

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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## VICTORIA.

The principal topic of conversation among business men is the proposed Canada Western Railway, and the general expression is that all hope that the negotiations now being carried on will result in the ultimate building of that enterprise which must result in benefitting Vancouver Island and the port of Victoria in particular.

In the dry goods and clothing trade, business for the first part of the month was quiet, which is accounted for by the disagreeable weather that prevailed at that time. Trade, for the past week, has been picking up nicely and the coming week promises well. The local tradesmen are very conservative in their orders and can be said to be buying from hand to mouth. Orders from travellers now at interior points are fairly satisfactory. Collections, however, show no improvement. It is expected that the general volume of trade for the first half year will not be quite equal to the corresponding period of last year. The demand is more for staples and fancy lines are not sought for very much by retail dealers.

Large consignments of dry furs are being received from interior and northern points by wholesale merchants who offer them for sale by tender to the highest bidder. A large shipment of land furs, valued at about \$25,000, was shipped to London, Eng., last week, by a buyer on this market.

The late advances in the salmon market in England together with the large sales of this season's pack already made, is a most encouraging feature of that important industry.

Hong Kong exchange is quoted at 71½c for the Mexican dollar.

## FLOUR AND FEED.

The Brackman & Ker Milling Co. have received the first consignment of new season's hay from the Fraser River. This shipment consists of 100 bales new Timothy hay. It is said to be of excellent quality and is quoted at \$18 to \$20 per ton. The crop prospects, in all parts of the province, are reported as generally favorable. The recent fine weather is all that can be desired. Oats and other grain are said to be looking exceptionally well both on the Island and Mainland, notwithstanding the rain and cold weather in April and May. It is generally expected there will be an abundant yield this year. There are no changes to note in the prices of flour, feed and mill products.

The *Commercial Review* says: "The Portland flour market is well supplied with standard brands, which remain steady at former quotations. Rail receipts from the valley are small but ample to meet the inquiry. Quotations: Standards, \$4.10 per bbl; lower qualities, \$3 to \$3.75. Receipts of oats at this port for the week show an increase compared with earlier deliveries, a very large proportion of which is for the San Francisco market. The market, however, is in a good condition, the demand for local consumption as well as for export being quite active. Prices

have undergone no alteration, being quoted at 45c to 47c per bush. Receipts of mill stuffs are fair and the demand is met by free offerings at old prices, viz: \$19; shorts, \$21 to \$22 per ton.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.40; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 75 @ 0 00
XXX., " ".....	5 55 @ 0 00
XX., " ".....	5 25 @ 0 00
Superfine, " ".....	4 25 @ 4 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 50 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 35 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	35 00 @ 40 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	25 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	30 0 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 85 @ 4 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$7 50
China rice ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipt of fruit and vegetables from San Francisco by the steamship Umatilla, June 20, for Victoria, consisted of 42 cs oranges, 290 cs apricots, 168 cs peaches, 28 cs bananas, 10 bxs pears, 539 bxs and drs cherries, 75 bxs plums, 169 bxs apples, 52 bxs tomatoes, 144 sks potatoes, 27 sks onions, 5 cts cabbage, 13 bxs cucumbers, 1 cs peppers; total, 1,563 packages. For Vancouver—98 bxs apricots, 132 bxs peaches, 92 bxs apples, 302 bxs and drs cherries, 74 bxs plums, 17 cts bananas, 21 bxs tomatoes, 261 sks potatoes, 20 sks carrots, 55 sks onions, 24 cts cabbage, 1 sk coconuts, 1 cs pineapples, 3 cts cauliflower, 2 cs cucumbers, 2 cs asparagus; total, 1,105 packages. Grand total, 2,668 packages. Old potatoes are said to be a drug on the market. New potatoes have almost entirely taken their place, the supplies of which are being largely drawn from local growers, as well as imported from California. A few old potatoes are still in the hands of farmers on the Fraser River, who refused good prices a month ago when for a time there was quite a scarcity. Island vegetables are now arriving freely and checking the imports from San Francisco. Fruit generally is in good demand and imports are increasing. The receipts of oranges have considerably fallen off, but their place is more than filled up by the other large fruits arriving. The receipts by the last two steamers have been mostly Tahiti oranges. Peaches and apricots are both arriving in good condi-

tion, and find a ready sale. The cherries by last steamer were not in the best condition. California onions have dropped ½c per lb., and California silverskins are quoted ½c. per lb. Apples have dropped 2½c a box. Apricots have been reduced 20c and peaches 50c. Cherries have advanced from 10c to 25c a box. Quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$4; navels, \$5 to \$6; Mediterranean sweets, \$4 to \$4.25; California Highland oranges, \$4 to \$4.25; California lemons, \$5.50; Sicily lemons, \$5 to \$5.50; bananas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; cabbage, 2c per lb.; potatoes, \$17 to \$18 per ton; new potatoes, 1½c per lb.; strawberries, 10c per lb. box; cherries—white, \$1.25 to \$1.30 per box; black, \$1.25 per box; red California onions, 1½c per lb.; California silverskins, 1½c; pineapples, \$5 a doz.; coconuts, 90c a doz.; apricots, \$1.10 to \$1.35; plums, \$1.25; do. large boxes, \$1.75 to \$1.90; peaches, \$1.25; pears, \$1.25; green apples, \$2; do. large boxes, \$2.25; tomatoes, \$2.25.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The receipts of butter from San Francisco by ss. Umatilla, June 20, consisted of 11 cases, 10 kits and 15 half barrels for Victoria, and 2 cases for Vancouver. The receipts from California are necessarily falling off in the face of large arrivals from Manitoba and Eastern points. Local prices remain unchanged. Quotations are: California fancy roll, extra choice, 26c per lb; California, in kits and tubs, 27c; Manitoba creamery, 26½c; Manitoba dairy, 21c to 22c; Canadian eggs, 14c; new California cheese, 16c; eggs, 18 to 20c.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "Receipts during the past week were 3,404 pkgs, against 3,160 pkgs for the week previous. A few sales of creamery in 30 to 50 tub lots have been made at 18c to 18½c, but some holders are asking the latter figure at the factory for June make."

Meats continue stiff with no change in prices. The best quality of Canadian meats are quoted by local jobbers: Hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 15½c; long roll, 13½c; short roll, 13c; backs, 14½c; pure lard, 50 lbs, 13½c and 20 lbs, 13½c. The prices of ordinary Canadian meats 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@11½c; lard tins, 12½@13½c.

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

Toronto *Empire*: "Valencia raisins are now held in New York at 2½c in bond—1½c up from the lowest point. There are only 8,000 boxes there for shipment."

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

## SALMON.

It is believed that the greater portion of this season's pack has been sold at from 21s to 22s 6d, and a small quantity as high as 23s. The market is now quieter but very firm, and packers are not anxious to make any further engagements for the present. The canners have also advanced local prices, and Fraser River salmon is now