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BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW.

Vancouver, Nov. 18.

Your correspondent was shown a circular this week sent out by parties here stating that from 20 to 22 cents would be secured for consignments of good dairy butter. This circular was distributed in the Territories. As Manitoba creamery is selling at these prices and has been for some time, and as dairy has been selling at 8 to 18 cents for some time, the commission merchant knew he was selling an untruth when he wrote the figures in the circular and knew that he would obtain goods under false pretences. To make matters worse notices were made until the matter was put into the hands of a collector. Another dealer was also threatened with legal proceedings for not making returns to a Manitoba house.

Perhaps the most important industrial news of the week is the announcement that False Creek tide flats has been decided to the city of Vancouver, with the understanding that the flats are to be recovered and leased for manufacturing purposes. Today nearly all the manufactured goods handled in the city and nearly all handled in the province are imported. For many reasons manufacturers have fought shy of British Columbia. Deep water wharves were not procurable and labor was so high as to exclude the possibility of competing with other more favored places. In recovering the False Creek flats it is proposed to dig a short channel to deep water in English Bay, to admit sea going ships along False Creek to the prospective wharves along the water front.

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial, Vancouver, Nov. 21.

Cured meats have declined this week in sympathy with other markets. Manitoba hams has turned up, and is costing slightly more. Potatoes are easier.

GRAIN—Wheat, \$25 per ton; oats, \$25 per ton; corn, \$25 per ton.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.75; strong bakers, \$4.45; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel. Ex-dock patents, \$4.70.

FEED—National Mills chops, \$20 per ton; bran, \$22; shorts, \$24; oil cake meal, \$25 ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Fraser River valley, \$12 per ton; straw, per bale, 90c.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 80 lb. sack, 2.00; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.70; four 22½ lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.10; oatmeal in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lb., \$5.50; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.50/\$4.75 per lb.; ewes, \$1.75 per 100 lb.; lambs, \$3.75/\$4.84, hogs, 60¢/lb.

PULTRY—Chickens, \$3.00/\$4.50; fowls, \$5.50/\$6.00.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 75¢/lb.; mutton, 10¢; pork, 90¢/lb.; veal, 80¢/lb.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15¢/lb.; break fast bacon, 16¢/lb.; backs, 14¢/lb.; long ribs, 13¢; rolls, 13¢/lb.; smoked sausages, 14¢.

LARD—Tins, 14¢/lb; 15¢ per lb.; palis, 14¢; tins, 14¢.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 25¢; Manitoba creamery, 22½¢; dairy, local, 16¢; Manitoba dairy, 16¢/lb.; second grade, 12½¢; thirds, 10¢/lb.

BUTTER—Fresh milk, 45¢; eastern, 18¢/25¢ per dozen.

CHEESE—Manitoba, 12¢/12½¢; Ontario, cheese, 12½¢.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$1.00 per ton for local, \$1.50 for Ashcroft; cauliflower, 75¢; peas, 35¢; corn, 35¢; onions, silver skin, 20¢ per lb.; cabbage, 15¢ per lb.

EGGS—Whiting, 5¢; smelt, 5¢; sea bass, 4¢; cod, 4¢; salmon, 4¢; halibut, 6¢; salmon, 7¢; cod, 4¢ per lb.; crabs, 40¢ per dozen; smoked salmon, 10¢; smoked halibut, 10¢.

GAMES—Ducks, mallard, 75¢; teal, 35¢; wildgeese and pintails, 50¢.

GREEN FRUITS—Lemons, \$1.50/\$4.00; pears, \$1.75; local apples, 60¢ to \$1.25; cranberries, \$1.00 per barrel; cranberry rais, local, 4¢ per lb.; pineapples, \$2; bananas, \$2.70/\$3; Japan oranges, 40¢.

NUTS—Almonds, 15¢/lb; filberts, 12½¢; pine nuts, Brazil, 18¢; walnuts, 14¢ per lb.; coconuts, 90¢ per dozen.

SUGARS—Powdered, 10¢; and bar 6¢; Paris lump, 65¢; granulated, 25¢; extra C, 45¢; yellow, 45¢/46¢ per lb.

SYRUPS—20 gal. barrels, \$24; 10 gal. kegs, 25¢; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.00; peas, \$1.00/\$1.10; tomatoes, \$1.20; beans, \$1.25.

HARDWARE—Bar iron, base 63. Horse shoe, 10¢; discolor, 10¢ per cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$4.75; nails, base price, cut, \$1.25; wire, \$3.75; rope, Manila, 15¢; boiled oil, 1; white lead, \$7.50; putty, \$5.50; barbed wire, \$4.50 per 100-lb.; glass, first break, \$5.00.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES.

W. H. Beatty, provision dealer, Victoria, has assigned.

J. T. Kelly has bought the general store of Wm. Hunter & Co., at Three Forks.

W. A. Noyard has purchased the butcher business of Hall & Smith, at Chilliwack.

Morley & Laing have purchased the branch store of the Thomson Stationery Co., Ltd., at Nelson.

Stewart & Crozier, of Ashcroft, have sold their delivery and stage business to the British Columbia Express Co., Madden & Dallas, hotelkeepers, Greenwood, have dissolved partnership. Madden will continue the business.

The contract has been let for the construction of the Carnegie library building at Vancouver, the figure being \$10,200.

Jim and Tamura, Japanese merchants of Vancouver, have dissolved partnership, the latter continuing the business.

Percy Criddle, Nelson, is calling for tenders for the purchase of the stock of Theo. Madson, of Nelson, consisting of clothing, boots and shoes, men's furnishings and a tent and awning factory.

The material for the new furnace at the Greenwood smelter has arrived and work will be rushed ahead. The smelter is to be enlarged to a capacity of between 750 and 800 tons.

What is said to be the largest nugget of pure gold ever discovered in the world has been found in Bonanza creek, Atlin. It weighs 49 ounces and is valued at \$875.

The matter from the Greenwood smelter which has in the past been sent to New York for refinement and will in future be sent to the Grampian smelter at Grand Forks, where a converting plant has been installed.

Last week the Vancouver assay office received one of the largest shipments of gold during the season, although this office was not opened until the latter end of the season. It is estimated that nearly three million dollars worth of gold has been handled.

The new town of Cambaro, in the Lardero, experienced considerable activity during the past season as there are a number of very promising properties in the immediate vicinity. There are now at this point two hotels, two general stores, livery stable, etc.

The British Columbia Steamship Company, Limited; Kalewan-Kana Colonization Company, Limited; the Pastime Athletic Club, and the Victoria West Athletic Club, have been incorporated, while the Marysville Townette & Development company, and the Northwestern Hydraulic Mining company have been registered as extra-provincial companies.

There is talk of an hotel syndicate being formed in Hamilton, Ont., for the purpose of obtaining control of a good hotel in each of the cities between Montreal and Vancouver, the idea being to manage the whole number as one enterprise. Geo. H. Evans is said to be the chief promoter.



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