

# TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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## VICTORIA.

There are no special features to note in business. A steady consumptive demand is reported for the staple lines. A number of failures are reported this week also new houses opening in business. Building prospects for the spring seem very good, and leading merchants are feeling bither to untried markets. The financial situation is unchanged. There is a tightening up in certain points, which has resulted in retrenchment of business by some houses.

### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts from San Francisco by the last steamer were about the usual amount. The demand is fair. Business will greatly improve as the spring begins to open. There has been no change in prices the last week. Quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$2.75; navels, \$1; Los Angeles, \$2.50; California Messina lemons, \$6.50; California lemons, \$1; silverskin onions, 2c per lb.; Oregon yellow danver, 1½c; apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; potatoes, island, \$20 per ton; Fraser River, \$16 to \$18 per ton.

### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There are no special features to record and business is reported fair. There is a steady movement in the staple lines—there always is, even in the duldest season of the year. Granulated sugar is quoted by jobbers at 5½c, and yellows at 4½c to 4½c. Butter continues firm, but prices are unchanged. Okell & Morris' bitter orange marmalade has been put on the market. It is guaranteed absolutely pure by the makers, and wherever a trial has been given it is preferred to the imported article, which, it is said, is generally adulterated with turnips or other ingredients. The first shipment of pickles from the Victoria Vinegar Works was made last week. They are put up under the "Falcon Brand," and were consigned to a New Westminster dealer.

Quotations are. Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 29½c for small, Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairy, 23c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c.

Mediterranean dried fruits are quoted by local jobbers as follows: Currants in bbls. 8½c, in half-bbls. 8½c; valencinas, 8½c; sultanas, 1½c; 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, 11c; nectarines, 11c; 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.

The local markets have been unchanged for some time, and the demand is reported as being easy. A report from Portland says a reduction of 10 cents per barrel occurred last Tuesday, brought about by the poor demand and weakness of wheat. This has had no effect upon local prices of Oregon flour, which remain unchanged.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote. For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.50, 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 55 @ 0 00
XX., " ".....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " ".....	4 25 @ 1 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	6 10 @ 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 Mill oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 25 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	1 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 90 @ 1 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	15 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

### RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

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

### HARDWARE.

The hardware trade of 1892 started out under auspices that ought to be very favorable to profits, if combination is a principle that can be depended on to last, says *Toronto Hardware*. The manufacturers of barbed wire, of all descriptions of cordage, of iron and steel cut nails, of wire nails, of horse shoes, of horse nails, of tacks and brads, and, more or less completely, of paints, are now combined, with strong securities adopted to prevent dismemberment. There ought to be little excuse for retail cutting. But the stability of the combines has not yet been well tried. Their effect upon prices has been anticipated in many cases by speculative purchases, and these may suffice to keep the trade stocked until the manufacturers begin to pine for business and wonder why trade does not brighten up. Some little suspense may thus be caused, and the natural dullness of the season will aggravate it. That is what tries the virtue of the parties to a combine, and it is yet to be seen if none of the nailmen cannot discover, between the lines of the agreement, some little fissure that will let them out of the strict letter of their obligation to uphold a common price. The compact

appeared to be well barricaded last year, but it dissolved as the snows of winter under the gentle influence of spring. Some traders are so cynical that they do not believe that the combination on certain lines will hold out, and they refrain from ordering, under the expectation of what they consider the inevitable break.

### LUMBER.

There are two charters to report since last week. The British bark Glenbervie, 800 tons, and the British ship British India, 1,490 tons, in port, have been chartered to load lumber by R. P. Rithet Co., (ltd), for Valparaiso for orders on private terms. The American schooner W. H. Talbot, has arrived at Vancouver, under charter to load for Tientsin at 67s 6d. The American schooner Reporter arrived at Royal Roads also under charter to load for San Pedro. The Riversdale, from San Francisco Feb. 2, will load at the Hastings mill for Sydney at 47s 6d. The Angerona has nearly finished loading, and the India will probably finish Wednesday, both are for Valparaiso. The Hesper, loading for Shanghai, will finish shortly. 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, \$9 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

## VANCOUVER.

The *News-Advertiser* notes a further improvement in trade, and as the month draws to a close a still greater improvement may be expected. Collections on the whole are a trifle easier, although they are not as good as could be wished.

## BRADSTREETS.

*Bradstreets'* reports that the general trade on the whole is only fairly active, with a moderately satisfactory outlook for the future. The coal stocks on account of the late "deal" have shown intense activity, but outside of this the general list has shown little strength.

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

Imports and exports for month of January, 1892:

#### IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

Dutiable.....	\$25,211 00
Free.....	6,516 00
Total imports.....	\$31,757 00
Duty collected.....	\$ 7,401 88
Other revenues.....	183 63
Total collections.....	7,585 51

#### EXPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

The mine.....	\$ 1,335 00
The fisheries.....	2,715 00
Animals and produce.....	106 00
Agricultural products.....	21 00
Manufactures.....	1,155 00
Total exports.....	\$ 5,335 00