

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

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[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

Butter is now on the up grade, jobbing prices having advanced about 2c this week. Cheese has advanced 1c. Oats are declining fast, and are down \$1 per ton this week.

Butter.—Man. Dairy butter, 14 to 16c; Manitoba creamery, 20c; local creamery, 22½c; Manitoba cheese, 10c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18 cents; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c; long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9c per pound; in pails and tubs 9½c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$16.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smolt 4c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; sockeyes, 6c; whitening 6c; soles 6c; steel head, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; salt colchian, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$13.00 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c per pound; cabbage, 1c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 25c; Manitoba, 15c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, inside measurement, and contain from 280 to 350 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$1 to \$1.50; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Peaches, 20 lb boxes \$1.10; Plums 20 lb boxes \$1.15, Tomatoes, \$1.00; Pears, 40 lb. box, \$1.25; Manitoba apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.50; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.00; Australian bananas, per bunch, \$1.50. Melons, per dozen, \$2.60.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.60; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lb, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Cost price. Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.30; strong bakers, \$3.80; Oregon, \$4.20; Oak Lake patent \$1.30; do. strong bakers \$3.85.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25.00 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$17.50 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$20.00 ton; bran \$18.00 oil cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$9.50 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7½c; mutton, 6½ to 7½c; pork, 7 to 8c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs.; sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs; lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1.00; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—80 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound, 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10, ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 28c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

British Columbia.

Nicholas Tholl, hotel, Anaconda, has sold out to R. Smailes.

Walters & Lucas, bakers, Comox, are succeeded by H. C. Lucas.

Patterson & Stewart, hotel, Greenwood, have sold out to R. Smailes.

G. I. Wilson, dry goods, Vancouver, has sold out to J. D. Scott and J. D. Davlin.

B. Levy, manufacturer of cigars, Victoria, is succeeded by Keown & Ball.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—Prices are steady at 61c for new red and 62c for white west and 61c for old red and 63c for white west. Manitoba wheat is steady; 5,000 bushels of No. 2 hard sold Montreal freights to-day at 68c. No. 1 hard is quoted at 71c Montreal freights and at 70c Toronto and west. No. 1 hard is quoted at 66½c Midland and No. 2 hard at 62c.

Flour.—Cars of straight roller Toronto freights are quoted at \$3.10 to \$3.15. Manitoba flour is firm at \$3.85 for patents and \$3.50 for strong bakers.

Millfeed.—The city mills are asking \$11 for ton lots of shorts and \$10 for bran delivered.

Oats.—Cars of old mixed are quoted at 18c north and west and white at 19c middle freights.

Butter.—Dairy of the best brands is scarce and sells firm at 12c to 14c for the best. Creamery is also firm at 17c to 18c for tubs.

Eggs.—Are steady at 9½ to 10c for choice.

—Globe, Sept. 2.

Winnipeg Board of Trade

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade was held Wednesday afternoon. The first matter dealt with was regarding the grain standards board, which is referred to in another column.

The following letter was received from the department of trade and commerce and referred to committee for consideration and report back to the council:

Ottawa, August 28th, 1893.

The President of the Board of Trade, Winnipeg.

Sir,—I am directed by the minister of trade and commerce to request you to call the attention of your board to the subject of the possible extension of the trade of the Dominion in various directions. The minister will be pleased to receive and consider any suggestions which you or your colleagues may seem fit to offer as to the methods whereby, in your opinion, existing trade can be increased or new traffic developed in any direction. In particular, he would be glad to be advised whether you have to report any material alterations within the past year in the quantities and values of the principal articles now exported from your section of the Dominion to other countries. Secondly, whether, in your opinion, the traffic of any of those articles could be readily increased and if so, in which classes and to what countries. Thirdly, whether there are any other articles which you consider might be exported to advantage, and if so, which and to what markets.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

W. S. PARMELEE,
Deputy Minister.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

There was no new feature in the local grain market outside of the fact that the scarcity of ocean freights is interfering with business. Prices were: No. 2 oats, per 81 lbs, 25 to 25½c; corn, 89 to 40c; Barley, feed 82 to 82½c; rye 40 to 41c.

Flour.—The local and country demand for small lots of flour continues fair, and the market in consequence is moderately active with no change in prices. Winter wheat \$3.60 to \$3.80; spring wheat patents \$3.75 to \$3.90; straight roller \$3.10 to \$3.50; straight roller, bags \$1.60 to \$1.65; extra bags \$1.80 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Oatmeal.—Some small lots of rolled oats in bags were placed to-day at \$2.50, but outside of this the market was quiet.

Feed.—Bran, \$10 to \$11; shorts, \$11 to \$12.

Cheese.—The cheese market was quiet on spot to-day and the legitimate export demand does not exhibit any disposition to follow the advance made in the country. The public cable also declined sixpence to-day, and it looks as though the Britishers were calling a halt for the time being. We quote prices nominally 8c to 8½c for Quebec and 8½c for Ontario makes.

Butter.—The butter market continues easy in tone and the best bill for finest creamery on spot to-day was 18½c. Undergrades range from 17c down to 16c.

Eggs.—A stronger feeling prevailed in the egg market to-day and prices advanced ½ to 1c per dozen. The demand was good and choice candled stock sold at 11c and culls at 8½c to 9c per dozen.—Gazette, Aug. 2.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The collections of inland revenue at Winnipeg for August, 1896, were:

Spirits	\$11,666 69
Tobacco	16,541 24
Malt	1,520 84
Cigars	760 20
Methylated spirit....	146 07
Petroleum.....	46 40
Licenses	115 00
	\$33,795.94

Transactions for month ending Aug. 31, at the Dominion Government Savings' Bank, Winnipeg, were:

Deposits	\$28,621.00
Withdrawals	21,184.94

Deposits exceed withdrawals\$ 7,436.00

Customs returns at Winnipeg for Aug., 1896, were as follows:

Description	Value 1895	Value 1896
Exported	\$111,819 00	\$237,542 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable....	271,804 00	290,176 00
Entered for consumption, free	59,917 00	49,198 00
Total for consumption	328,251 00	339,374 00
Duty collected	68,596 82	78,053 99

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