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BRITISH COLUMBIA.**Business Review**

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Merchants report the prospects of the winter trade fairly good. Collections for the month have shown some improvement. The rumor that the Ross McLaren company had secured a contract from a South African mining company for one hundred million feet of lumber the largest contract ever received in British Columbia has been an established fact. Both mills have been put in order for the winter work. Contrary to the expectations of most of the lumber firms the change in the United States tariff has given an impetus to the lumber trade here and two vessels have already been chartered to convey lumber to San Francisco. Eggs and butter are advancing. Grain and prepared meats are tumbling. There are so many conflicting rumors in mining circles, that it is difficult to explain in a few words the mining situation. The fact however is very apparent that English, Canadian and United States capital is being largely invested in mining operations. Halibut fishing continues very active, this week the New England Company have shipped 20,000 pounds to the United States market and the American Company 30,000, another purely local company has been organized in Victoria with Capt. Anderson at its head. The New England company have dismissed all their Canadian connections and are running the business intirely on Canadian capital and with United States employees. The first cargo of the New England company was 90,000 pounds of fish, on which after paying all expenses they cleared \$3,000 which was immediately sent out of the country. The American halibut company have several British Columbia stockholders but the heaviest stock holders are also in the States and are drawing the lion's share of dividends. As the Coquitlam and Capatino steamers chartered for the trip make returns every ten days the halibut industry as it now carried on is very remunerative. There have been halibut shippers in Vancouver for the past five years but they have been at the mercy of the manipulators in the United States and could never have it pay. The New England company at present making so much money put up in actual cash for running expenses \$2,000; after their first trip they were reimbursed with a thousand dollars to the good. Their running expenses have since been paid with the proceeds from the sale of fish in the local markets. There is no poultry in the market at present, it could not be sold on account of the market being glutted with wild birds. These will suddenly disappear and then there will be a demand for poultry far in excess of supply, and prices will rapidly advance. For the past three years \$913,021 has been sent out of the province for fowls and eggs, but this is getting less every year owing to the active poultry associations in every section of the Province, where lectures are held weekly and the greatest interest is being manifested throughout British Columbia in the raising of good stock.

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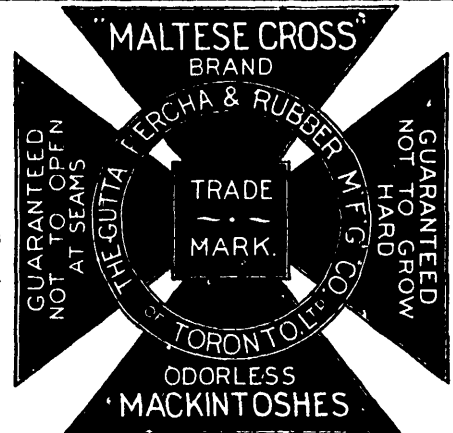
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In Vancouver shortly chicken fanciers are to have a poultry and pot stock show which they claim will eclipse all previous efforts.

B. C. Market Quotations.

Butter.—Eastern creamery, 23 to 26c; dairy, 16 to 20c; Canadian cheese, 18c.

Cured Meats.—Hams, 11c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 11c. Lard is held at the following figures: In tins 12c per pound; in pails and tubs, 12c; mess pork, \$18; short cut, \$23.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Cod, 6c; herring, 4c. Cohoes, 5c; flounders, 4c; smelt, 6c; seabass, 5c; halibut, 8c; smoked salmon, 12c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 10c; shippered herring, 10c; boiled crabs, doz., 60c.

Game.—Venison, 6c; bear, 5c lb; mallard duck, per brace, 50c; teal, 20c; pentail, 30c; grouse, brace 50c; wild geese, 60c each.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$14 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$22.00 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1c; cabbage, 1c; turnips, beets, etc., 2c; native cabbage, 1c; peppers, \$1.50; sweet potatoes, 2c.

Eggs.—Manitoba, 20c; fresh local, 35c; rising market.

Fruits.—Lemons, California, \$4.50; Australian lemons, \$2.75; coconuts, per dozen, 60c; pears, per box, \$1.50; peaches, \$1.25; California grapes, full crates, \$1.50; Australian oranges, \$2.50; Apples, native, 1.50; California \$1.50 to \$1.75; runes, 75 to 80.

Flour.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Keewatin Milling Co. quote, in car load lots at Victoria and Vancouver: Patent, per barrel, \$3.81; strong bakers, \$3.50. The Columbia Flouring mills quote Enderby flour in car lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$3.80; XXX, \$3.65; strong bakers or XX, \$3.60; superfine, \$3.00. Oregon, \$2.35; Oak Lake patent, \$3.90; strong bakers \$3.70.

Grain.—Manitoba oats, new, per ton, \$26; United States oats, \$24; wheat, \$19.50; hay, \$10 on bank.

Meal.—Oatmeal—National mills, Victoria, at Victoria, 90-lb racks, \$3.30. Cornmeal, per 95-lb sacks, \$2.15; per 10-10, \$2.55.

Ground Feed—Add freight and duty to the quotations on stuff from the United States. Manitoba chopped feed, \$28 per ton; feed wheat, United States, 12.50 per ton. Canada chop barley, \$19.50; California chop, \$15.

Millstuffs.—Bran, 6.25; shorts, \$9.00; oil cake, \$32. Add freight and duty.

Dressed Meat.—Beef, 6c to 7c; mutton, 8c to 8c; pork 8 to 10c; veal, 9c; lamb, per head \$3.50 to \$4.

Live Stock—Calves, 5 to 6c; steers, 3c to 4c; sheep, 8c; hogs, 6 to 7c; cows, 2c to 3c.

Agars—Powdered and icing, 6c; Paris, 10c; 5c; granulated, 4c; extra C, 1c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow, yellow, 4c; golden C, 3c.

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

Business Notes

T. W. Carter, saloon, Victoria, is dead.

F. W. Hart, furniture, Vancouver, is out of business.

Goldstein & Co., hotel, Kaslo, are reported to have sold out.

I. H. Miller, general store, Turgoose; business offered for sale.

Vancouver Varnish Works, Vancouver, stock sold to Short & Squair.

Mrs. P. Wilson, grocer, Victoria, is offering the business for sale.

Beatty & Hall have opened business in fish, fruit and game at Vancouver.

J. A. Kemp, contractor, Vancouver, has assigned in trust to J. J. Banfield.

J. C. Brocklehurst has opened business in men's furnishings, etc., at Victoria.

J. Hutcheson & Co., dry goods, etc., Vancouver, have closed out their business.

The estate of York & Pilling, general store, etc., Mission City, is offered for sale by tender.

Goodfrey & Co., hardware, Vancouver, have assigned in trust to W. E. Drake and J. Burns.

L. Dickinson, grocery and saloon, Victoria, is succeeded in the saloon by George E. Fisher.

Robert Eccles, pork packer, etc., Victoria, has admitted his son Wm. George under the style Robert Eccles & Son.

A. Noble of the People's meat market, Kamloops, has sold out to S. Moore, of Newia, and his son, J. N. Moore.

Capt. Gordon, of Golden, has imported 907 head of sheep from Alberta. He is going extensively into sheep ranching.

The smelter at Pilot Bay is very nearly finished. G. O. Buchanan's saw mill is cutting and planing plank for ore chutes.

The Slokan Times says: Mr. Ryan, who is in charge of I. S. Freeze & Company's new produce and provision store, arrived in New Denver on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the first carload of goods for the new firm was brought in by steamer.