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**Business in British Columbia.**

Vancouver, Nov. 20, 1899.

The feature of the market in British Columbia this week is the high price of eggs. They have been selling retail at 65 cents and are very scarce at that. Case or pickled eggs do not advance in sympathy with the rise in local eggs. At this time of year evaporated fruits are in great demand and Vancouver might be called the Canadian headquarters for the California market. The Commercial correspondent thought a feature of the Christmas market might be made in quoting these lines of goods. The prices are figured very close, being practically little more than the cost of the article laid down in Vancouver. Of the numerous evaporated fruits quoted seeded raisins are in most demand. The raisins are put up in boxes and only on close examination can the fact be noticed that the raisins contain no seeds. Merchants are preparing for a large Christmas trade and are advertising very extensively.

**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, Nov. 25.

The market has been steady this week, the only changes being in dressed meats and live stock.

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

**EGGS**—Fresh local, 50 to 60c per dozen, as to quality; fresh eastern eggs, 20 to 21c; pickled eggs, 20c.

**CHEESE**—15c.

**GREEN FRUIT**—Oranges, navel, \$5 seedlings, \$1 per box; California lemons, \$1 to \$1.25; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 per box; pears, \$2, bananas, \$2.50. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Apples, 90c to \$1.25 per box; local pears \$1.50 per box; grapes, \$1.75; Japan oranges, 65c per box.

**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. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong baker, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

**GRAIN**—Oats, \$24 to \$25 per ton; wheat, \$26.

**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; bloaters 8 1-2c; cod 6c 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, 11-2c 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**—New hay, \$14; old, \$10 per ton.

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

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$1.25; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, 5c per lb.

**DRYED 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 8c, 3 crown 8 1-2c, 4 crown 9c; dates 7c; 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; seeded raisins, 9 1-2c.

**NUTS**—Almonds, 16c; filberts, 12 1-2c; peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 1-2c; walnuts, 13c 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 5-8c 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, 16c. Boiled oil, 75c. White lead, \$7.50. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Glass, 1st break, \$5.

**PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.**

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 25.

Business is good. Stocks of both creamery and dairy butter are light. Oats are \$1 per ton lower. Other prices are unchanged.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 25c; choice dairy butter, 20c.

Cheese—15c.

Eggs—Fresh eastern, 22c per dozen; pickled, 21c.

Oats—Per ton, \$26.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.00.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

**British Columbia Items.**

Onions & Blimley, bicycles, Victoria, are adding general hardware.

J. F. Henry, confectionery, Victoria, advertising his business for sale.

L. Cook and S. Shaw, contractors, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

J. Menzies has sold out his stock of confectionery, etc., at Ashcroft, to W. Hawthorne.

S. Sea, Jr., men's furnishings, Victoria, has admitted Frederick A. Gowen into partnership, under style of Sea & Gowen.

It is reported from Vancouver that Senator Cox and a syndicate of well known eastern Canadians propose going into the salmon business in British Columbia. A salmon combine is talked of.

The F. C. Tanning Co. has begun operations at Rock Bay, at Victoria. The object is to tan all kinds of hides for gloves, lash and lace leather, besides tanning and dressing hides. L. Deade is proprietor.

John M. Byre and C. W. Guest have opened a factory at New Westminster for the manufacture of a patent article called storm bath. It is designed to keep draughts from passing around window sash.

The B. C. Stationery Company Limited has opened for business at Vancouver. Wm. Armstrong, formerly with Duntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, is managing director. Staple and fancy stationery, paper and stationery, blank books, etc., will be the leading lines carried.

The following new companies are incorporated under provincial laws. The Westminster Mining Company of Victoria, capital \$1,000,000; Black Bear Mining Company of Lardeau, British Columbia, Rossland, capital \$1,500,000; Phoenix Waterworks Company of Phoenix, capital \$10,000; Harris: River Mills Timber and Trading Company of Harrison River, capital \$45,000; British Columbia Condensed Milk Company of New Westminster, capital \$20,000; Mystery Gold Mining and Milling Company of Rossland, capital \$300,000.

The Winnipeg Retail Clerks Union will give an entertainment in the Oddfellows' hall, on Monday evening, November 27. The feature of the evening will be character sketches by the celebrated impersonator, Chas. F. Craig. The object of the entertainment is a worthy one, and a good attendance is hoped for.