

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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British Columbia Markets.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial,

Vancouver, Dec. 2.

A feature of the market this week is the arrival of fresh grass butter from Australia which may prevent a further advance of eastern butter. Eastern eggs are 1c lower. Flour is 10c lower for patent and 20c lower for bakers. Ontario apples are being offered in this market.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30 to 35c; Australian fresh grass butter, 25c; Manitoba creamery, 24 1-2 to 25c; Manitoba dairy, 19 to 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality eastern case eggs, 19 to 20c; pickled eggs, 20c.

CHEESE—15c.

GREEN FRUIT—Oranges, naval, \$5 seedlings, \$4 per box; California lemons, \$4 to \$4.25; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 per box; pears, \$2; bananas, \$2.50. Local apples, 30c to \$1.25 per box; local pears, \$1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.75; Japan oranges, 65c per box. Eastern apples \$0.25 per barrel.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.50; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1-2 lb. sacks, \$2.80; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25; in 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. patents—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 12 1-2 to 13c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 1-2c; smoked sides, 11c.

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb.; in pails and tubs, 9 1-2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; smoked 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 6c; bloater 8 1-2c; cod 8c per lb.; crabs, 60c dozen.

GAME—Mallards, 60c; pintail 40c; teal 25c; wildgeon 40c per pair; venison 7c; bear 6c lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$15 to \$16 per ton; Ashcroft potatoes, \$19 to \$20 ton; cabbage, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 per ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$23 ton; bran, \$21; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, \$15.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 10 to 11c; pork, 9 to 9 1-2c; veal, 10 1-2 to 11c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17c; peaches 10 to 12c; pitted plums, 12c; prunes, French 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; London layer raisins, \$2 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 8 1-2c lb.; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown 5c, 3 crown 6 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 3c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 1-2c; layer figs, 10 lb. box \$1.45; silver prunes, 9 1-2c; quartered pears, 11 1-2c; half pears, 12 1-2c; nectarines, 15 1-2c; Valencia raisins, 7 1-2c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seed-cd raisins, 9 1-2c.

NUTS—Almonds, 16c; Hibernia, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 12c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 6 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra C, 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 7-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb.; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gallon tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gallon tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good, 18c; choice, 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c. **HARDWARE**—Bar iron—Base, \$3.50. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, \$5. Wire nails—Base price, \$4.50; cut, \$3.75. Rope, Manila, 10c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$1.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

British Columbia Items.

A. McNeill has bought out the Oliver's general provision store at Nelson.

Thomas Cowan, groceries, clothing, etc., Wellington, contemplates moving to Nanaimo.

C. W. Eagle and Gavin Hamilton have formed a partnership, and will open a general store at Beaver Lake, near Ashcroft.

S. F. Wallace and Jas. Wallace, doing business as the Wallace Meat Company at Fernie, have dissolved partnership. S. F. Wallace assumes the responsibilities of the firm.

The C. P. R. has a party of engineers and surveyors at work surveying a line through Nicola Valley to connect the Crow's Nest Pass railway, with the main line at Spence's Bridge.

Vancouver merchants are organizing a trading stamp company to carry on business in all parts of British Columbia, in opposition to the existing company, with eastern headquarters.

The finance committee of Nelson reported recently in favor of raising \$5,000 for waterworks purposes and \$7,000 for electric light, same to be raised by debentures repayable in 30 years, at 4 1-2 per cent.

It is said that coast jobbers are now making a strong effort to secure a larger share of the Kootenay trade. The Yukon, Atlin and northern trade has increased business at coast cities so much during the past two years, that the jobbers have not given as much attention to the southern interior trade as they otherwise would have done.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.45 to \$3.70; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.45.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$10.50; bran in bulk, \$11.00; corn feed, \$12.25 to \$13.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1-4c.

Barley—34 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 28 1-2c for No. 3.

