

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, April 25, 1896.

Butter is easier. The top range an Creamery is now 22c. Eggs have also declined 1c per dozen. Some brands of Manitoba flour are 10c lower. Potatoes are down to \$8 to \$9 per ton, but Ashcroft potatoes, on account of their fine quality bring up to \$10 per ton. Onions are 1c per lb higher.

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 22c. Manitoba cheese 10 1/2c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon 11 1/2c; backs 11 1/2c; long, clear 8 1/2c; short rolls 9c; smoked sides 10c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in rails and tubs 9 1/2c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 8c; smelt 1c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 8c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bloaters 10c; zipper cod 9c; sturgeon 6c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes \$6 to \$8 per ton; ashcroft potatoes, \$10; onions silver skins, 2 1/2c; cabbage, 1 1/2c; Ashcroft potatoes, 75 to 76c; carrots, turnips and beets, 1/2 to 1c a lb.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 17 cents. Oregon eggs, 16c.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges, \$2 \$2.50, navels, \$3.50; California lemons, \$3.00; Oregon apples, \$1.75.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7 1/2c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12 1/2c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12 1/2c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks \$3.10. 22 1/2 lb and sacks, \$3.30, 10.7 sacks, \$2.00. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.00; 2-50's, \$2.75. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$1.70; strong bakers, \$1.40; Oregon, \$1.50; Oak Lake patent \$1.40; do strong bakers \$1.20.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$30.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.
Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7 to 8 1/2c; mutton, 9c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 8 1/2c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c lb; sheep, \$4.00 to \$4.50; hogs, 5 1/2 to 5 1/2c.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$6 per dozen, scarce.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 6 1/2c; granulated, 5 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow 4 1/2c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2 1/2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 18c; choice, 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

British Columbia.

E. Patton, general store, Alberni, is dead.
Mark R. Eagleson, hotel, Ashcroft, is out of business.

Hussell & Herod, hotel, Hamloops, are burned out. Insured.

The effects of John E. Insley, hotel, New Westminster, are advertised for sale by bailiff.

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W. Morrison, of Morrison & Adams, general store, Alexandria, is dead.

N. J. Hopkins, general store, Kamloops, has admitted Angus McLean as partner.

R. E. Lemon, general store, Nelson, has resigned.

The Crescent Dry Goods Company, Rossland, is incorporated.

Black & Dunberg, hotel, Sandon, have sold out to Chisholm & McKay.

Stubbs, Bennett & Co., dry goods, Sandon, have moved to Slocan City.

James Hartney, logger, Vancouver, has resigned.

Watson & Geiger, plumbers, Victoria, have dissolved; T. F. Geiger continues.

Ravelstoke Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd., Ravelstoke, have sold out to Atkins & Smith.

Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting Company, Victoria, effects sold to Consolidated Railway Co.

Henry Collins, dry goods, Vancouver and New Westminster, advertise the New Westminster br. reb stock for sale.

Opening of Navigation.

The first steamer of the Canadian Pacific Lake Steamship line will leave Owen Sound, Saturday, May 2nd, for Port Arthur and Fort William. Freight is now being accepted in the East for Manitoba and Territorial points. The lake and rail rates to Winnipeg are 1st class, 143; 2nd, 123; 3rd, 103; 4th, 87; 5th, 72 cents per 100 pounds.

Eastern flour rates will be the same as last year, viz., 15c per 100 pounds from Fort William to Montreal. Flour will be accepted for shipment from all Manitoba points on and after Monday, April 27, via the lake route.

Financial and Insurance Items

The Bank of Montreal has declared a dividend of 5 per cent for the current half year, which is equal to 10 per cent. per annum on the paid up capital of \$12,000,000.

F. S. Young has been appointed local manager for Winnipeg for the Globe Savings and Loan company succeeding E. W. Day, who recently moved to Toronto.

The Toronto Monetary Times has the following complementary reference to the Great West Life: Among the companies which have set out of late years to exemplify not only the most attractive features of legitimate life assurance, but the modern methods of making them known, is the Great West Life Company. Its management appears to have recognized that instead of, as in the old days of the business, hampering policies with conditions and limitations, often superfluous, and at which either insur-

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ants in their lifetime, or their beneficiaries after death were likely to cavil, it was better to free their policies from any and all needless restrictions. And so they, together with other modern companies, have aimed to get a contract of assurance which shall approach as near as may be to a simple promise to pay in a certain event. The more liberal a policy is made, consistent with safety the more policies are likely to be issued. And this the Great West folk seem to believe.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending April 23 were \$37,108; balances, \$145,607. For the previous week clearings were \$1,051,913. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$711,881, and for the week two years ago, \$581,313. For the month of March clearings were \$1,286,623 as compared with \$2,929,438 for March, 1895, and \$3,510,411 for March, 1891.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	April 16.
Montreal	\$9,325.98
Toronto	6,911.99
Halifax	1,116.291
Winnipeg	1,051.913
Hamilton	700.287
Total	\$19,159.476

E. S. Knowlton, Winnipeg, has sold out his drug business to Dickson & Kelly, late of W. J. Mitchell's, who will continue the business.

Sir Donald A. Smith has been appointed high commissioner for Canada in London, as well as a privy councillor of the Dominion, but not of the cabinet.

G. F. Stephens & Co., Winnipeg, who are agents for the Sharpless Russian cream separators and other dairy supplies, are furnishing the new creamery at Regina, Assiniboia territory, with a complete outfit. They are also supplying the new creamery at Indian Head, Assiniboia, with a separator. The latter creamery is being established by Lord Brassey. It is expected that both these creameries will be taken over by the Dominion Government.