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VICTORIA.

There are no marked features to record in the general situation. There is a somewhat easier feeling in the money market, which is having a decided and beneficial effect. The wholesale trade say that dealers throughout the country are still actuated by a spirit of conservatism, and they are confining their orders to immediate requirements. Buying is confined almost entirely to the necessities of life, and luxuries are ignored or else taken in the smallest possible way. The demand from the agricultural districts is very fair. There is no speculative buying, all purchases being made for near by wants. Eastern wholesale dry goods and clothing houses are now showing samples of spring goods. All lines of English goods are very firm, because the coal strike in England has retarded production. The American rice market is firm with prospects of still higher prices. Nearly all goods are either held firm in price or have been steadily advancing. There are but few articles that show any decline. The salmon exports during the past week are worthy of note, their value representing a large sum. Collections were reported fair at the beginning of the month, but after the 15th they slackened off considerably.

At Vancouver, during the past week, business has been steady, the retail trade showing signs of improvement. Collections are, however, still reported as being very slow. In wholesale circles there is very little to note this week. Prices are almost entirely unchanged and business continues steady.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Prices in all lines are reported steady. American canned meats are firm and a good authority makes the statement that an advance of about 5c a dozen is looked for on American Roast and Corned beef in 2s. The Hudson's Bay Co. have received a shipment of the Red River brand of Manitoba cheese. It is fall cream September make, and quoted from 12½c to 14c. Armour's gold brand meats are commanding the best family trade. They are unexcelled. Alice & Ault, report a

good demand for the Clover Leaf Creamery butter, for which they are exclusive agents for B. C. It commands a higher price than any other butter on the market and is giving the best of satisfaction. They have a car of September creamery on the way, which the makers say is of even superior quality to their August make. It is expected here early in November, and will be in all sized packages from 5lb., tins up to large tubs. There is some low grade Eastern creamery being sold in this Province by commission agents who quote 1c to 1½c per lb., below usual prices thereby inducing dealers who are unacquainted with the quality of the goods to make large purchases. Several of our local retail grocers were induced to order this stock, and now find the quality too poor to admit of them supplying it to their customers. The result is that the jobber is offering to compromise at any figure, but in a number of cases the butter has been returned to him.

The Toronto *Empire* says: "The Avlona has arrived in port at Montreal and is discharging her cargo, which consists entirely of dried fruit. This cargo, with arrivals close at hand via New York has caused up prices for currants and raisins. Filatura and Patras currants on spot are selling at 4½ to 5½c, according to quality, but sales to arrive are being made at from ½ to ¾c less. Valencia raisins to arrive are quoted at 4½c for off-stalk, 5½c for fine off-stalk, 6½c for selects and 6½c to 7c for hyper selects. In New York Valencia raisins are scarce. Layers are selling at 7½ to 8c for spot, but later deliveries are sold from 1 to ¾c lower. Sultana raisins are scarce and firm. The Patras currant market is cabled quiet though steady at 7s 3c to 7s 6d, cost and freight, for bbls first half of October shipment. Figs remain firm on account of the embargo being continued against Smyrna goods. Green Rio coffee is scarce and firm."

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 9,018 pkgs, against 15,823 pkgs for the week previous. To-day, it is said, there is an easier feeling in the market, as factory-men, who, a short time since, were asking 23c to 23½c per lb in the country for September make, are now offering it at 22½c; but even at this figure shippers do not want it. So that the sales that have been made at 22½c to 23c at the factory have been on local account. Dairy butter is not too plentiful, and Eastern Townships have been sold at 20c to 21c for fine late made. Fine fall ends are bringing the same prices in the country. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, September, 22½c to 23c; creamery, August, 21½c to 22c. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 57,030 boxes, against 62,900 boxes for the week previous. The market is firmer and ½c to ¾c higher on the week, with sales of Quebec cheese at the boat on Monday at 11c, a few under-priced selling at 10½c, about 3,000 boxes in all. The second and third week of September cheese belonging to the Mona Lea combination sold at 11½c. On this basis, choice Western September may be quoted at 11½c to 11¾c. A large portion of the cold storage goods held in this city have been shipped out, and when the last boats have left this fall, it is be-

lieved that there will be considerably less cheese left over in Canada than at the corresponding period last year."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	27	@	27½
Manitoba creamery, 5-lb tins	27	@	28
" dalry.....	17	@	20
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	12½	@	14
California.....	18	@	00
Eggs, case, per doz.....	90	@	22½

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	16	@	18
Breakfast bacon.....	17	@	18
Short rolls.....	14½	@	15
Dry Salt, long clear.....	14	@	00
Pure Lard, 50lbs.....	15½	@	00
" " 20lbs.....	15½	@	00
" " 10lbs.....	15½	@	00
Lard Compound, 10lbs.....	13	@	13½

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:

Dry Granulated.....	6½
Extra C.....	5½
Fancy Yellow.....	5½
Yellow.....	5½
Golden C.....	5½
Dry Granulated (China).....	6
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tin, American.....	6 50
" " " ".....	5 75
" 1 " Vancouver.....	5 50
" ½ " ".....	7 00

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0	16½
" " " heavy	0	16
" " " breakfast bacon	0	00
Fancy Gold Band hams	0	18½
" " " breakfast bacon	0	21
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces	0	15
" " " 50-lb tins	0	15½
" " " 20-lb "	0	15½
" " " 10-lb "	0	15½
" " " 5-lb "	0	15½
" " " 3-lb "	0	15½

FLOUR AND FEED.

Quotations are steady. No changes having been reported during the past week. Heavy shipments of hay and grain are being received by distributing houses. The bulk of the receipts are going into warehouse for winter consumption.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says: "The call for flour continues light from domestic points and only fair for China. There is at present no European enquiry, and nothing of a profitable character is looked for from abroad for some time. The usual weekly shipments to San Francisco, British Columbia and China are noted, and the local requirements are readily filled without any disturbance of values. About 10,000 bbls. were received here last week by rail and perhaps half as much by boats. Quote standard roller brands at \$3 per bbl."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	\$4	40
" Strong Bakers.....	4	10
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots in warehouse in Victoria:		
Premier.....	\$4	40
XXX.....	4	10
Strong Bakers or XX.....	3	75
Superfine.....	3	40

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$	4 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	4 50 @ 0 00	
Premier, Enderby mills.....	4 50 @ 0 00	
XXX, " ".....	4 35 @ 0 00	
XX, " ".....	4 00 @ 0 00	
Superfine, " ".....	3 65 @ 0 00	
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	4 75 @ 0 00	
Strong Bakers.....	4 50 @ 0 00	