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AUTUMN FRUITS ARE PLENTIFUL GLUT OF PEARS ON THE LOCAL MARKETS Controversy Still Rages Round the Price of Hay--Few Changes Recorded

There are few changes to record in the local market since last Thursday. Potatoes are still at the old figure, but they are weakening somewhat, and the next few days will probably see a drop of 25 cents a sack.

In fruits, pears are very plentiful. It will be remembered that last year it was almost impossible to get pears, but this year they are so plentiful that they are becoming a drug on the market. There is no place in the world where pears can be grown so well as in the Victoria district, and, therefore, it is not surprising that at times there is rather a glut of this luscious fruit.

It is almost impossible to set a price on hay, for there is scarcely any in the market. The farmers are too busy to ship, and while some of the Fraser farmers are said to be asking \$20 a ton, some of the local dealers are still quoting at that figure retail. There seems to be somewhat of a struggle between the bulls and the bears, and which will win out it is difficult to prophesy. The farmer is betting on his side of the question, while the livery men are backing the bears.

The following are the retail prices in the local market: Vegetables--Cabbage, per lb. 4; Potatoes (Island), 100 lbs. 2.00; Cucumbers, each 1.50; Lettuce, 4 for 10; Green Peas 10; Green Beans, per lb. 3.00; Radish, per bunch 3; Onions, per bunch 2.00; Onions (Cal.), per lb. 1.50; Turnips, per lb. 1.50; Tomatoes, per lb. 1.50; Egg Plant, each 1.00; Local Green Corn, per doz. 1.00; Sweet Potatoes 10; Squash 10; Beans (B.C.), per lb. 35; Beans (American), per lb. 25; Bacon (American), per lb. 19 1/2; Bacon (rolled), per lb. 18; Shoulders, per lb. 18; Bacon (long clear), per lb. 18; Beef, per lb. 10; Pork, per lb. 11; Mutton, per lb. 12 1/2; Lamb, hindquarter, 1.50; Lamb, hindquarter, 1.50; Veal, per lb. 12; Fresh Produce--Fresh Island Eggs 45; Fresh Eastern Eggs 35; Best Dairy Pastry, per sack 35; Butter (Creamery), per lb. 45; Cheese 25; Lard, per lb. 25; Hungarian Wines 6.25; Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack 1.75; Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl. 6.50; Lake of Woods, per sack 1.75; Lake of Woods, per bbl. 1.75; Okanagan, per sack 6.50; Okanagan, per bbl. 6.50; Moose Jaw, per sack 6.00; Moose Jaw, per bbl. 6.00; O. K. Best Pastry, per sack 1.75; O. K. Pastry, per bbl. 1.75; O. K. Four Star, per sack 6.25; O. K. Four Star, per bbl. 6.25; Drifted Snow, per sack 1.50; Drifted Snow, per bbl. 6.25; Grain--Wheat, per ton 40.00; Oats, per ton 32.00; Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7 lb. sk. 4.25; Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 4 lb. sk. 2.25; Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 30 lb. sk. 4.25; Oatmeal, 20 lb. sack 2.25; Oatmeal, 50 lb. sack 2.25; Feed--Hay (baled), old, per ton 18.00; Hay (baled), new, per ton 20.00; Straw, per bale 7.50; Corn, per ton 22.00; Middlings, per ton 27.00; Bran, per ton 23.00; Ground Feed, per ton 33.00; Poultry--Dressed Poultry, per lb. 20; Ducks, per lb. 20; Geese (Island), per lb. 20; Turkey, per lb. 20; Fish--Salmon (spring), per lb. 10; Halibut 10; Halibut (smoked) 10; Smelts, per lb. 10; Flounders 8; Small Salmon 8; Rock Cod 8; Bass 8; Perch, per lb. 5; Fruit--Bananas, per doz. 25; Pears, per lb. 5; Water Melons 5; Pines (local), per basket 20; Dates, per crate 15; Cocconuts, each 15

Times' Fashion Hint.



