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BRITISH COLUMBIA**Business Review.**

September 24, 1891.

Native fruit is coming in in large quantities. Most of it is wretchedly packed and therefore selling at ruinous prices. This week an auction room full of barrelled Canadian apples were sold unexamined at \$1 a barrel, examined \$1.25. The quarrel between the milkmen and the city is at an end, the milkmen submitting to inspection and license. The market is almost bare of eggs and the price of the commodity is rapidly advancing. Salmon canners all over the province are still expressing great indignation at the action of the dominion government in refusing to extend fishing privileges for the sockeyes run. The limitation is six weeks but the tardy sockeyes did not run for two or three weeks after the time set apart by the government to allow fishing to commence, and as a consequence the poor fishermen whose livelihood at best is a precarious one, suffered severely. The government could not have taken surer means to arouse the indignation of the whole province than by refusing to extend the limit, at the request of men representing a million dollars invested interests. A Boston firm has embarked extensively in halibut fishing north of Vancouver, \$15,000 being put into supplies and fishing gear. The halibut will be shipped to all parts of the States. Money is reported much easier in the Province, owing chiefly to sealers and loggers being paid off for the season, and the money being exchanged for winter supplies. It is currently reported that superintendent Warpole, is to act as superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific. Other changes in the individuality of the staff are also spoken of. The Fraser Valley Railroad a branch of the Northern Pacific, promoted by D. D. Rand, of Vancouver, is an almost assured fact, \$100,000 has been put up as a guarantee that this road will be started within a year. The company propose to connect with the Northern Pacific at South, Westminster, coming into Westminster and Vancouver by the big prospective bridge crossing the Fraser at the former city.

B. C. Market Quotations.

Butter.—Eastern creamery, 21c; dairy, 17 to 18c; Canadian cheese, 13 to 14c.

Cured Meats.—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins 13c per pound; in pails and tubs, 12c; mess pork, \$18; short cut, \$23.

Fish.—Prices are: Spring Salmon, 6c sockeye 5c; steelheads, 7c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 6c; cod, 8c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c; colicans, 6c; sockeye salmon, 4c; Halibut and cod scarce.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$16, per ton; onions, red, 14c; cabbage, 1c.

Eggs.—Manitoba, 16c; fresh local, 35c, rising market.

Every Mackintosh

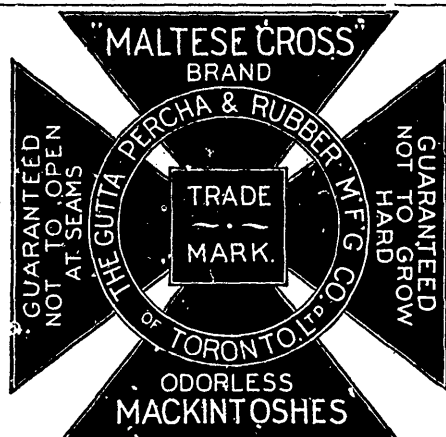
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Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$1.50 to 5.00; Australian lemons, \$2.75; bananas, Honolulu, crate, single, \$3; coconuts, per dozen, 60c; apricots, per box \$1; pears, per box, \$1.25; plums, California, \$1; Native, 50c; peaches, \$1.00; California grapes, 1/2 box, \$1; fall, \$1.50; Australian, oranges, \$2.50; nectarines, \$1; Apples, native, 50 to 75c; California, \$1.25 to \$1.50; prunes, \$1.10; watermelons, \$1.50 dozen.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote. In car load lots at Victoria, and Vancouver: Patent, per barrel, \$1.00; strong bakers, \$3.80. The Columbia Flouring mills quote Enderby flour in car lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$1.50; XXX, \$3.75; strong bakers, or XX, \$3.50; superfine, \$3.10, Oregon, \$3.80; Oak Lake patent, \$1.00; strong bakers, \$3.70.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$28; United States oats, \$28; wheat, \$25; hay, \$10 on bank. New hay, \$15.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.80. Cornmeal, per 98-lb sacks, \$2.15; per 10-lb, \$2.55.

Ground Feed.—Add freight and duty to the quotations on stuff from the United States. Manitoba chopped feed, \$28 per ton; feed wheat, United States, \$16 per ton; Canadian chop barley, \$28; California chop, \$19.

Millstuffs.—Bran, \$20.00; shorts, \$21; oil cake, \$32.

Dressed Meat.—Beef, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; mutton, 8c; to 8 1/2c; pork, 8 to 10c; veal, 9c; lamb, per head, \$3.50 to 4.00.

Live Stock.—Calves, 5 to 6c; steers, 3 1/2 to 4c; sheep, 3 1/2c; hogs, 6 to 7 1/2c; cows, 2 1/2 to 3c.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow, yellow, 4 1/2c; golden C, 3 1/2c.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 2 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1.25 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

Business Notes.

E. C. Davidson, harness, Kamloops, has assigned.

A. F. McCall, fruit store, Golden, has given up business.

J. B. Carmichael, tobacconist, Victoria, is reported drowned.

Morcer & Fitzpatrick, Hotel, Nanaimo, have suffered loss by fire.

H. Eburne, general store, Eburne, is succeeded by Churchill & McKay.

J. H. Good, auctioneer, commission; etc., has opened business at Nanaimo.

The estate of J. W. Harvey, dry goods, New Westminster has been sold out.

The Provincial Mining & Dredging Co. Ltd., Vancouver, has been incorporated.

The British Columbia Logging Co., Ltd., Vancouver, has been incorporated.

W. R. Roberts, jeweller, Nanaimo, is advertising selling off and giving up business.

The chattel mortgagee is in possession of the stock of H. Jewell, crockery, Victoria.

The British Columbia Stock & Mining Exchange, Ltd., Vancouver, has been incorporated.

A telegram from Vancouver to The Commercial says that the provincial government inspector has condemned a shipment of 251 boxes of apples, sent from Oregon to Stewart, Leithwaite & Co., of that place, on account of their being affected with codling moth. The apples were shipped back to Oregon. If the southern apples are kept out of British Columbia on account of infection with this insect, it will enable the local producers to get good prices, no doubt.

Georgia Watermelons

Southern Georgia is the greatest region for watermelons in the world, says a traveller who has just returned from there, and the season is now at its height. Few people have any idea of the immensity of the melon trade and they may be surprised to learn that 80,000 of them are sent to the New York market alone from this one locality each day during the season. Almost an equal number are sent to the other big markets.

The whole of the southern part of Georgia is given up to raising the watermelon. Most of the old cotton fields have been turned into melon patches and pine forests have been cut down to make room for more melons. Some of the fields contain more than a thousand acres, and, what is more, they are full of negroes. In spite of the alleged weakness of the colored gentleman for the delicious fruit, I have seen 15,000 of them at work in the Georgia fields and do not remember seeing a man eat a melon on more than one or two occasions. Melons are too plentiful there to be in demand, and as they lie in the fields they are too warm to eat. They have to be cooled first. One of these darkies would turn up his nose at the watermelon that are shipped north. The rind is too thick for him. The best ones have a thin rind and will not stand transportation.