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### VICTORIA

The last week of the month is generally dull, and the week just closed was no exception to the rule, but as a whole October will compare favorably with the same month any previous season. A considerable amount of paper falls due on the 4th, but it would not be safe to venture a prophesy as to how it will be taken up. Sterling exchange is slightly easier. There is a coal war on, but it is believed by many that peace will soon be restored and the price of this commodity resume its former position.

At Vancouver, the past week has been a very quiet period in business circles. Collections are a trifle better, and there seems to be more money in circulation than a short time ago. There has been one failure here during the week, but it is thought the assets will cover the liabilities.

#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship City of Puebla, Oct. 29, comprised the following: For Victoria—563 cs grapes, 96 cs pears, 50 crts bananas, 21 cs oranges, 10 sacks sweet potatoes, 17 cs quinces, 5 cs apples, 3 cs peppers, 1 cs pomegranates, 26 cs figs, 1 cs lemons, 10 sacks coconuts, 15 sacks onions; total, 818 pkgs. The receipts by previous steamers were as follows: Oct. 19, 988 pkgs; Oct. 9, 1,030 pkgs; Oct. 4, 1,072 pkgs; Sept. 29, 1,175 pkgs; Sept. 24th, 1,279 pkgs; Sept. 19th, 1,191 pkgs.

Trade is gradually dropping off as the cold weather approaches. The principal business now is in apples, peas and other hard fruits. There are no changes in prices.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Sweet Loretta.....	\$1 00 @	0 00
Tahiti Seedlings.....	4 50 @	4 75
Riverside Seedlings.....	0 00 @	0 00
Lemons—California.....	8 00 @	8 50
Sicily.....	7 50 @	9 00
Australian.....	7 00 @	0 00
Bananas, bunch.....	2 50 @	3 75
Pears.....	1 75 @	2 15
Quinces.....	1 50 @	0 00
Apples—Red.....	1 50 @	1 75
Green.....	1 25 @	1 40
Grapes.....	1 50 @	1 75
Pine Apples, doz.....	5 00 @	0 00
Coconuts, doz.....	1 00 @	0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—California, sweet.....	2 1/2 @
Local.....	per ton 15 00 @ 16 50
Onions—Red California.....	1 1/2 @
California Silverskins.....	1 1/2 @

#### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Smoked meats continue scarce. It is said that there is hardly any choice breakfast bacon in the city. Those who have any in stock are keeping it for their own customers and will not sell to other dealers. There is said to be very little Manitoba butter in the market. Eastern creamery is also quoted slightly higher. A car from Montreal, due here about the middle of the week, will be quoted at 29c for large tubs and 30c for small. The packers' prices of American smoked meats are the same as quoted last week.

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td., quote new season's pack of Canadian meats as follows: Hams, 14 1/2c per lb.; choice breakfast bacon, 17 1/2c; short roll, 12 1/2c; long roll, 12 1/2c; dry salt side, 11 1/2c; smoked clear side, 12c. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15 1/2c per lb; heavy hams, 15 1/2c; choice breakfast bacon, 15 1/2c; short clear sides, 13 1/2c, and dry salt clear sides, 12 1/2c. Armour's white label pure lard, 10 lb. pails, 14 1/2c per lb.

Canadian meats are quoted f. o. b. Victoria: Hams 14 1/2c, breakfast bacon 15c, long clear side 10 1/2c; spiced rolls, 12 1/2c; pure lard, tubs, 12 1/2c; do, 3 lb and 5 lb tins, 13 1/2c.

Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td., quote dry granulated sugar in 100 lb sacks at 5 1/2c to the trade.

