

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

Business continues steady, with the wholesale and jobbing houses. The Indian trade has been a special feature of the past week with the retail trade, and all branches have felt the benefits of the money put into circulation. The fall trade with the dry goods houses is reported quite satisfactory, and the indications are favorable for its continuance. The arrival of the steamship Arawa with supplies of Hawaiian and Australian fruit found the market bare, and jobbers are experiencing a good demand at fair prices.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "Wholesale merchants report that trade is fairly brisk as orders for fall goods from country merchants are now coming in. Retailers, however, report that business has been rather dull during the past week, as large numbers of people have been away at the exhibition in New Westminster. Of the local industries it may be said that nearly all are running full time. The Oriental war has caused an improvement in freights, and every outward steamer is loaded down to its fullest capacity. The organization of two strong companies to prosecute halibut fishing on an extensive scale during the winter months will also find employment for a number of men, and this promises to be an important industry. The saw mills have been kept fairly busy for some time past."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Eastern creamery is reported steady, jobbers quoting 24c per lb. for large tubs and 26c for small. American cured meats, hams and bacon are weaker than last week, jobbers quoting about 1c per lb. lower. Stocks of last season's canned goods are getting quite low. Corn is scarce, and has been advanced, being currently quoted in 2-lb. tins at \$1.15 per doz. Beans are steady at \$1.10 per doz., also peas at \$1.00 per doz. The stock of tomatoes is limited, and quotations for 3-lb. tins are about \$1.25 per doz.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags 44
Yellow, according to quality..... 1 to 48
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags..... 57
Powdered, icing and bars, in bbls..... 64

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins..... per lb \$ 7 @ \$ 0.
Malaga raisins..... per box 3 00 @ 3 25
Currants (barrels)..... per lb 44 @
" half bbls..... per lb 5 @ 51
" (cases)..... per lb 51 @ 74
Sultana raisins..... per lb 8 @ 10
Taragona almonds..... per lb 14 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts..... per lb 11 @ 18
Filberts..... per lb 11 1/2 @ 14

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs..... 24 @ 26
Manitoba dairy..... 18 @ 19
" creamery in tins 27 @ 29
" in tubs 26 @ 00
Cheese—Canadian, lb..... 13 @ 14
Canadian station..... 17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian..... per doz 19 @ 20

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Ham..... 16 @ 16 1/2
Breakfast bacon..... 15 @ 16
Short rolls..... 11 @ 12
Dry Salt, long clear..... 11 @ 11 1/2
Back..... 13 1/2 @ 13 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard 4 lbs..... 0 12 1/2
" " " 50-lb tins..... 0 12 1/2
" " " 20-lb "..... 0 13
" " " 10-lb "..... 0 13 1/2
" " " 5-lb "..... 0 13 1/2
" " " 3-lb "..... 0 13 1/2
Lard Compound, 10 lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00
" " 20 lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00
" " 5 lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00
" " 3 lbs..... 10 1/2 @ 00

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

Dry Granulated (China)..... 100-sack 4 65
Extra C, China..... 4 37 1/2
China, yellow..... 4 12 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery)..... 17 to 18
Extra C..... 12
Fancy Yellow..... 11
Yellow..... 12
Golden C..... 31
Cubes..... 61
Powdered..... 67
Syrups, per lb..... 3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10)..... 5 50
" 1 " " (16)..... 5 50
" 1 " " Vancouver..... 5 50
" 1 1/2 " "..... 7 00

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium 0 16 1/2
" " " heavy..... 0 16
" " " breakfast bacon 0 16
Fancy Gold Band hams..... 0 18 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon..... 0 18

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100 lb bags, per ton..... 12 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton 18 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl. 3 00
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs 8 75
" " " quarterboxes
23 lbs, per cwt..... 9 00
Malt vinegar, English, 25-gal. bbls 11 25
" " " octaves..... 6 50
" " " cases of 3 doz., per cs 5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria..... 1 25
" " " California..... 1 30
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs..... 80 @ 90
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs..... 80
Coal oil, per case..... 2 80
Nails, per keg—4d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 40d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Dealers advise no change in the markets for the past two weeks.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says:

"The weakness which has characterized the flour market, as noted in the last issue of the *Review*, has continued throughout the present week, and not much encouragement can be offered to the milling interest. Shipments of fair amounts to fill recent orders from China continue to be forwarded to British Columbia for trans-shipment there, a fact which reflects but little credit upon our own port, which by right should have direct connection with the Orient. The

Empress that sails on the 12th will take 1700 tons of flour from here to China. A large shipment also goes to Honolulu. Valley shipments include the usual amounts to San Francisco; 20,725 barrels left on the British bark Priorhill this week for Galway, the first cargo for Europe this season. Quotations are continued at \$2.30 per barrel for standard brands, and something like 10c to 20c less per barrel for good stock not so well known."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian..... \$1 00
" Strong Bakers..... 3 80

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier..... \$1 00
XXX..... 3 85
Strong Bakers or XX..... 3 10
Superfine..... 3 15

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Delta..... \$3 50
Victoria XXX..... 3 50
Superfine..... 3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills..... \$3 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " "..... 3 50 @ 0 00
Victoria XXX..... 3 50 @ 0 00
Superfine..... 3 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills..... 1 25 @ 0 00
XXX, " "..... 1 10 @ 0 00
XX, " "..... 3 65 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "..... 3 40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian..... 4 30 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 4 10 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..... 4 30 @ 0 00
" " Strong Bakers..... 4 10 @ 0 00
Cak Lake Patent Hungarian..... 4 30 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 4 10 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian..... 4 30 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 4 10 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Vashon, Washington..... 3 90 @ 0 00
Snowflake..... 3 65 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton..... 25 00 @ 0 00
Oats..... 27 00 @ 30 00
Oil cake meal..... 35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California..... 27 50 @ 00 00
Shorts..... 20 00 @ 25 00
Bran..... 20 00 @ 22 50
National Mills oatmeal..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats (90-lbs) 3 50 @ 0 00
" " " 10 7s, baled 3 00 @ 0 00
" split peas..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley..... 4 75 @ 0 00
" Chop feed..... 20 00 @ 25 00
California oatmeal..... 3 85 @ 0 00
California rolled oats..... 4 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole..... per ton 37 50 @ 10 00
Peas, field..... per ton 10 00 @ 00 00
Cornmeal..... 2 50 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton 40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn..... 40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton..... 15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale..... 1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton..... \$75 00 @ 80 00
" " (polished)..... 90 00 @ 100 00
Best China rice "..... 80 00 @ 100 00
Chinarico No. 1 " (mats)..... 68 00 @ 03 00
" " (sacks)..... 65 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour..... 70 00
Broken rice..... 30 00
Rice Meal..... 17 50