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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 25, 1901.

The feature of the week is the advancing price of cured meats owing to the high price of hogs in the Chicago market. Dealers say that prices will likely rule higher next week. In the butter market dairy is weaker, as it is in abundant supply. Owing to the approach of Easter eggs are steadying in price and likely to advance in spite of the sunny mild weather. The only feature in the flour and feed market is the buoyancy of oats which is to be expected at this time of year. The hardware market is featureless. Business is reported dull in all lines and money tight.

British Columbia Market

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Vancouver, March 30.

Oats are higher at $2 per ton advance. Hay is dearer. Australian frozen mutton is out. Dressed pork is ¾c per lb higher. Breakfast bacon is ¼@½c lower. Local eggs are offering in great abundance. Navel oranges are 25c per case lower.

GRAIN—Oats, $30 per ton; wheat, $28.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, $5.00; strong bakers, $4.70; Oregon, $4.50 per barrel; Enderby, B. C., patents, $5.00.

FEED—National mills chops, $24 per ton; bran, $20; shorts, $22; oil cake meal, $35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Shuswap, double pressed, $22 per ton. Fraser River valley, $18 per ton.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, $3.00; two 45lb sacks, $3.10; four 22½lb sacks, $3.30; ten 7lb sacks, $2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, $3.25; in 50lb sacks, $3.00 per 100lb.

HIDES AND WOOL — Bound heavy steers, 7½c per lb.; medium, 6½c; light cows, 8½c; sheep pelts, November killed, 30c each; deer skins, green, 8c lb.; deer skins, dry, 20c lb.; wool, 6@10c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, $6.00 per 100lb; sheep, $6.00 per 100lb; hogs, $7@$7.50.

POULTRY— Chickens, $6@$6.50 dozen; turkeys, 18@20c; cold storage turkeys, 12½c.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9@9½c; mutton, 11½@12c; pork, 7½c; veal, 10@11c.

OYSTERS—Cans, 65c dozen; shells, 35c dozen.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 14½@15c breakfast bacon 15½@16c; backs, 14c; long clear 12½c; rolls, 14c; smoked sides, 13c.

LARD—Tins, 13c per lb; pails, 12½c; tubs, 12½c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, fresh, 25c; California, 22c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 20c; California eggs, eggs, 19c.

CHEESE—Manitoba, 11½@12½c.

Vegetables—Ashcroft potatoes, $23; Fraser River valley potatoes, $18.00@$19.00 per ton; cauliflower, $1 per dozen, cucumbers, $2.75 per dozen; peas, 15c; California potatoes, $20@$22 per ton; silver skin onions, 4c; local onions, 3½c lb; Cal. celery, 2½c; sweet potatoes, 3c; tomatoes, $3.50 box, asparagus, 15c.

FISH —Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 5c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 10c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; smoked herring, 9c; shrimps, 20c.

GREEN FRUITS—California navel oranges, $2.00@$2.50; Oregon apples, $1.75@$2; B. C. apples, 60lb gross boxes, $1.75; lemons, $2.00@$3.00; grape fruit, $3 case.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@16c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 14c; Brazil, 18c; walnuts, 16c per lb; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen.

SUGARS —Powdered, icing and bar, 7c; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 4⅞c; fancy yellows, 4⅝c; yellow, 4⅜c per lb.

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2¼c lb; 10 gal. kegs, 2¾c; 5 gal. tins, $1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, $4.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tins, $5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

RICE—Chinese rice, $74 ton; Japan rice, $80@$85 ton; tapioca, 5c; sago, 5c.

CANNED GOODS —Corn, $1.00; peas, $1.05@$1.10; tomatoes, $1.20; beans, $1.25.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, $2.75. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, $5.00. Wire nails — Base price, $3.75, cut $3.25. Rope, Manilla, 13½c. Boiled oil, 95c. White lead $5.25. Putty, $3.50. Barbed wire, $4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, $4.75.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, March 30.

Butter—Creamery, 24½ to 25½.

Eggs—Fancy fresh, 24c; case eggs, 21 cents.

Cheese—12½c.

Oats—Per ton, $28.

Millfeed—Bran, $20; shorts, $22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, $5.40.

Hay—Per ton, $23.

Potatoes—Per ton, $26.

Special trains are now arriving from the east over the C. P. R., bringing large numbers of settlers for the west.

British Columbia Notes.

Mark A. Black, grocer, Vancouver, has assigned.

Geo. S. Timms, printer, Vancouver, has assigned.

Kirkpatrick & Wilson, grocers, Nelson, have sold out their business.

The Grand Forks Stationery and News Company has dissolved. R. F. Petrie will continue the business.

