

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Although times are quiet there is a steady volume of business. The stringency in the money market is having the effect of closing up some weak concerns. There is at present considerable activity in the sealing business; the schooners are re-returning home and the skins are being shipped to London. There were two good shipments made last week, the larger consisting of 11,000 skins, made by R. P. Rithet & Co. (Ld.). The returning crews are putting considerable of their money into circulation.

New Westminster and Lower Fraser River points are feeling the benefit of the salmon canning season and large sums of money have been paid out by the various canneries along the river.

It is not expected that the crops will be as good as last year, on account of the heavy spring rains and consequent backward season.

The dry goods trade are expecting a fair autumn business, and all preparations are made awaiting the opening of the season.

Collections are still slow, although an improvement is expected shortly.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The local fruit crop will, it is believed, prove almost a failure this year. California grapes are a little lower this week, while peaches and plums remain about the same. Some grades of Australian oranges are selling at \$2.00. Nutmeg melons are on the market and sell at \$1.75 a crate. Pears are quoted at \$1.25 a box, and bartlets at \$1.35 to \$1.50. Oregon peaches are expected soon.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Australian	2 00 @	2 50
Tahiti seedlings	3 00 @	3 25
Lemons—California	4 50 @	6 50
Australian	2 50 @	0 00
Bananas	1 35 @	2 25
Apples, Red Astrakan	1 35 @	1 50
Nectarines	1 25 @	0 00
Plums	85 @	1 15
Peaches	1 15 @	1 25
Pears	1 25 @	0 00
—bartlets	1 35 @	1 50
Grapes	1 25 @	1 75
Cocoanuts	per 100	8 00 @ 9 00
Watermelons	per doz	3 00 @ 6 00
Nutmeg melons	crate	1 75 @ 0 00
Cantaloupes	per crate	3 50 @ 4 00
Pineapples—sugar	per doz	4 00 @ 4 50
Hawaiian	per doz	2 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local	per lb	1 @	1 1/2
New California	per lb	1 @	1 1/2
Onions—Silverskins		1 1/2 @	
Cabbage		1 1/2 @	2
Tomatoes	per box	75 @	90
large	per box	1 75 @	2 00
Cucumbers	per box	1 25 @	1 75

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Columbia Flouring Mills Co. have reduced their quotation for carload lots 15c a bbl. Quotations for Vancouver and New Westminster in car lots are as follows: Premier, \$1.35; XXX, \$1.25; XX, \$3.85; Superfine, \$3.35. There are no other changes to note. A small quantity of new hay has been received from Fraser

River points, but not sufficient to influence prices.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The local demand for flour is the principal draft upon the output at present. Some stock is going to China via Sound ports and small shipments continue to be made to San Francisco, but requirements from these sources do not cut any important figure, and there is more or less competition among agents to place stock, which means that concessions on the price list are obtainable for first class custom. Local receipts are light, but in the main somewhat above current requirements, and possibly transactions are not on so high a level as we quote, viz., \$3.40 per bbl for standard roller brands.

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian	\$1 40
" Strong Bakers	4 10

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

Premier	\$1 40
XXX	4 30
Strong Bakers or XX	3 90
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 65 @	0 00
XXX	4 55 @	0 00
XX	4 15 @	0 00
Superfine	3 65 @	0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	4 75 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 60 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	4 75 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 60 @	0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	4 75 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	0 00 @	0 00
Regina Hungarian	4 75 @	0 00
" Strong Bakers	0 00 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon	4 65 @	0 00
Portland Roller	4 70 @	0 00
Snowflake	4 75 @	0 00
Royal	4 60 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton	30 00 @	35 00
Oats	32 50 @	35 00
Oil cake meal	45 00 @	00 00
Chop feed	30 00 @	35 00
Shorts	28 00 @	30 00
Bran	25 00 @	27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @	0 00
" " rolled oats	3 50 @	0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @	0 00
" " pearl barley	4 50 @	0 00
" " Chop feed	26 00 @	28 00
California oatmeal	4 25 @	0 00
California rolled oats	4 00 @	5 00
Corn, whole	per ton	37 50 @ 40 00
Corameal		2 75 @ 3 00
Corameal-feed	per ton	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn		40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton		18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale		1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 77 50
Best China rice	100 00
Chinarice No. 1	70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Chit rice	25 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

American packers' prices of roast, corned and lunch beef, both 1's and 2's, have been advanced 10c a doz., since last week. American hams have declined 1/2c, making the quotation the same as two weeks ago. Jobbers are pushing off their stocks of old lard, and quotations have been reduced.

A small lot of new lard has arrived since the recent decline, and full stocks are shortly expected. Eastern creamery butter is held firmer this week, and prices are up about 1/2c. Canadian cheese is about 1/2c cheaper. The Hudson's Bay Co. have received a shipment of choice Manitoba cheese which they quote at 12 1/2c. The first shipment of new season's canned goods has arrived. It consists of a carload of peas which are quoted at \$1.25 per dozen. The sugar market is steady, with no change in prices. Besides the China sugar now on the market, dealers have placed orders for Australian sugar, and the first shipment is expected by the ss. Warrimoo which is due here early next month.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Receipts of butter during the past week were 4,151 pkgs., against 2,512 pkgs., for the week previous. The export trade seems to have fallen off entirely, owing to the decline in England, and consequently no new business can be worked until prices on this side recede on a parity with those on the other side. The price of June butter was unquestionably hoisted above a healthy basis, and this is where factorymen have been misled. They say we received 21c to 21 1/2c for June creamery, and why should we take less money for our later makes. The answer to that is, simply, "because the foreign markets have declined as shippers cannot pay as much money." For July creamery 20 1/2c is the very outside that can be paid, although 20c appears to be the general idea of shippers. In Eastern Townships there is little or nothing doing owing to the scarcity of supplies. Western butter is very quiet in the absence of demand, and prices may be quoted at 18 1/2c to 17c. Most of the Western goods bought some time ago is said to be still in cold storage in the West. August creamery is quoted at 21c to 21 1/2c. We quote:—Creamery 20c to 21 1/2c; Eastern Townships, 18c to 19c. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 72,648 boxes against 32,647 boxes for the week previous. The market is in a very sickly position at the moment, there being some weak points about it as well as strong. The weakness is caused by the monetary troubles, and the strength lies in the statistical position. Regarding the latter, it is claimed that the supply of milk in some sections has fallen off 50 per cent., from the June flush, in corroboration of which factories that made 14 cheese per day now only turn out 7, according to the returns received. The Texas fly, which this year attacks the cows like swarms of bees, is said to be the cause of the big decrease in the milk supply. In the meantime prices are kept up beyond the export basis, finest Western colored shipped by this week's steamers costing 9 1/2c here, while through shipments cost more."

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast, corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.05c; do. 2's per doz., \$1.75; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.00; do. 2's, \$6.00. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15 1/2c per lb;