The hat depicted in the sketch is one of the most becoming of the new shapes, the brim flaring up slightly in front and having the fashionable droop at the back. Natural Milan straw, trimmed with an alregette of maiden's hair fern and shaded roses of faint yellowish pink, was used for the model. The loops at the back and the draped fold about the crown were of pale blue chiffon faille ribbon.

When these facts are realized it is not difficult to forecast the rosy future of the Columbia Valley. The fact that the whole of the area to be opened up by the Columbia Central line within easy distance of Calgary, and within Calgary's wholesaling and distributing constituency, will not detract anything from the satisfaction with which the C.P.R.'s announcement will be regarded in this city. A beginning has already been made on the road. Ten miles of excellent grading from Golden south were finished last year, and a construction outfit is at work this summer continuing the grade.

WHOLESALE MARKET. Citrons, per lb. 2; Squash 2; Pumpkins 2; Cucumbers, per doz. 30; Tomatoes 1.00; Peaches, per doz. 1.50; Plums 1.00; Loganberries, per crate 2.40; Peaches, per doz. 3.00; Water Melons, each 3.00; Cantaloupes, per case 2.00; Pears 1.50; Bell Peppers, per bushel 2.25; Chili Peppers, per crate 2.00; Onions (California), per lb. 4; Carrots, per 10 lbs. 2; Bananas, per bunch 2.00; Lemons 7.00; Walnuts, per lb. 1.40; Citrus (Valencia), 5.00; Garlic, per lb. 75; Apples, per box 1.50; Peaches, per doz. 4.00; Pineapples, per box 3.00; Comb Honey, per lb. 2; Butter (Creamery), 30; Butter (Dairy), 25; Eggs (French), per doz. 35; Eggs (Eastern), selected, 30; Hay, per ton 20.00; Oats, per ton 27.00; Peas (field), per ton 40; Barley, per ton 25.00; Corn, per ton 20.00; Sweet Potatoes 5

THE COLUMBIA VALLEY. Rich Section Will Be Opened Up by Railway. The announcement in our dispatches yesterday that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will proceed immediately with the construction of the Kootenay Central railway is a most welcome and important one to Calgary and the West in general, says the Calgary Herald.

Mr. William Whyte, who droye in an automobile last month over the country to be traversed by the new road, said that in the whole of his official career he had never enjoyed a trip through a district which impressed him so strongly as regards resources, climate and scenery. It is said to be as direct result of Mr. Whyte's personal inspection that the company's decision to hasten the completion of the road has been arrived at.

The Kootenay Central will connect the Crow's Nest railway with the main line of the C.P.R. It will run from Golden to Fort Steele, and will open up for settlement one of the most beautiful and fertile valleys in the world, the Valley of the Columbia. The Columbia Valley has a virgin wealth of fruit, grapes and berries; lands; it has gold, silver, copper and other minerals; it has lumber, game and fish, and it has a climate remarkable for its mildness.

It has been said by expert authorities that the Columbia Valley is the finest apple growing district in British Columbia. It has been producing for many years, without a railway, quantities of the very choicest apples, pears, plums, quinces, cherries, strawberries, and all the smaller fruits. It will grow two and three crops of alfalfa in a year. Its grain crop and vegetables of all kinds are abnormally large. There is no guess-work about these statements; they have been proved by years of actual experience. It is claimed to be in nearly every respect the equal of the famous Niagara Peninsula, and it has more fertile and cultivatable land than two or three Okanagan put together. Also it has excellent river navigation. Last, and best of all, it possesses the very easiest, cheapest and most favorable facilities for irrigation.

LOVE, FLOWERS, AND DAINY DRESSES Mr. Thomas Alfred Duke and Miss Joe Estelle Bucknan Married Yesterday.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday at the residence of Captain Bucknan, 29 Montreal street, when Miss Zoe Estelle Bucknan was united to Thomas Alfred Duke, of Albert Head. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Tapscott. Miss Olive Bucknan, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while Alfred Hegelson supported the groom. The flower girls were the little Misses Inez Bucknan and Hazel Fowler.