Work has been started on the erection of a large iron foundry at Ladysmith, to be operated by a Victoria firm.

Garrett Keefe and C. Donohue, hotel keepers, Rossland, have dissolved partnership, Keefe continuing the business.

The Shuswap Milling Company's sawmill at Kamloops was destroyed by fire last week, loss about $10,000, with insurance of $2,000.

It is reported that a marine slip and shipbuilding industry is to be established at Victoria, giving employment to between sixty and seventy men.

The partnership between R. M. McEntire, Thomas McDonnell and James Kerr, carrying on a real estate and mining business at Greenwood, has been dissolved.

A contract has been let for an addition to the plant of the Grunby smelter at Grand Forks. When this is installed the smelter will treat 1,200 tons daily.

The Thistle Gold Mining and Milling Company, Limited, has been incorporatde, and the Canada Cycle and Motor Company, Limited, registered as an extra provincial company.

The C P R. freight department has issued a new tariff of rates on vegetables, fruits, etc., between the Okanagan valley and Kootenay points. As result of this a large business will probably be worked up in these products.

Toronto Grocery Prices.

Toronto, March 30.

SUGARS—Granulated delivered Toronto, $4.58@$4.63; yellows, from $3.78@$4.43.

SYRUPS— Imperial gallons, medium, 32c; special bright, 35@42c.

MOLASSES— West India, barrels, 32@35c; New Orleans, 25@30c for medium, and 35@55c for bright.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 9½@13c; Mocha, 25@28c; Java, 29@32c.

TEAS—Japans, low grade, 13@35c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16@19c; firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grade 11½@16c; medium, 23@25c; finest, 40@65c; Ceylons 17@35c; Formosa oolongs 25@65c.

CANNED GOODS— Tomatoes, 70 @ 80c; peas, 75@80c; corn, 75c; beans, 80@95c; sifted selected peas, $1.05@$1.20; pumpkins, 80c; raspberries, 2's, $1.75@$2; peaches, 2's, $1.80@$2; 3's, $2.50@$2.65; apples, 2's 85c; pineapple, 2's $2.25@$2.75; do. 2½'s, $2.40; do. 3's, $2.50; plums, 2's, $1.10@$1.20. Salmon—Cohoes, prime dark pink fish $1.35@$1.40; sockeyes, red $1.60@$1.75; lobsters, halves, $1.80@$1.90; talls, lbs., $2.50; flats, $3.75.

RICE—Rice bags, 3½@3¾c; Java, 6@6½; Patna, 5½@6c; Japan, 4¾@6c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15@20c; Amboyna, 25@27c; Penang, 30@35c; allspice, 15c; nutmegs, 40@80c; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c; compound, 15@20c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 18c; Penang, 17c; compound, 10@15c; pepper, pure white, 28@30c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, selected, 7½@9c; off stalk, 6½@7½c; California 3-crown loose Muscatels, 8½@9c; Filatras currants, 9½@10½c; Patras, 11@12c; Vostizzas, 13@15c; California dried fruits Apricots, 11@13c; peaches, 8@14c; prunes, 70's to 80's, 6@6½c; 80's to 90's, 5½@5¾c; 90's to 100's, 4¾@5½c; Sultanas, 9½@12½c; Hallowee dates, 4@5c.

PEEL — Orange, 12@13c; lemon, 10½@12c; citron, 17@20c.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds, 35c; shelled Jordan almonds, 42½c; Bordeaux walnuts, 10@11½c; shelled walnuts, 25@28c; Grenobles, 12½@13c; Sicily filberts 11½@12½c.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Toronto, March 30.

ANTIMONY—11@11½c per lb for Cookson's.

BARBED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, $2.70@$2.82½; Toronto, $3.05 per 100 lbs.

BAR IRON—Price for common, $1.70@$1.75 per 100lb.

BINDER TWINE— Pure Manila, 10¾c per lb; mixed, 8½c; sisal, 7¾c.

BLACK SHEETS—28 gauge, $3.30.

BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 70 per cent; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 65 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 65 per cent; coach screws, 75 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 75 per cent; blank bolts, 65 per cent; bolt ends, 65 per cent; nuts, square, ½c off; nuts, hexagon, 4¾c off; tire bolts, 67½ per cent; stove bolts, 67½ per cent; plough bolts, 60 per cent; stove rods, 60@8c.

BRASS—Sheet and rod, discount 15 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Three-ply, $1.65 per square; do. 2-ply, $1.40 per square, f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, $3.00 per 100lb; half-polished, $3.15; and all bright $3.65@$3.75.