W. J. Pendray reports largely increased sales of vinegar. The sales of this article are 1500 gallons more this fall than the same season last year. As Pendray's vinegar becomes better known the more popular it becomes, as its superiority commands a ready sale, thus ensuring a good profit to those who handle this really excellent article of home manufacture. At the recent exhibition Mr. Pendray was awarded a silver medal for the best malt and white wine vinegar, also a gold medal for the finest display of soaps.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Receipts of butter during the past week were 5,424 pkgs, against 15,855 pkgs for the week previous. The quiet feeling noted last week has been maintained, although there has been some business on export account, the sale being reported of 400 tons of Western at 19c, holders now asking 20c. Kamonaska has changed hands at 18c, 500 tubs being reported sold at that figure. Creamery is held at too high figures to admit of much business, holders asking 24c to 25c for their Sept. and Oct. makes. In Eastern Townships dairy, there have been sales in the country at 21c to 22c for choice Fall dairies. We quote: Creamery, choice fall, 23 1/2c to 24c; creamery, good to fine, 22c to 23c. Add 1c to 2c per lb for selected single package. Cheese receipts during the past week were 61,385 boxes, against 41,404 boxes for the week previous. The market is firm with a fair export enquiry, sales of finest Western September having transpired at 10 1/2c. The Liverpool private cable has advanced another 1s to 3 1/2s for September, which, considering the remarkably heavy shipments during the past three weeks amounting to about 240,000 boxes, was unexpected. Considerable sales have been made of underpriced goods at 9 1/2c to 10 1/2c. It is stated as we go to press that 10 1/2c would have to be paid for finest Western. The shipments this

week were 32,955 boxes, against 42,877 boxes for the week previous."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	27 1/2 @	30
Manitoba Dairy choice.....	18 @	22
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 1/2 @	14 1/2
California.....	10 @	00
Eggs, doz.....	21 @	22

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15 1/2 @	17
Breakfast bacon.....	15 @	17 1/2
Short rolls.....	12 @	13
Backs.....	13 @	15
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @	12 1/2
Pure Lard, 50lbs.....	13 @	14
"          20lbs.....	13 @	14 1/2
Lard Compound.....	10 1/2 @	11 1/2

Sugar—Jobber's prices 1/2-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated.....	5 1/2 @	5 1/2
Extra C.....	5 1/2 @	5 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	6 @	6
Yellow.....	4 1/2 @	4 1/2
Golden C.....	4 1/2 @	4 1/2
Syrups, per lb.....	3 @	3

#### PAINTS OILS AND COLORS.

The Toronto *Empire* of 21st inst., says: "There has been an advance made in the price of spirits and turpentine. The Jobber's Association here now quote 48c, freight paid to delivery station. The linseed oil quotations of a week ago are unchanged, but in view of the facts that United States competition has been drawn off by the advance which followed the reforming of the trust, and that English competition is now handicapped by the advance in ocean freight, and will soon be more so by higher rail freights, it seems probable that prices will rise. Paints are in request for inside work, such as wall painting, decorating, etc."

#### SALMON.

The British bark *Chili*, 678 tons, Capt. McKenzie, arrived Oct. 30 from London, with a general cargo, and is under charter to load a return cargo of salmon for her consignees Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co. The British bark *The Frederick*, 812 tons, Capt. Simpson, from Talcahuano Sept. 2, is fully due. Her cancelling date expired on Oct. 31. There is no feature worthy of note in salmon. The market is quiet.

#### FLOUR AND FEED.

The Victoria Roller Flour Mills have lowered the prices of their standard brands—Delta and Lion—25c per bbl., in sympathy with the low prices ruling in the Portland markets. Jobbers' quotations are reduced in sympathy. The Hudson's Bay Company now quote their Manitoba Hungarian flour, Fort Garry Mills, at \$5.40 per bbl., and Strong Baker's at \$5.00, in quantities less than carload lots. Benton County, Oregon, flour has declined, and is now quoted by the Hudson's Bay Company at \$4.85 per bbl. Portland Roller and Royal are also quoted at a decline from last week's prices. Wheat is up a little in Oregon. There is a strong demand for California and Oregon white wheat. Prices in Manitoba are said to be weaker, while the English market is steady.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "The flour market is unimproved either as to the demand or values. The inquiry for the majority of brands is mostly for local trade, although contracts have been made with several interior mills for product to be shipped to China. 10,000 bbls. went by sail to Europe and 500 bbls. to San Francisco. The price