TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The past week has developed no special features in general business.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter from San Francisco, by ss. Umatilla, March 6, for Victoria: 5 cs, 515 lbs; 22 half cs 1,250 lbs; Total 1,795 lbs. Receipts Feb., 27, 2,175 lbs; Feb., 20, 2,705 lbs. The Refinery prices for sugar continues the same as for some time past. The sugar situation is a peculiar one. The price of raw sugars advanced recently, sufficient to cause an advance of ¼c in refinery quotations, but it appears that the refinery does not intend to advance their selling price, owing to the presence of a consignment of China refined in this city, which is offered to the trade at 5½c—¼c per lb less ohan the jobbers offer Vancouver Refinery sugar. As soon as the China sugar is off the market the refinery will no doubt advance their list prices in sympathy with the present price of raws in the eastern market.

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows. Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., $1.30; do. 2's per doz., $2.10; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. $3.35; do. 2's, $5.90. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at $3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid as follows: Medium hams, 17½c per lb; heavy hams, 17c; choice breakfast bacon, 18c; short clear sides, 14½c, and dry salt clear sides, 14c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 19¾c per lb.

Armour's Gold Band meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 19c, breakfast bacon, 19½c.

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. L'td., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6¾c; Paris lumps, 6½c; granulated 5½c; extra C. 5c; fancy yellow, 4⅞c; yellow 4¾c; golden C., 4⅝c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, ¼c; more, boxes ½c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bls. 2½c; ditto. in 10 gal. kegs. 3c; ditto. in 5 gal. kegs, $2.25 each; ditto, in 1 gal. tins, $1.50 per case of 10; ditto in ½ gal. tins, $6 per case of 20. Prices cover delivery in Vancouver, and at Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to a discount of 2½ per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

California evaporated fruits are quoted as follows:—Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 14c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13½c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 20c; prunes, 25 lb. boxes, 14c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14½c to 14½c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 17c. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb boxes, 8½ to ½c.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 1,806 pkgs., against 601 pkgs., for the week previous. A very steady demand exists for both creamery and dairy grades, the latter getting into very small compass, and from present appearances there will be no great surplus left over at the close of the season. Sales have been made during the past week of creamery in round lots at 22¾c to 23c for the Toronto market, and Newfoundland buyers have taken several lots of Western at 20c. A good jobbing business is being done at within range of our quotations, which are as follows: Creamery choice late made, 22c to 23c; Creamery good to fine, 21c to 22c. About 1c to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. The demand for rolls continues good, Western having sold all the way from 19c to 21c, and Morrisburg at 20½c to 22c. A lot of 5 tubs of very fine Western was sold at 20½c. The cheese market remains firm—that is, what there is left of it; and, as we stated last week, the season is about over, there being no stock here of any consequence for sale. Last sales were made at 11¾c for choice white, and colored is quoted at 11⅝c to 11½c. It will not be long before some of the Western factories will have their fodder goods on the market, especially as prices are likely to invite an early make. There will undoubtedly be a heavy make during the coming summer and fall, as farmers have had everything to encourage them during the past season to increase their production."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27½	@ 23
Manitoba Dairy choice	18	@ 22
California rolls, extra choice	28	@ 00
" squares,	29	@ 00
Cheese—Canadian, lb	12	@ 11½
California	16	@ 00
Eggs, pickled, per doz	25	@ 00
case "	25	@ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15	@ 18
Breakfast bacon	17	@ 18
Short rolls	14	@ 15
Long rolls	15	@ 16
Dry Salt, long clear	13	@ 14
Pure Lard, 50lbs	16	@ 17
" " 20lbs	17	@ 17½
Lard Compound	15½	@ 16

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ¼c higher:

Dry Granulated	5¾
Extra C	5½
Fancy Yellow	5¼
Yellow	5
Golden C	4½
Syrups, per lb	3
" 1 gal. tins, American	6 50
" " "	6 00
" 1 " Vancouver	5 50
" 1½ " "	7 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

Stocks are ample and prices generally continue steady. Oilcake meal is reported as having advanced considerably in San Francisco, and is quoted at $12 a ton there, while local firms continue to quote at $40 in Victoria.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says of flour: "In spite of some difficulty in securing milling wheat within the range of current values, the manufactured article is weak and cheaper to sell. Outside of local requirements, British Columbia and China constitute the principal outlet for surplus stock and as the movement in the direction of these countries is comparatively light, the competition to place stock has resulted in a 10c decline all round. Local stocks are somewhat in excess of the wants of this community, and while San Francisco is taking fair quantities and moderate shipments are going north and to China the curtailment of exports by sail to Europe is seriously felt, cutting off an important revenue for our surplus stock. The mills throughout Oregon and Washington are not being worked to their capacity, partly owing to the lack of profitable markets and also to relative dearness of wheat. Yet even working as closely as possible as to the output, the endeavor to keep mills from shutting down brings more stock here than can be disposed of profitably. Portland and Salem roller brands have been reduced to $3.30 per bbl., while other interior standards are held at $3.40 to $3.50 nominally, but actual business appears to be done on or about equal prices. Dayton and Cascadia are quoted at $3.40, Graham at $3, and Albina Superfine at $2.50. Rail receipts for past week were 1,000 bbls. of Valley flour and 3,960 bbls. from east of the mountains. Over 2,500 hundred bbls. went to San Francisco by steamer, mostly Walla Walla stock."

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl	$4 95
" Strong Bakers	4 45

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster:

Premier	$4 95
XXX	4 75
Strong Bakers or XX	4 50
Superfine	3 75

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	$4 75	@ 0 00
Lion, " "	4 75	@ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 25	@ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 00	@ 0 00
XX., " "	4.75	@ 0 00
Superfine, " "	4 00	@ 4 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian	5 25	@ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 00	@ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	5 25	@ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers	5 00	@ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	5 25	@ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 00	@ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	5 25	@ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 00	@ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	4 85	@ 0 00
Portland Roller	4 90	@ 5 00
Snowflake	4 90	@ 0 00
Royal	4 75	@ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	28 00	@ 35 00
Oats	25 00	@ 30 00
Oil cake meal	40 00	@ 45 00
Chop feed	28 00	@ 30 00
Shorts	26 00	@ 28 00
Bran	23 50	@ 25 00
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	26 00	@ 28 00
California oatmeal	4 25	@ 0 00
California rolled oats	3 75	@ 5 00
Corn, whole per ton	37 50	@ 40 00
Cornmeal	2 75	@ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed per ton	40 00	@ 00 00
Cracked corn	40 00	@ 00 00
Hay, per ton	18 00	@ 20 00
Straw, per bale	1 00	@ 0 00

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San