Quitting a large number of guests were present to witness the ceremony, and the receiving room was tastefully ornamented with vases and flowers. The presents were many and beautiful. The bride was given away by her father. Her dress was an empire gown of Brussels net over white taffeta, trimmed with white satin ribbon and chiffon. She carried a lovely flower bouquet of ferns and white roses. The bridesmaids were also becomingly costumed and looked very pretty. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold watch and chain, while each of the bridesmaids received a gold bracelet, and the flower girls brooches.

After the ceremony the company sat down to a sumptuous repast subsequent to which the happy couple received the congratulations of their assembled friends and guests. The following is a list of presents: Mrs. H. Mason (St. John), hand-worked tray cloth. Mr. and Mrs. H. Ulymett (Duluth), hand-worked cushion. Capt. and Mrs. Cox and family, silver filigree bowl. Capt. and Mrs. Newby and family, mahogany jardiniere stand. Capt. Newcombe, cut glass fruit bowl. Capt. and Mrs. Owens, half dozen silver spoons. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brownlie, cut glass bowl. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Italian hand painted pitcher. Capt. and Mrs. Meyer, royal Prussian biscuit jar. Miss G. Meyer, Prussian fruit bowl. Mr. and Mrs. J. Chew, set hand painted plates. Miss Zimmerman, crystal bon bon dish. Mrs. F. Sherborn, turquoise earrings. Miss Eva Ball, hand-worked tray cloth. Mr. G. Bucknan, gold brooch. Miss O. Bucknan, silver tea strainer. Miss H. Lambert, (St. John), linen tray cloth. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fowler, half dozen silver spoons. Mr. A. Clayton, silver salt set. Capt. and Mrs. J. Thompson, silver fern pot. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher, art pitcher. Capt. and Mrs. H. Marden, (Seattle), cut glass vase. Mr. and Mrs. C. Bate (Seattle), silver berry spoon. Capt. and Mrs. P. M. Stopkeby (San Francisco), case of silver and check. Mr. and Mrs. K. Esnouf, (White Horse), book of poems. Miss Alma Fitzmaurice (New York), hand-worked linen blouse. Mrs. D. Doig, handsome white fox fur. Rev. Mr. Sweet and Mrs. Sweet and the Misses Sweet, silver photo frame. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hartley, oil painting. Mrs. H. Wilson and Miss Wilson, silver butter knife. Mr. and Mrs. J. Trotter, one dozen Everet Essington. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bannicker, cut glass fruit bowl. Miss N. Johnston, cut glass bon bon dish. Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark, cut glass bon bon dish. Mr. and Mrs. F. Moore, silver salt set. Mr. and Mrs. H. Murray, art vase and dollie. Mr. H. Mr. T. and Miss Ida Parker, hanging lamp. Mrs. James Dougherty, (Toronto), hand-worked bureau set. Miss A. Tait, Battenburg sideboard cover. Mr. G. Ball, china fruit bowl. Mrs. R. Devlin, pair brass vases. Mr. and Mrs. T. Ostrum, hand-worked cushion. Mr. D. Stewart, half dozen silver dessert knives and forks. Mr. D. Grieve, silver fruit dish. Mr. and Mrs. C. Greig, hand-worked table centre. Mr. H. Murray, large cut glass bowl. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Tapscott, Honiton lace tea cozy. Mr. and Mrs. Warwicke, Oriental brass vase. Mrs. S. Clarke and Miss Littlewood, silver cake plate. Messrs. C. and L. Field, silver and cut glass bowl. Mr. D. Tait and Miss Mary Tait, cut glass silver jar. Mrs. and Miss Kelly, hand-worked cushion. Mrs. J. Keown, silver fish fork. Mrs. E. Matthews, hand-worked tea cloth. Mrs. M. Pinkerton, hand-worked bureau set. Mrs. R. Elliott, hand-worked table cover. Mrs. Thomas Elliott, hand-worked linen centrepiece. Mr. and Mrs. T. Argyle, glass water set and tray. Mrs. R. H. McIntyre, hand-worked tea cloth. Mr. Inverarity and Miss Ross, Axminster rug. Misses A. and J. Mallet, China bon bon dish. Miss Isabel Wilkins, souvenir spoon. Mrs. C. Bemildy, Daniel, gold photo frame. Captain and Mrs. Gould, crystal bon bon dishes. Mrs. Curran and Mrs. D. Robertson, cut glass bon bon dish. Mr. R. Jesse, (Leviston), cut glass sugar and cream. Mr. and Mrs. H. Jesse, cut glass and silver vase. Mr. and Mrs. Goldsworthy, China