CEMENT—Canadian Portland, $2.40@$3; English do., $2.85@$3; Belgian, $2.50@$2.75; Canadian hydraulic cements, $1.25@$1.50; calcined plaster, $2.00; asbestos cement, $2.50 per barrel.

COIL CHAIN—Per 100lb, ¼ in., $8@$8.50; 5-16 in., $5.35@$5.85; ⅜ in., $4.35@$4.85; 7-16 in., $4.15@$4.65; ½ in., $4.05@$4.50; ⅝ in., $3.85@$4.35, ¾ in., $3.80@$4.

COPPER—Ingots copper, 19@20c per lb; bolt or bar, 23½@25c; sheet copper, 23@23½c.

CUT NAILS—$2.35 per keg f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

FENCE WIRE—7½ per cent.

GALVANIZED IRON — Queen's Head brand $4.60 per 100lb, and $4.50 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—Nos. 6, 7, and 8, $3.50@$3.85; No. 9, $2.85@$3.15; No. 10, $3.60@$3.95; No. 11, $3.70@$4.10; No. 12, $3.00@$3.30; No. 13, $3.10@$3.40; No. 14, $4.10@$4.50; No. 15, $4.60@$5.05; No. 16, $4.85@$5.35.

GLASS—Star, in 100 foot boxes, under 26 in., $4; 26 to 40 in., $4.35; 41 to 50 in., $4.75; 51 to 60 in., $5; 61 to 70 in., $5.35; double diamond, under 26 in., $6; 26 to 40 in., $6.35; 41 to 50 in., $7.25; 51 to 60 in., $8.50; 61 to 70 in., $9.25. Toronto, Hamilton and London. Terms, 4 months or 3 per cent 30 days.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—$1.35 per 100 square feet.

HARVEST TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSE NAILS—Countersunk, 50, 10 and 10 per cent; C brand, 50 and 7½ per cent; other brands, 50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, $3.60 f.o.b.; snowshoes, $3.85.

IRON PIPE—Black pipe—¼ in., $4.35; ⅜ in., $3.15; ½ in., $3.20; ½ in., $3.25; ¾ in., $4.52; 1 in., $4.93; 1¼ in., $6.72; 1½ in., $8.08; 2 in., $10.70; 2½ in., $22.04; 3 in., $36.12; 3½ in., $37.90; 4 in., $43.09; 5 in., $57.85; 6 in., $75.01; 7 in., $93.76; 8 in., $112.51. Galvanized pipe—½ in., $5.52; ¾ in., $5.50; 1 in., $7.77; 1¼ in., $10.60; 1½ in., $12.70; 2 in., $16.50.

LEAD PIPE—Ordinary pipe, 7c; discount, 25 per cent.

OLD MATERIAL— Agricultural scrap, 55c per cwt.; machinery cast 55c per cwt.; stove scrap, 35c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 50; bottoms, 10½c; heavy copper, 12½c; copper wire scrap, 13c; light scrap brass, 7c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10@10½c; heavy red scrap brass, 10½c; scrap lead 3c; zinc 2½c; scrap rubber 6½c; good country mixed rags, 65@75c; clean dry bones, 40@50c per 100lb.

PIG IRON—Canadian pig, $17 for 100 ton lots.

PIG LEAD—4¾@5c per lb.

PIG TIN—32c per lb.

POULTRY NETTING— Discount of 50 and 10 per cent.

RIVETS AND BURRS—Iron, 60 and 10 per cent; iron burrs, 55 per cent; copper rivets, 35 and 5 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, 10c; pure Manila, 13½c.

SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 87½ and 10 per cent off list; round head, bright, 82½ and 10 p.c.; flat head brass, 80 and 10 per cent; round head brass 75 and 10 per cent; flat head bronze, 70 per cent; round head bronze, 65 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—6¾@7c for cask lots 7@7½c for part casks.

SHOT—Common, $6.50 per 100lb; chilled, $7; ball seal and ball, $7.50; discount, 7 per cent.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—Nos. 6 to 8, $2.90; No. 9, $2.80; No. 10, $2.87; No. 11, $2.90.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent.

SPELTER—6@6½c per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 18c; refined, 17½c; wiping, 17c.

STEEL—Hoop steel, $3.10; sleighshoe steel, $2 base.

STOVES AND FURNACES—Discounts—Stoves and ranges, 45 and 5 per cent.; furnaces, 40 and 5 per cent.; registers 60 per cent.

TERNE PLATES—I. C., $8.50; I. X., $10.50.

TIN PLATES—Usual sizes, I. C., $4.15; special sizes, base, $4.50; 20x28, $8.50.

