

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business for the new year has been moderately active in most lines. There is a general disposition to move slowly and with caution at the opening of a year, so it is quite probable that for a few weeks there will not be the activity or volume of trade that marked the closing weeks of the year. This should, therefore, cause no apprehension.

The financial situation is a fairly easy one. The supply of money for legitimate trade purposes is sufficient to meet the spring demand, which, however, has not yet commenced.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

• There were very fair receipts of oranges by the last steamer, one firm receiving a carload. The demand, on account of the recent cold weather, is not as brisk as it might be.

Quotations are: Pears, (winter), \$1.50; Japanese oranges, 75c per box; Oregon apples (greenings), \$1.00; Baldwin, Bellflower, Rose and Blue Pearmain, \$1.10; Santa Barbara oranges, \$3.50; Riverside seedlings, \$3.50; navels, \$5.00; California Messina lemons, \$6.00 to \$6.50; silverskin onions, 1½c. per lb; island apples, \$1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$1 to \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 3½c. per lb. potatoes, island, \$20 per ton; Chilliwack, \$18 per ton; Fraser River, \$16 per ton; Bonapartes, \$25 per ton; persimmons, \$1.75.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Butter is without change. The representative of an Eastern firm says: "There is not a medium or small tub of creamery in the Eastern market for sale. There is, however, quite a quantity of large tubs, which is quoted at 24½c and 25c., f.o.b., Toronto." Local prices are steady and demand good.

Quotations are: Eastern creamery, 23½c per lb. for large and 20½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairv, 23c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c.

There is no change in the sugar trade, everything in this line being quiet for a time. Quotations are unchanged since last week, Vancouver granulated being quoted at 5½c in bags or bbls., and Hong Kong, 5½c.

Canadian meats are quoted: Hams, 13½c to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13½c; short rolls, 12c; dry salt sides, 11½c.

Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 8½c, in half-bbls. 8½c; valencias, 8½c; sultanas, 14c; London layers, \$2.25 a box; California sultanas, \$2.25 a box; dates, 9c; prunes, 9c to 12½c. California evaporated fruits in 25 lb. boxes are quoted as follows: Peaches, 12½c; apricots, 14c; nectarines, 14c; pitted plums, 11c. About the same grade of fruits in cotton sacks are quoted from 1c to 2c per lb. less. New Canadian evaporated apples are quoted at 11c per lb.

The local jobbers are now carrying full stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which include apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot

marmalade, etc. Quotations are 1½ lb. size, \$3 per dozen; 3 lb. size, \$5 per doz.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

FLOUR AND FEED.

It is openly stated that the imports of Oregon flour into this market are falling off steadily owing to the keen competition from local and Manitoba millers, who supply a better article for less money. The Lion brand of family flour, manufactured by the Victoria Mills, is reported as giving the best of satisfaction to all who have tried it. Ogilvie's brands are meeting with an increasing demand. There has been a rise of 10c per barrel in Oregon flour since last week. Oats are also reported stronger. California rolled oats have advanced 10c a gummy. Cornmeal is slightly weaker, having dropped 2½c a sack. Ogilvie's flours are quoted for car lots: Hungarian \$5.75 a bbl., and Strong Bakers' \$5.40.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.60; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$1.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	.....	\$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, "	.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	.....	5 85 @ 0 00
XXX., "	.....	5 65 @ 0 00
XX., "	.....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, "	.....	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian	.....	5 85 @ 6 00
" Strong Bakers	.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake	.....	6 35 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Royal	.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	.....	\$10 00 @ 15 00
Oats	.....	32 50 @ 35 00
Oil cake meal	.....	32 50 @ 35 00
Chop feed	.....	33 00 @ 35 00
Shorts	.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran	.....	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal	.....	3 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal	.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	.....	3 90 @ 4 00
Corameal	.....	2 75 @ 3 25
Cracked corn	.....	15 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton	.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale	.....	1 00 @ 1 25

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote: whole-sale:

Japan rice, per ton	.....	\$77 50
China rice	.....	70 00
Rice flour	.....	70 00
Chit rice	.....	25 00
Rice Meal	.....	17 50

LUMBER.

The latest advices from Australia are of the most dismal description, sales having recently been made at prices which do not even cover freight and charges, to say nothing of the value of the lumber. There is another to add to the list on the way. The American schooner W. H. Talbot, 776 tons, Capt. Bluhm, now on the way from San Francisco, has been chartered by R. P. Rithet & Co. (Ld.) to load at Burrard Inlet for Tientsin, China. This makes three vessels on the way from San Francisco under charter to load lumber, aggregating 2,655 tons. The cargo of the bark Dominion has been discharged, and she is in

the surveyor's hands. It has not yet been decided what they shall do with her. The Norwegian ship Morning Light, 1,310 tons, Capt. Johansen, is still loading, and should finish shortly. The Titania is still loading for London. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$30 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

For local trade, the Rock Bay Saw Mill quotes:

Rough lumber, per M	.....	\$10 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M	.....	00 00
Second "	.....	00 00
Laths, per M	.....	2 50
Shingles, "	.....	2 25

SALMON.

The City of Carlisle has completed her cargo of salmon which consists of 20,221 cases, and the Titania has a cargo of 22,366 cases. The final figures which have been compiled from the most reliable sources by Findlay, Durham & Brodie, place the total pack of the province for 1891 at 311,893 cases, against 409,464 cases for 1890, showing a shortage of 91,571 cases. The greatest shortage, amounting to 62,435 cases, was on the Fraser River; the pack there was 178,954 cases, against 241,889 cases in 1890. Shipments to the United Kingdom show a decrease of 72,632 cases; to Eastern Canada, a decrease of 17,616 cases; and to Australia, a decrease of 5,623 cases. Stocks on hand are small, there being only 8,918 cases, or about the same amount as last year, after the last clearance for the U. K.

From present appearances, the whole pack of the Pacific coast will be about the same as that of 1890.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

The general meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Friday. President T. B. Hall occupied the chair, among the members sitting under him being Messrs. C. E. Renouf, A. J. McLellan, E. G. Prior, Robert Ward, H. J. Scott, W. F. Bullen, H. F. Heisterman, B. Boggs, F. Elworthy, B. Van Volkenburg, Joshua Davies, Geo. Byrnes, E. B. Marvin, Gus. Leiser, J. H. Todd, D. R. Ker, Jacob Sehl, W. Jensen, A. G. Sargison, W. E. Losee, F. C. Davidge and C. D. Mason.

An extension of time—one month—was granted to the Building Committee,

President Hall explained that the board had seen fit to request an official enquiry into the loss of the San Pedro. The Government had authorized such an enquiry, and the Council had named Mr. Robert Ward as the board's representative.

A communication was read from Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., covering a telegram from the Minister of Public Works, in regard to a survey of the outer harbor, and stating that the resident Government engineer had been instructed to furnish the information required, and that the work would be proceeded with at once.

President Hall explained that the board had been in correspondence with C. P. R. people in regard to the calling of their steamers at this port. The representations of the board were met with the statement that the railway management, until they