

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 1, 1896.

Trade is still dull owing to the rainy season, but wholesalers and retailers are prepared for an anticipated activity in the spring. The lumber trade is unusually brisk. There are indications that the wholesale market will firm up all around. Most important developments have taken place in dairying and fruit raising this week. The fruit growers of the province have formed themselves into a corporation with a capital stock of \$5,000, for the more advantageous placing of their fruit on the market. A committee was appointed to interview the C. P. R. who promised to reduce freight rates to Winnipeg, enabling British Columbia fruit shippers to compete successfully with Eastern shippers. The fruit growers of the province convened at Westminster, and for two days consulted together as to the best means of improving their condition, and many valuable conclusions were arrived at. It was generally conceded that Manitoba and the Northwest were the natural markets for B.C., and the big co-operative organization will direct their energies to supply these markets. The government will probably be asked to pass a law regulating the size of boxes to be used in shipping apples, and the size of boxes for all fruits and assortment will be given attention. Both the fruit growers and dairymen, which met in Westminster about the same time, spoke of the high passenger rate of 5 cents a mile charged by the C. P. R., and the boards of trade of the province were asked to take action, for the purpose of having it reduced to the same rate as prevails in other parts of Canada.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, February 8, 1896.

Flour is up again 20c per barrel this week and wheat has advanced \$1 per ton. Eggs have declined heavily again. Cured meats, dressed meats and live stock are expected to advance next week.

Butter.—Dairy butter, 18 to 20c; creamery 25 to 26c; Manitoba cheese 10½c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 12c; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 11½c; long, clear 8½c; short rolls 9c; smoked sides 10c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per pound; in rails and tubs 10c. Mess pork \$14; short cut \$15.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 6c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 9c; halibut 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel heads, 8c; finnan haddies, 10c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut 8c; bloaters 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c.

Game.—Mallards, 50c; pintails 40c; widgins, 35c; venison, 5c.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$10 per ton; onions silver skins, 1½c; cabbage, 1½c; carrots, turnips and beets, ¾ to 1c a lb.; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 25c; Oregon, 22c per dozen.

Fruits.—California seedling oranges \$3.00, navels, \$1.00; native apples \$1.00; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.50; California apples, \$1.20 to \$1.30; Jap oranges 50c.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 7c; prunes, French, 4c; loose Muscatel raisins 4c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.40; Oregon, \$4.30; Oak Lake patent \$4.50; dc strong bakers \$4.80.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$3.30; 10.7 sacks, \$2.60. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.00; 2-50's, \$2.75. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$28.00 per ton f. o. b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats 16.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$23 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, \$18.50 ton; bran \$16.50; oil cake meal, \$26 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 7c; mutton, 7½c to 8c; pork, 6 to 7c; veal, 7 to 9c per lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, 3 to 3½ lb; cows 2½ to 3c; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50; hogs, 4½ to 5½c.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$1 to \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 3½c; yellow 3½c per lb.

Syrups.—80 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$4.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice, 26c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes

H. H. Lennie & Co., stationery, New Westminster, are dissolving partnership.

C. C. Emmert, fish &c., Rossland, is out of business.

Archie Grant, hotel, Sanden, is out of business.

C. Christodolo, fruits &c., Victoria, has sold out to J. P. Saranties.

E. Escalet, hotel, Victoria, is succeeded by Jos. Byrne.

Prof. Roberts was heartily thanked for his recent assistance to the farmers in the province.

The government will be asked for \$200 to buy literature to be distributed promiscuously.

From January 9th to 15th the new Kaslo and Slocan railway carried \$37,592 in ore.

The board of trade are arranging to have a steamer make periodical trips to the rich and famous Upper Yukon.

The city council and board of trade of Westminster are negotiating with a view to starting a smelter in Vancouver at an early date.

The late M. R. Smith of Victoria, was one of the old timers of that place. He carried on an extensive bakery and jobbing confectionery business in Victoria for many years.

In fact the fruit growers want to make a market for themselves in Manitoba and the Northwest, and the dairymen want to close up the B. C. market to Manitoba and Northwest shippers.

The lectures of W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, have been largely attended throughout the province. In fact the interest in mining is universal and growing.

In January the exports from Westminster were \$29,796. Imports \$18,881. In Victoria the exports were \$176,886 and imports \$193,263.

T. G. Earl, of Lytton was appointed president of the cooperative society for the disposal of fruit and A. H. B. MacGowan Sec-Treas.

The Adams mine cost \$125,000; the returns for last shipments were \$175,332. One dividend of \$35,000 has been paid and another will soon be due. The Idaho company recently shipped \$140,000 worth of ore. In Rossland everything points to a spring awakening.

The dairymen of British Columbia also amalgamated this week for the purpose of supplying the local demand for butter. It was stated that last season \$100,000 was sent out of the province for butter and cheese principally to Manitoba.

The bark Rufus E. Wood, Capt. McLeod, has beaten the coal loading record at Nanaimo. The R. E. Wood started loading coal on Friday at noon and completed a cargo of 2,225 tons on Sunday evening. Nine days from when she started from 'Frisco she was ready to return.

The dairymen in convention have asked the local Legislature to lend them money on easy terms to enable them to purchase machinery to start creameries. They further informed the Government that a permanent veterinary surgeon was not necessary, but they would like a permanent inspector to inspect all separators and test the milk of every creamery cow, and report according to standard.

H. Roberts & Co., general merchants of Strathclair, Man., who were wiped out by fire recently, will resume business at the same place, and is arranging for a new stock.

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