

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The general situation continues to show signs of gradual improvement. The late advances in prices of staple products has had a tendency to promote business, which is also favorably affecting other lines. The success of the British Columbia Loan on the London market will, it is believed, in a measure assist in interesting capital in the natural resources of the province. The coast catches of the sealers have been disappointing to those engaged in that industry.

The great developments now going on in both Kootenay and Cariboo mining districts are creating an increased demand for merchandise of all kinds.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Washington naval oranges are about over and prices are 50c higher. Mediterranean sweets are now on the market. California lemons have advanced. The Miowera brought 127 crates bananas and 3 crates pine apples which met with a fair demand. Bananas are much cheaper. Oregon and Washington strawberries are expected to commence arriving shortly.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—California Navals	3 50 @	4 00
" " Seedlings	2 25 @	2 50
" " Mediterranean Sweets	3 25 @	0 00
Bananas, per crate	3 00 @	0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's)	3 50 @	3 75
California selected	2 30 @	3 10
Apples—British Columbia	1 25 @	1 50
Oregon	1 25 @	1 50
Australian	2 50 @	3 00
Cherries, per case	1 65 @	1 75
Cocoanuts, per 100	8 00 @	9 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins	per lb	2 @	2 1/2
Cabbage	per lb	2 1/2 @	
Potatoes	per ton	11 00 @	17 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Victoria mills have advanced all their brands of flour 25c, in sympathy with the strong tone of the market. Wheat is reported to have advanced \$1.00 per ton on the Sound, at the end of the week, but has not influenced local quotations. Both Valley and Walla Walla brands of flour are quoted \$2.35 per bbl. by jobbers at Portland. At Tacoma there is a strong upward tendency throughout all feed products. Oats are up \$2 and hay is advancing.

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

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

Delta	\$3 75
Victoria XXX	3 75
Superfine	3 25

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 1 00 @	0 00
Lion, " "	1 00 @	0 00
Victoria XXX	4 00 @	0 00
Superfine	3 50 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	0 00 @	0 00
XXX, " "	0 00 @	0 00
XX, " "	0 00 @	0 00
Superfine, " "	0 00 @	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	5 25 @	0 00
" " Strong Bakers	5 00 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	5 25 @	0 00
" " Strong Bakers	5 00 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian	5 25 @	0 00
" " Strong Bakers	5 00 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon	3 75 @	0 00
Olympic	1 25 @	0 00
Big Bend	3 60 @	3 75
Superb	3 75 @	0 00
Plansifter	4 00 @	0 00
Gem	3 70 @	0 00
Alliance	3 50 @	0 00
White Lilly	3 50 @	0 00
Snowflake	1 00 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton, feed	27 50 @	00 00
Oats	28 00 @	32 00
Oil cake meal	33 00 @	15 00
Chop feed—California	27 50 @	00 00
" " Washington	20 00 @	28 00
Shorts	18 00 @	23 00
Bran	16 00 @	20 00
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @	0 00
" " rolled oat—(90-lbsks)	3 50 @	0 00
" " " 10 7s, baled	3 00 @	0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @	0 00
" " pearl barley	4 75 @	0 00
" " Chop feed	20 00 @	25 00
California oatmeal	3 85 @	0 00
California rolled oats	4 15 @	0 00
Corn, whole	per ton	35 00 @ 00 00
Peas, field	per ton	40 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal	2 65 @	2 90
Cornmeal-feed	per ton	40 00 @
Cracked corn	37 00 @	00 00
Hay, per ton	10 00 @	18 00
Straw, per bale	1 00 @	0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 80 00 @	90 00
" " (polished)	90 00 @	100 00
Best China rice	80 00 @	100 00
China rice No. 1	(mats) 65 00 @	00 00
" " (sacks)	63 00 @	00 00
Rice flour	70 00 @	
Broken rice	30 00 @	
Rice Meal	17 50 @	

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Local jobbers quotations for cured meats are up 1/2c per lb. Packers are said to be very firm in their ideas. The agent of an American packing house states that he has sold more hams and bacon already this month than during the two months previous. Sugars are unchanged since last week but the trade are reported buying more freely. Raws are reported firmer. Three advances of 1/2c each have taken place in San Francisco recently.

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms 60 days.

Dry Granulated (China)	100-sack	1 50
" " "B. A. Coarse"	"	4 50
Extra C, China	"	4 25
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)	"	1 1/2
Extra C	"	1 1/2
Fancy Yellow	"	4 1/2
Yellow	"	4 1/2
Golden C.	"	6 1/2
Cubes	"	6 1/2
Powdered	"	6 1/2

Syrups, per lb.	2 1/2
" 1 gal. (ins, American (10)	5 50
" " " (10)	5 50
" 1 " Vancouver	4 50
" 1/2 " "	5 50

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	20 @	22
Manitoba dairy	15 @	20
" " creamery in tins	27 @	23
" " in tubs	26 @	00
California Roll-Fancy	19 @	21
Fancy, Tubs	20 @	22
Cheese—Canadian, lb.	12 @	11
Canadian Stilton	17 @	18
Californian	12 1/2 @	13
Eggs—Canadian	per doz	10 @ 15

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	1 1/2 @	15 1/2
Breakfast bacon	1 1/2 @	15 1/2
Short rolls	10 1/2 @	11 1/2
Dry Salt, long clear	10 1/2 @	11 1/2
Bacon	11 @	13
Mess Pork, per bbl.	20 @	0 1/2
Best Plate Beef, per bbl	18 @	00
Lard Compound, 20 lbs.	10 1/2 @	1 1/2
" " 10 lbs.	10 1/2 @	1 1/2
" " 5 lbs.	10 1/2 @	1 1/2
" " 3 lbs.	10 1/2 @	1 1/2

White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0 12 1/2
" " " 50-lb tins	0 12 1/2
" " " 20-lb "	0 12 1/2
" " " 10-lb "	0 12 1/2
" " " 5-lb "	0 12 1/2
" " " 3-lb "	0 12 1/2

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 14 1/2
" " " heavy	0 13 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 11 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 15 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 15 1/2
Roast and corned beef, 2s per doz	3 00
" " " 1s "	1 75
Lunch tongues, 2s per doz	7 00
" " " 1s "	3 75
Deviled ham, 1/2 lbs	1 60
White label soups, assorted qts., per doz	2 75

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, for lots of one barrel and upwards, delivered into warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by net spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	4 1/2
Extra C	4 1/2
Fancy Yellow	1
Yellow	3 1/2
Golden C	5 1/2
Paris lumps in bbls. or 100-lb bags	5 1/2
Powdered Icing and bar, in bbls	6

Above prices are for barrels or bags, 100 lb. keg 1/2c. higher; half bbls. 1/2c. and boxes 1/2c.

LUMBER.

Since last review there have been two clearances, the Volunteer for Shanghai, with 739 737 feet rough and 60,564 feet t. and g. flooring, valued at \$6,900; and the Compeer, for San Francisco, with 430,000 feet rough. Four vessels have been added to the loading fleet. The Bundaleer has been chartered to load at Brunette Mills for Sydney at 36s 3d, and the C. C. Funk is again on the way to load a return cargo for San Francisco.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Vancouver: Br. ship Earl of Hope town, 1,770 tons, for Adelaide—Chil. bark Lake Lehman, 1,035 tons, for