

# WILLIAM L. KEENE & CO

(Successors to Chipman, Morzan & Co.)

SHIPBROKERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS

632 Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.

Importers of Rice, Sacks, Japan, Indian and China Teas, Steel, Iron, Rope, Cement, Oils, Fruit, Canned Goods, Etc., Etc.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver Business Review

July 16, 1894.

The wholesale firms report money considerably easier and trade quite brisk since the floods. And prospects for the fall are good. For the past week railroad traffic over the Canadian Pacific Railroad has been unusually brisk, and the city is full of tourists from the United States, being obliged to take the Canadian route to the eastern states owing to the Pullman strike. The lumber business is still active, both the large mills running on full time. Hydraulic mining is in full swing, and if one could believe half the reports of the big finds that come in from the interior, he would be convinced that the immediate future prospects of British Columbia were very bright, particularly as we are to have a Canadian smelter at Pilot Bay at an early date, and the Canadian, Nakusp and Slovan railway for the accommodation has been handed over to the engineers by the construction company. Our fruit crop is a complete failure, owing to insect pests, and we will have to import most of our garden stuff owing to the flood devastations. The shipping trade is exceptionally good. The Warrimoo and Empress of China both sailed to-day; every inch of freight space was occupied, the Warrimoo carrying away 2,200 tons. So that the Australian Canadian line may be said to be beyond the experimental stage and pronounced a great success. On the last two trips they have been obliged to refuse freight.

### B. C. Market Quotations.

**BUTTER**—Australian butter, 28c; California cheese, 14c; California butter, 21 to 23c; Eastern creamery, 24c.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 13½c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 11½ to 12c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins 12½c per pound; in pails and tubs, 11½c; mess pork, \$18; short cut, \$22.

**FISH**—Prices are: Spring salmon, 7c; steel heads, 6c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 5c; cod, 6c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c; oolicans, 6c; sockeye, 5c.

**VEGETABLES**—Old potatoes, \$15; new, \$23 per ton; onions, red, 1½; cabbage, 2½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.

**EGGS**—Fresh, 14 to 15c.

**FRUITS**—Lemons, California, \$2.75 to 3.00; oranges, seedlings, \$2.50; Australian apples, \$1.50 to \$1.75; bananas, Honolulu, crate single \$2.00; pineapples, per dozen, \$2.00; cherries, per box, \$1; strawberries, crate double, \$8; coconuts, 60c dz; apricots, per box, \$1; pears, per box, \$1.50; raspberries, \$2 per box; plums, \$1.10; peaches, \$1.35; Australian grapes, ½ box, \$2.50; full, \$3.50, Australian lemons, \$3.

**FLOUR**—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote, in car load lots at Victoria, and Vancouver: Patent, per barrel, \$4.00; strong bakers, \$3.75. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in car load lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$3.90; XXX, \$3.75; strong bakers or XX, \$3.40; superfine, \$3.10; Oregon, \$3.75; Oak Lake, patent \$4.00; strong bakers \$3.70.

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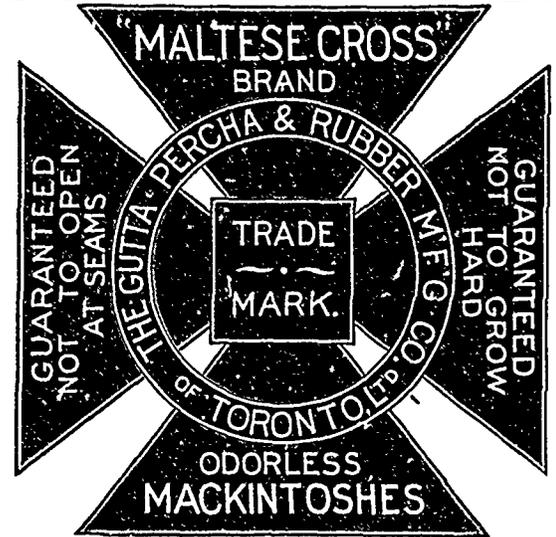
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**GRAIN**—Manitoba oats, per ton, \$31; United States oats, \$30; wheat, \$25; hay, \$10 on river bank.

