

## TRADE AND COMMERCE

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## VICTORIA.

There is the usual demand from dealers sorting up stocks at the first of the month, but beyond that dullness seems to prevail in both financial and commercial circles. It has been a very long time since there were so few changes in market quotations. Two leading staples, flour and lard, have declined, while sugar shows an advance of ½c.

The damage done by the floods in the Fraser River valley cannot be approximated. There are a large number of general merchants in the flooded districts with whom a good trade has been carried on, but as nearly all regular means of communication have been interfered with there has been next to nothing doing with them since the inundation. The losses to farmers and general merchants in the flooded districts will necessarily cause considerable loss to the wholesale trade.

Money is reported tight by the general trade and remittances are disappointing.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "In all lines of both wholesale and retail trade, a general quietude is reported. In fact many declare that last month collections were worse than for some time past. The devastating floods on the Fraser, and the consequent blockage of traffic on the C. P. R., have greatly affected trade, as all communication with the East and the interior of the Province is at a standstill. Supplies in some lines are also getting rather scarce, and some little inconvenience will probably be experienced. In the lumber trade alone is activity to be noticed, and here the two large mills are running full time, while the Hastings mill will next week run day and night. There are at the present time no less than 10 vessels in this port loading lumber, a larger fleet than has been here before. In wholesale as already mentioned, business is quiet, and no trade can of course be done with the interior."

## FLOUR AND FEED.

After the dullness in these lines for the past few weeks a decline of 10c per barrel is announced in Manitoba flours. Jobbers are reducing prices in sympathy. The floods in the Fraser Valley will, it is expected, cause a shortage in the hay and fruit crop this season, and high prices will probably rule this fall.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "There has been no particular change in the flour market during the current week. Prices have remained steady, at \$2.55 per bbl. for standard brands, and no special change is looked for; receipts have been up to the average."

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian	\$1 00
" Strong Bakers	3 50
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote	
Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria	
Premier	\$3 30
XXX	3 75
Strong Bakers or XX	3 30
Superfine	3 05

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta	\$1 00
Victoria XXX	1 00
Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:	
Delta, Victoria mills	\$1 25 @ 0 00
Lion	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX	1 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	1 25 @ 0 00
XXX	1 10 @ 0 00
XX	3 65 @ 0 00
Superfine	3 40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	1 10 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	1 25 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	3 85 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	3 85 @ 0 00
Snowflake	3 85 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	27 50 @ 30 00
Oats	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts	25 00 @ 30 00
Brans	23 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
" rolled oats	3 00 @ 0 00
" split peas	3 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley	4 50 @ 0 00
" Chop feed	25 00 @ 27 50
California oatmeal	3 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	3 75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole	per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Peas, field	per ton 50 01 @ 60 00
Corameal	2 75 @ 3 00
Corameal-feed	per ton 40 00 @ 0 00
Cracked corn	40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton	15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @ 0 00

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:	
Japan rice, per ton	\$75 00 @ 80 00
Best China rice	80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarice No. 1	68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

California creamery is quoted 1c lower than last week. The Montreal market is reported easy—latest advices announce sales of creamery at 18c in the country and at 18½c and 18¾c at Montreal. The market showed a decline of about 1c during the week. In Montreal, cheese is quoted, by late mail advices, at 9½c to 10c, and characterized by fairly brisk buying for English export trade. California cheese is easier. Pure lard and lard compound are quoted lower this week. The British Columbia Sugar Refinery have advanced their list prices ½c per lb., since last report. Jobbers are quoting in sympathy.

## Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins	per lb \$ 7 @ \$ 0
Malaga raisins	per box 3 00 @ 3 25
Currents (barrels)	per lb 5 @ 51
" half bbls	per lb 5 @ 6
" (cases)	per lb 51 @ 73
Sultana raisins	per lb 8 @ 10
Taragona almonds	per lb 14 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts	per lb 14 @ 18
Filberts	per lb 11½ @ 14

## Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	
Manitoba dairy	.. 00 @ 00
California creamery	.. 26 @ 27
California rolls	.. @ 27
Cheese—Canadian, lb.	.. 14 @ 15
California	.. 15 @ 00
Eggs, pickled, case, per doz	.. 10 @ 00
Oregon eggs, per doz	.. 15 @ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	131 @ 141
Breakfast bacon	11½ @ 15
Short rolls	11 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear	10½ @ 11
Backs	131 @ 133
Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails	12 @ 13
" 10lbs, tins	12 @ 13
" 5lbs	12½ @ 13½
" 3lbs	12½ @ 13½
Lard Compound, 10lbs	10½ @ 00
" 20lbs	10½ @ 00
" 5lbs	10½ @ 00
" 3lbs	11 @ 00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices ½ barrels and 1 kegs in each case being ½c higher:

Dry Granulated (China)	.. 5
Extra C, China	.. 47
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	.. 52
Extra C	.. 47
Fancy Yellow	.. 42
Yellow	.. 41
Golden C	.. 42
Cubes	.. 61
Powdered	.. 61
Syrups, per lb	.. 3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)	.. 5 50
" 1 " " (16)	.. 5 25
" 1 " " Vancouver	.. 5 50
" 1½ " "	.. 7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 15
" heavy	0 14
" breakfast bacon	0 15
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 16½
" breakfast bacon	0 17
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 13
" 50-lb tins	0 13½
" 20-lb "	0 13½
" 10-lb "	0 13½
" 5-lb "	0 13½
" 3-lb "	0 13½
Lard compound (tierces)	0 10

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apricots have been received and are quoted at from \$1.50 to \$1.05 per box. Old potatoes are moving rather slowly. There are only a few sacks of new potatoes received by each steamer. The price, however, has been reduced ½c per lb. since last week. Red onions are ½c lower than previous quotations. It is stated that the drouth has limited the crop of California vegetables materially, and better prices are anticipated for this season than last in consequence. Australian apples have advanced \$1.25 a box.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—California navels	3 50 @ 4 50
" seedlings	2 50 @ 3 00
Lemons—California	3 25 @ 4 25
Bananas—New Orleans	2 75 @ 0 00
" Honolulu	crates 3 00 @ 0 00
" bunches	2 00 @ 2 50
Cherries	1 00 @ 0 00
Apples, Australian	bxs 2 75 @ 3 00
Cocoanuts	per 100 8 00 @ 9 00
Strawberries, per case of 15	0 00 @ 2 25
Apricots	1 50 @ 1 65

## Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes	per ton 20 00 @ 25 00
Onions—Red	per lb 1½ @ 1½
Cabbage	per lb 2 @ 21
Asparagus	per box 1 75 @ 2 00
Peas	per box 2 00 @ 0 00
New potatoes	per lb 1½ @

## LUMBER.

There has been one clearance, since the last review. The American barkentine Chehalis, 656 tons, Capt. Watts, sailed May 31 for Adelaide with a cargo of 722,538 feet rough and 59,025 feet of pickets, valued at \$6 197, from the Hastings Mill. There have been five arrivals, including one new charter, viz., Am. schr. Win