Flax seed—\$1.24 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—17c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 24 to 26c for choice to extras; seconds, 22 to 24c; dairy, 21 to 23c for choice to fancy; seconds, 19 to 21c.

Cheese—9 to 12 1-2c.

Poultry—Spring chickens, 7 to 8c; fowl, 4 1-2 to 6c; turkeys, 5 1-2 to 8c; ducks, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2; geese, 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—30 to 33c per bushel for ear lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 3-4c for No. 1; 8 3-4c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs.; 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c; sheepskins, 30 to 75c each; veal calf, 10 and 11 1-2c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; seneca root, 30 to 35c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$0.50 to \$0.90 as to quality.

Dressed meats—Veal, 6 to 8 1-2c; mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 5 to 6c.

Beans—Hand picked, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel, good medium, \$1 to \$1.10.

Honey—Per lb., 7 to 10c; sections, 11 to 13c.

Raw Furs.

The absence of snow and continued mild weather is delaying receipts of raw furs, which are usually in the market by this time. Practically nothing has yet been done by hunters and trappers in the fur regions in the way of shipping. Prices for the coming winter's catch are, however, practically fixed and the advent of cold weather and snow which may be expected at any time will see the commencement of what promises to be a very satisfactory season to both trappers and traders. Prices for some of the kinds of fur most common in this country are much higher this fall than in other years, as will be seen from the list which is published herewith. These are the prices being offered by the Hudson's Bay Company. As compared with their list of last year this list shows the following changes: An advance of \$1.00 to \$1.50 on brown bear yearlings; an advance of from 50 cents to \$2.00 on brown bear, small, mediums and large, making the price now \$5 to \$22, instead of \$4.50 to \$20, an advance of 50 cents on the top figure for small beaver; an advance of \$1 on the top price for pale fishers; an advance of from \$2.50 to \$5 on cross fox, an advance of \$1 on the best grades of red fox, an advance of \$50 on best grades of silver fox; an advance of \$1 on best grades of large and medium lynx and of 50 cents on small sizes; an advance of \$1 to \$6 on large, dark martens, of \$1 to \$3 on large, pale or brown, and of \$1.50 to \$1.75 on light pale, an advance of \$2 on best grades of large dark otter; an advance of 10 to 25c on skunk, a decline of 25c on prairie wolf and a decline of 50c on large dark wolverine. Prices quoted are in all cases for prime skins only and vary according to size, color and condition. List is as follows.

	Each	Each.
Badgers, prime	25	\$ 50
Bears, black, yearlings	3.00	3.00
Bears, black, small	5.00	12.00
Bears, black, medium	10.00	15.00
Bears, black, large	15.00	25.00
Bears, brown, yearlings	4.00	6.10
Bears, brown, small	5.00	10.00
Bears, brown, medium	10.00	15.00
Bears, brown, large	15.00	22.00
Beaver, small	1.50	3.00
Beaver, medium	3.00	5.00
Beaver, large	5.00	7.00
Fishers, dark	6.00	9.00
Fishers, pale	3.00	6.00
Fox, silver dark, large	50.00	125.00
Fox, cross	5.00	15.00
Fox, red	1.00	3.00
Lynx, large	1.50	3.50
Lynx, medium	1.00	2.25
Lynx, small	.50	1.30
Marten, large, dark	4.00	12.00
Marten, large, pale or brown	3.50	8.00
Marten, large, light pale	2.50	5.00
Mink, large, dark	1.50	2.25
Mink, small, dark	1.00	1.50
Mink, large, light	1.00	1.25
Mink, small, light	.75	1.00
Musquash, winter	.02	.10
Otter, large, dark	6.00	12.00
Otter, large, pale	5.00	8.00
Skunk, large	.50	1.00
Wolf, timber, large	2.00	3.00
Wolf, prairie	.40	.75
Wolverine, large, dark	3.00	3.50
Wolverine, large, pale	1.25	2.00

Now shipments of Grenoble and Marbot walnuts were received this week in eastern Canada markets.