**MEAL**—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, 90-lb sacks, \$3.30. Cornmeal, per 98-lb sacks, \$2.15; per 10-10, \$2.55.

**GROUND FEED**—Manitoba chopped feed, \$23 per ton; feed wheat, United States, \$16 per ton; Canadian chop barley, \$23; California chop, \$18.00.

**Millstuffs**—Bran, \$20.00; shorts, \$21; oil cake, \$32.

**DRESSED MEAT**—Beef, 7½ to 8c; mutton, 8½ to 9c; pork, 8 to 9c; veal, 9c; lamb, per head, \$3.50 to 4.00.

**LIVE STOCK**—Calves, 5 to 6c; steers, 3½ to 4c; sheep, 3½c; hogs, 6 to 7½c; cows, 2½ to 3c.

**SUGARS**—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris lump, 5½c granulated 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellow, 4½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 3½c.

**SYRUPS**—30 gallon barrels, 2½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$2 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4.25 per case of 10, ½ gallon tins, \$5.75 per case of 20.

### Brief Business Notes.

E. A. Baker has opened soda water works at Vancouver.

M. G. McLean, liquors, Vancouver, is reported sold out.

Jones Bros. have opened a general store at Grand Prairie.

E. E. Phair, hotel, Nelson, has given up business at Kaslo.

R. Minaty, hotel, Vancouver, is succeeded by Minaty & McLean.

A. E. Fawcett, druggist, has started in business at Landers Landing.

W. A. McCallum, saddler, Landers Landing, is succeeded by James Bone.

J. Kingham & Co., jewellers, Victoria; stock sold a 60 cents on the dollar.

J. M. Douglas, builder, etc., Kamloops; W. C. Douglas admitted as partner.

Geo. F. Welch & Son, painters, etc., New Westminster, have dissolved.

Adolph Newman, cigar manufacturer, Nanaimo, has sold out to Newman & Eastman.

E. G. Anderson & Co., commission agents, Victoria, have dissolved 10th inst.; each continues alone.

The steamship Wauimoo sailed for Australia July 16. She had only twenty saloon passengers, but a full cargo, freight being even refused. The cargo comprised agricultural implements, machinery, salmon, lumber and lime.

The canneries are all ready to begin the sockeye pack, and on the first appearance of

the run over 1,200 boats will be sent out. If the fish are plentiful the pack should be the largest on record, though very few of the canners expect to see as many cases put up as last year. The number of licenses issued so far by Inspector of Fisheries McNab is between 1,250 and 1,300. This is over 200 more than last year and double the number of four or five years ago. Twenty-eight canneries have taken out between them 560 licenses, which is somewhat in excess of last year. The greatest increase, however, is in the number of free fishermen.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., for June says:—"Business continues limited in volume and dull in tone. This has naturally been reflected in the freight market during the month just passed, and rates are in some instances decidedly weaker, notably to the United Kingdom. At the close there has been quite unusual activity in grain chartering and a number of vessels have been fixed at 25s nett to Cork for orders. In the lumber market a fairly satisfactory business has been done at previous rates. Suitable tonnage is scarce, which checks any downward tendency there may be. Several signs are apparent of a revival in Australia and it is to be hoped these will continue to be manifested."

### Condition of the Dry Goods Trade.

The New York Evening Post in its review of the dry goods trade for the first six months of the year says:—

The first half of the year will have passed by Saturday, and in reviewing the trade since the first of the year it will be found that the manufacture of domestic cottons was curtailed over 25 per cent., and the production of woolen and worsted fabrics was from 50 to 60 per cent., according to the character of the goods, below the output of 1893. The importations of wool were a little less than one-third of the importations of wool during the same period last year. On all staple lines values have shrunk from 15 to 25 per cent., but specials and novelties of all descriptions have suffered especially. The distribution of goods was irregular and at times forced. The situation has one gleam of sunshine in the engagement of goods for autumn, through which some makes of heavy-weight goods have been entirely sold up or contracted for. It is said that the balance sheets of the various houses will vary, as the majority will compare favorably with the same time in 1893, because the manufacturer and not the jobber has had to sacrifice goods.

The furniture and undertaking business carried on by W. D. Lambert, at Boisvevan, has been purchased by N. Vrooman, of Manitou.