FROZEN TO DEATH. Awful Fate of Women Tourists in the Tyrolean Alps. Two German ladies have been frozen to death in the Tyrolean Alps because they would insist on wearing light blouses and open-work silk stockings. They were Fraulein Frederique, and Marguerite Zandra, of Nelsae, women of forty and forty-three respectively. They set out with three young friends, the Fraulein Stuckenschmidt, of Charlottenburg, all in their teens, to climb the Birnkuckel, which is some 8,000 feet high.

All were wealthy ladies, but not one was equipped for mountaineering. They were wearing Panama or lace hats, light blouses, open-work silk stockings and high-heeled shoes. None of them carried anything stronger than a light parasol. Naturally the guide pointed out the absurdity of their costumes. They refused to listen to his advice, and insisted on carrying out their programme. When they had climbed about 2,000 feet the weather changed suddenly. The wind rose, and snow began to fall in great flakes.

When the guide insisted on the return of the party to the valley, Fraulein Marguerite Zandra exclaimed scornfully: "We are paying you for the expedition, and we intend to finish it, whatever happens. If you are afraid, you can go back, but we shall go on." He expostulated further, but to no purpose, and when the ladies went on he followed them at a little distance. He was joined by three other Alpinists, named Teschuppi, Trester, and Hof, and they also made fruitless efforts to induce the ladies to return.

Very soon the snow was falling heavily, and the Alpinists were up to their knees. In spite of this, the ladies obstinately persisted in going on, but in another half an hour the snow had reached their waists, and two of the ladies felt exhausted. The wind was then carrying great clouds of snow before it, and the climbers, who could not see a yard in front, lost their way. After a while the Fraulein Zandra became delirious, and then the four men carried the five women to the shelter of a rock. The guide and two men started in the blinding snow to bring help from the valley.

For two hours the fourth man remained with the delirious women, who were screaming and moaning for help. All the time the snow fell in blinding showers. When the rescue party arrived brandy was administered, and the five women were carried with the greatest difficulty to the valley. Here restoratives were administered and the three younger women recovered, but the white ters Zandra were dead. The guide and the other man were badly frostbitten in the hands and feet.

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WHAT BRITONS EAT. Enormous Increase in the Nation's Meat Bill. Some remarkable figures regarding the manner in which the national food supply has changed are given in a yellow book just issued by the British Board of Agriculture. In the first place the fact becomes apparent that every year we are becoming more and more dependent on foreign nations for our food, says the London Mail. Twenty years ago the total amount of food brought to the United Kingdom from across the seas cost us just over £111,000,000. Last year, if the food had been paid for in a lump sum, it would have needed a cheque for £219,000,000. Here is a striking table comparing the imports of food per head in 1886 with those of last year, in pounds: Wheat 1886 1906, Rice 1886 1906, Flour 45 38, Sugar 20 22, Meat 204 474, Butter and margarine 75 134. "The greatest relative increase," says the report, "has taken place in the imports of dead meat, of which we consume twice as much per head as we did less than twenty years ago." A member of the Pyndel, Essex, Cricket Club named Lucas has trained his dog to recover balls which are "lost" on the cricket ground, which is surrounded by deep ditches.