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—FOR—

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About the End of OCTOBER.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE.

Tuesday Morning, Aug. 30.

VICTORIA.

The month of August has not brought about any remarkable change in the tone of the business situation. The trade weaklies throughout the Dominion profess to see distinct signs of improvement. From the Toronto Empire we learn that the crops in many sections of Ontario have been housed, and a bountiful harvest is assured. While they may not be as heavy as last year the quality is much superior and will make up for any deficiency in the total yield. From Manitoba and the North-West reports continue most satisfactory. All these favorable indications have led dealers to anticipate a good season's business. The result has been a much more active market.

The leading feature of the local market is the falling off of fruit importations, this week showing a further decline of 700

cases. This is on account of the large quantities of local fruit that are being placed on the market.

There is no perceptible change in the monetary situation.

The increased traffic between Portland, British Columbia and Puget Sound points, it is said will necessitate the putting on of an additional steamer to accommodate the trade.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The principal feature of the provision market is the shortage in the supply of creamery butter together with the high prices of the same in the east. Creamer is now quoted in Montreal at 21½c to 22c per lb., making the cost laid down 23c to 24½c per lb. Local prices have advanced and choice creamery is now quoted from 23½c to 20½c. Good dairy butter is in brisk demand on account of the scarcity of creamery. The best selected is quoted from 18c to 22c per lb, medium dairy brings about 17c, while the poor makes range downwards. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 17c per lb; heavy hams, 16½c; choice breakfast bacon, 15½c; short clear sides, 13½c, and dry salt clear sides, 13c.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The butter market remains firm with sales of 3,000 pkgs., consisting of creamery at 21½c to 21c, and Western dairy at 16c to 17c, the latter for choice selected. Eastern Townships dairy is steady at 18c to 18½c, a round lot having changed hands at the outside figure for export, and 19c has been paid for selections. For single tubs of fancy, 19½c and 20c have been paid. We quote creamery 21c to 21½c; Eastern Townships 17c to 19c; and Western at 15½c to 17c. It is expected that a good quantity will be shipped out by this week's steamers. A large make is in progress, and some dealers think values have been hoisted too high."

The Toronto Empire says: "The demand for all kinds of butter continues active and prices are firm. Several lots of choice selected dairy in tubs sold as high as 16½c this morning; good grades are held at 14 to 15½c. The supply of store packed and bakers butter is not sufficient to fill the demand. Choice qualities sell readily at 14 to 15c, while 12c appears to be the lowest figure for anything which merits the name of butter. A few lots of large rolls are coming in since the weather became cooler. Cheese is quiet, but firm. No sales in a jobbing way were reported lower than 10c to-day. Several commission houses are asking ¼ to ½c advance on this figure for single boxes. Quotations are: Butter, good selected dairy, tubs, 15 to 16½c, medium do. 14 to 14½c; good to choice store packed, in tubs and pails, 13½ to 14½c; common do. 11½ to 12c; large rolls, good to choice, 14 to 16c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 21 to 23c. Cheese—New cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 9½ to 10½c."

Dairy produce is quoted:
Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs . . . 25½ @ 26½
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" Dairy choice . . . 17 @ 20
" Cooking . . . 10 @ 14
Cheese—Canadian, lb . . . 12½ @ 14
" California . . . 16 @ 20
Eggs, doz . . . 15 @ 18

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:
Hams . . . 14 @ 15
Breakfast bacon . . . 14 @ 16
Short rolls . . . 11½ @ 13
Bacon . . . 13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear . . . 11 @ 12½
Pure Lard, 50lbs . . . 13 @ 13½
" " 20lbs . . . 00 @ 13½
Lard Compound . . . 10½ @ 11½

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

Dry Granulated	5½
Extra C	5½
Fancy Yellow	5½
Yellow	5
Golden C	4½
Syrups, per lb	3

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Umatilla, August 25, comprised the following: For Victoria—104 cs tomatoes, 276 cs peaches, 202 cs grapes, 202 cs apples, 100 cs pears, 311 cs plums, 25 cs oranges, 23 cs sweet potatoes, 3 cs peppers, 8 cs nectarines, 52 sacks onions, 27 cs lemons, 2 sacks coconuts, 1 cs crab apples, 10 cs cucumbers, 1 cs okra, 1 crt bananas, 28 crts nutmeg melons, 6 crts water melons; total, 1,557 pkgs. For Vancouver—167 cs plums, 37 cs apples, 180 cs pears, 172 cs peaches, 93 cs grapes, 54 cs tomatoes, 10 sacks peanuts, 2 cs oranges, 3 cs peppers, 12 sacks onions, 6 bxs sweet potatoes, 4 cs cucumbers, 2 crts nutmeg melons, 2 crts cantelopes, 1 crt water melons; total, 781 pkgs. Grand total, 2,338 pkgs. The total receipts by the previous steamer on August 20 were 3,032 packages, which shows a decrease of about 700 cases in the imports for the past week. San Francisco advices say: "Good California lemons are very scarce. There are no apricots or nectarines in the market. Owing to the recent hot weather, grapes in good condition for shipment are somewhat scarce." Lemons are in very short supply; dealers claim that it is almost impossible to get them in San Francisco. Bananas have been scarce, but a large lot will arrive this week on the City of Puebla. Some of the fruit received by the last steamer arrived in bad condition, and the demand is reported as rather slow. Large quantities of native plums and apples are being marketed by the farmers. Plums are said to be selling at 2½c to 3c per lb. They are quoted by jobbers at 80c per box. California lemons are very high, and there are no Sicily in the market. Coconuts are said to be a little higher. Black grapes are quoted from \$1.50 to \$1.75, and white from \$1.75 to \$2. Prices generally show but little change from last week.

Current quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Santa Barbara	\$0 00 @ 0 00
Tahiti Seedlings	4 50 @ 4 75
Riverside Seedlings	0 00 @ 0 00
Lemons—California	7 50 @ 9 50
Sicily	0 00 @ 0 00
Bananas, crate	3 50 @ 0 00
Plums, box	80 @ 1 25
Prunes	1 25 @ 0 00
Peaches	1 25 @ 1 50
Pears—Bartlett's, large boxes	1 75 @ 1 85
Apples—Gravenstein	1 50 @ 0 00
Crap apples	1 25 @ 0 00
Grapes	1 50 @ 1 90
Pine Apples, doz	5 00 @ 0 00
Coconuts, doz	99 @ 0 00
Watermelons, crate	5 50 @ 0 00
Musk "	4 00 @ 4 50
Nutmeg "	1 75 @ 2 00

Vegetables are quoted:
Potatoes—California, sweet 1 @ 4½
" Local per ton 18 00 @ 23 00
Onions—Red California 1½ @
" California Silverskins 1½ @
Tomatoes, bx @ 1 25
Cucumbers, bx 5 @ 75