TINNED SHEETS—28 gauge, 9@9½c. f.o.b. Toronto and west.

WIRE NAILS—Base price, $2.75@$2.85 f.o.b Toronto, Hamilton and London.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 10 @10½c per lb, and 10½@11c for single tins.

GUM SHELLAC — In cases, 22c; in less than cases, 25c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 69c; boiled, 72c.

LIQUID PAINTS — Pure, $1.20@$1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, $1 per gallon.

PARIS WHITE—90@$1.00.

PARIS GREEN—Barrels, 16¾c; kegs, 17c; drums, 50 to 100lb, 17½c; drums, 25lb 18c; tins, 1lb, 19½c; packages, 1lb, 18½c.

PLASTER PARIS— New Brunswick, $1.90 per barrel.

PUMICE STONE— Powdered, $2.50 per 100lb for barrels and 4¢5c per lb in small quantities; lump, 10c per lb in small lots, and 8c per lb in barrels.

PUTTY— Bladders, in barrels, $2.20; bladders, in 100lb kegs, $2.35; bulk in barrels, $2.00, in less quantities, $2.15.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lb, $5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100lb, $5.75; No. 1 in casks of 560lb, $5@$5.25; do., kegs of 100lb, $5.25@$5.50.

REFINED OIL—American water white, 16½@17c in barrels; Sarnia water white, 15½@16c in barrels; Sarnia prime 14½@15c in barrels.

SEAL OIL—54c per gallon, and yellow seal at 45c.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 58c; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 55c.

WHITING—70c per 100lb; gilders' whiting, 80c.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, $6.50; No. 1, $6.12½; No. 2, $5.75; No. 3, $5.37½, No. 4, $5.00; dry white lead, in casks, $6.00.

Western Business Items.

R. W. McKinnell has opened a drug store at Ponoka, Alta.

Geo. H. Bean has purchased Arkell's drug store at MacGregor, Man.

J. Henderson has started in the lumber business at Ell, Man.

The Alberta Planing mill, Calgary, Alta., has been opened for business.

Geo. Le Caine is opening a blacksmith and tinsmith shop at Pheasant Forks, Assa.

Hull Bros., of Calgary, will open a pork factory and butcher shop at Wetaskiwin, Alta.

M. McIntyre & Co. have re-opened the grocery store formerly kept by M. E. Herrick & Co. at Strathcona, Alta.

C. D. McPherson, who has been manager of the Manitoba Liberal, Portage la Prairie, for two years, has now purchased the business.

Wm. Couzens, boot and shoe dealer, of Baldur, Man., has moved to Cypress River, Man., where he will engage in the same line; C. Couzens takes over the Baldur business.

The sale of the stock and book accounts of the Neepawa Trading Co., Ltd., which was to have been held on the 27th inst., has been postponed until some day next week to allow of a fresh inventory being taken.

W. G. Lock, of Lock Bros., fruit and produce, Winnipeg, returned this week from a prolonged trip to Montreal and other eastern cities on business and pleasure combined. While away he disposed of a large block of Manitoba butter to eastern buyers, at a good profit to his firm, and got into touch with business in the east in a way that will prove useful to his firm in the future. It was rumored shortly before Mr. Lock's return that he was not coming back alone, but had taken in a partner to share his domestic joys, but this proves to have been untrue or at least premature.

BAKING POWDER LEGISLATION.

Most of the bills introduced in legislatures this winter to attempt to prohibit the manufacture and sale of baking powder containing alum have met a very peaceful death, says the New York Commercial. The bills were all similar, and were fathered by the cream of tartar baking powder manufacturers, who are in a combination.

There bills were introduced in the legislatures of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Utah, Idaho and Washington. All are now dead, or practically so, except the Massachusetts and New York measures.

In Massachusetts the committee, it is said, has decided upon a substitute measure, which provides that the cans shall be marked with the names of the substances from which the powder is made. In New York the bill revising the pure food laws so as to place their enforcement in the hands of the agricultural instead of the health department was drafted without reference to baking powder. The governor said he considered it a good bill. In senate committee, however, a section was tacked on hitting at alum baking powder. The senate sent it back, but the committee again indorsed the amendment.

Attorney Boardman, of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, appeared before the committee to talk against alum baking powder. He said he had been engaged to do so by Mr. Kelley, who said he represented the "National Health Association." In other states lobbyists have said they were employed by this same association. The alum baking powder people claim the "National Health Association" is a mask used by the baking powder combine.

Owing to increase in business the Bell Organ & Piano Co. find that their present factory at Guelph is too small and there is some talk of moving to Toronto or Hamilton.