot of No. 2 white is reported at 35½c in store.

**Butter**—The market remains firm but quiet, the anxiety to buy on the part of shippers at late high price having apparently subsided, the last sale reported to us being a lot of 200 kgs of fancy late made creamery at 22c, and we quote 20c to 22c. A buyer who has just returned from the Eastern Townships says that there is very little to be picked up there, owing to the fact that farmers are holding for higher figures, and not because of an absence of supplies. Sales of good to choice Eastern Townships have taken place at 18 to 19c, a lot of 50 pkgs of fancy selected being reported at 19½c. Western is quiet, and may be quoted at 16 to 16½. The bulk of the purchases of late have been made for English account. There is an abundant supply of butter in cold storage in this city; and until the bulk of it is disposed of, local dealers will act with great caution.

**Cheese**—The market has manifested an easier tone, and in order to sell on this market lower prices would have to be accepted, although on the other hand in order to buy, close upon last week's figures would have to be paid. The French cheese arriving by boat on Monday last brought from 9½ to 9¾, with a fraction more supposed to be paid for some. Factorymen having disposed of their Julys are not disposed to accept less for their Augusts, which should be a better class of cheese; consequently, there is a stand off between buyers and sellers, neither side having any decided advantage at the moment. Finest Western cheese going out by this week's steamers cost 9¾, and some a fraction more, and underpriced have cost 9c to 9½c.

**Eggs**—Finest have sold at 12 to 12½c; held stock 11 to 11½c. Prices lower in England.

**Wool**—There have been some sales of wools during the week at our quotations, but manufacturers are not buying very freely, although their stocks of raw material are only light. Some of the larger men have picked up bargains in lots that have been sent in from the States to be slaughtered. Factories are all very busy, and likely to remain, so they will have to purchase shortly. A cargo is now on the way from the Cape with some 2,000 bales on board. Quotations are unchanged. We quote: Greasy Cape 15 to 17c; B.A. scoured 33 to 38c; Northwest 15 to 16c.

**Hides**—The market continues about the same, prices being largely nominal, though the competition is a little less severe. Receipts of both hides and skins are somewhat light. We quote: No. 1 4½ to 5c; No. 2 3½ to 4c; No. 3 2½ to 3c; tanners are paying 1c more; lambskins 50 to 55c; clips 30c; calfskins 5c.