

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by steamship Umatilla, June 17, for Victoria: 258 sacks potatoes, 386 cs oranges, 81 sacks onions, 101 cs apricots, 28 cs lemons, 30 crts bananas, 12 crts cabbage, 20 sacks coconuts, 11 cs cucumbers, 165 pkgs, (622 cs cherries,) 107 drs do, 18 cs cherries, 3 crts pine apples, 10 cs plums, 18 pkgs peas, 11 cs beans, 19 cs asparagus, 3 crts cauliflower, 4 cs pears, 6 bxs peaches, 10 boxes tomatoes, 1 cs garlic, 1 cs peppers, 8 bxs strawberries, 11 bxs apples, 3 bxs currants, 1 cs gooseberries, 1 cs artichokes, 3 cs squash, 1 cs horse-radish. Fair shipments of strawberries were received last week from Puget Sound, and a few local berries were on the market toward the end of last week at high prices. The Puget Sound strawberries were sold as follows: crate of 15 boxes, \$2.25, crate of 24 boxes, \$3.50. The first plums have arrived and are quoted at \$1.25 per box. Riverside oranges are higher in price for all qualities. The bananas received ex Mowera, are mostly small bunches, of which there are two in a crate. These are quoted at \$2.50 per bunch, larger bunches are still sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75 each, according to size. The Australian fruit received is reported to have sold well, the oranges and lemons at \$2 a box, and pineapples at \$5 to \$5.50 per dozen. Apricots are about 25c lower. New California potatoes are considerably cheaper, quotations now bring 1½c per lb. The recent rainy weather cannot but greatly retard the growth of fruit in local orchards. Cherries will be very backward although there will probably be a heavy yield. Business is reported good. Local demands keep up well and the quantity shipped to provincial points is also increasing weekly.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Navels, common to good	3 00 @	3 50
“ fancy	4 00 @	1 25
Riverside Seedlings	2 50 @	2 75
“ fancy	2 90 @	3 00
Mediterranean sweets	2 75 @	3 25
Lemons—California	4 00 @	5 00
Sicily	5 50 @	6 00
Bananas	2 50 @	3 75
Strawberries	per crate of 15	2 25 @
“	per crate of 24	3 50 @
Cherries	1 00 @	1 35
Apricots	2 00 @	2 25
Plums	1 25 @	0 00
Coconuts	per 100	7 50 @ 7 75

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes	per ton	35 00 @
New California	per lb	1½ @ 2½
Onions—Red California	2 @	0
Cabbage	1½ @	2

DRY GOODS.

The Toronto *Empire* says: “The present fine weather is having the effect of creating a demand for sorting up goods not heretofore felt this season, and there is a much more cheerful tone all through the trade. Every warehouse seems to be actively engaged in receiving customers who are putting in their appearance from all parts of Ontario. Stock in retail hands are just beginning to be broken into. It is impossible to make up for two months' trade that has been lost, but the next best thing is being done—great caution in buying and every effort to reduce stocks on hand being made. This we

think to be the best policy under existing circumstances, and we strongly advise the trade, both wholesale and retail, to persevere on these lines. Manufacturers of woollen goods have samples before the wholesale clothing trade at the present time and report orders satisfactory. The general jobbing trade, however, feel disinclined to place orders so early. These orders are of course for next spring's trade, and the present desire is to wait until crop prospects are better advanced. Payments on paper maturing on the fourth were fairly well met, comparing favorably with last year. Prices of all kinds of goods remain very firm. In some kinds of British and German goods they have advanced, but Canadian manufacturers are pursuing a wise course in refraining from advancing prices at the present time, while uncertainty as to what will be done in rearranging tariff matters prevails. The reports from all parts of the country are most favorable as to crop prospects, which is having a very healthy effect on the general dry goods trade. Woollens are much more active. Serges have been selling freely. There has also been an active movement in checkering flannels, tennis serges and all light colored goods. Stocks in these lines are ample, having been well kept up. Some jobs are obtainable in a good many lines of summer goods. Travelers' orders for fall orders have been quite up to those of last year, which was particularly good. Values show no further change. All futures are steadily held. It is reported that the Central Agency contemplate a change in terms. At any rate they are inquiring as to the workings of the present discounts to the wholesale trade. When the Agency was first established the wholesale and retail trade were on a par—both got the same discounts. Later such representations were made to the board that they gave a special discount to jobbers. The two Canadian manufacturers of sewing silks have, owing to the advance in raw material, reduced their discounts to four per cent. The National Pin Company, Detroit, who have been selling considerable quantities of iron pins on this market have met the reduced price quoted by Canadian manufacturers and have gone one better. They are quoting 66 2-3 per cent., of the list as against the Canadian manufacturer's price 40, 10, 10 and 10 off. It looks as if there would be an interesting fight between which will be profitable to consumers only. Sir Donald Smith's remarks on the satisfactory state of the dry goods trade in Canada are quite true. All the trade will agree with him. The manufacturers of cottons, hosiery, underwear, tweeds and sundry dry goods are all filled with orders. There is no country in the world in which business is on a more satisfactory basis. Consumers are everywhere prosperous.”

SALMON.

The Br. ship Candida, 1,222 tons, now on the way from London to Victoria, has been chartered by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., for salmon to London or Liverpool. The canning season on the Northern rivers of B. C. opened on the 15th of June, and it is expected that the canneries on the Naas and Skeena Rivers and River's Inlet com-

menced putting up sockeye fish on that date. The Fraser River canneries generally commenced about July 15. Some of the new canneries are rushing preparations to be ready to pack at that time. Stocks are reported very bare in England, with prices nominal and few sales being reported. The sale of futures at \$4 per case seems unwarranted, in view of the strong combination of the Alaska packers association who have not yet fixed their price, but it is believed that it will be \$1.05 a doz. The Canadian market is reported bare, and eastern houses write that they want supplies as early as possible this season. In the face of a strong situation, British Columbia salmon is being sold at figures lower than the common grades of Alaska fish. In April, when the standard brands were being sold at \$4.50 a case, some dealers were offering new brands for \$4.20.

LUMBER.

There have been no arrivals or clearances since last review. The Norwegian bark Fortuna, 1332 tons, now out 95 days from Valparaiso, to load at Cowichan for Adelaide on account of Robt. Ward & Co. (Ltd.), is due at loading port. The schooner Puritan is at San Francisco under charter to load at Moodyville for Lientsen. The American bark Seminole, 1,370 tons, Capt. Weeden, is 27 days out from Santa Rosalia for Moodyville, to load a return cargo. Two charters have recently been made for Calcutta and one for Antwerp by Puget Sound Mills.

There are at present three vessels loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—Br. ship Gryfe, 1,000 tons, L. K., Cork f. o.; Br. bark Djehra, 966 tons, for Adelaide; Br. ship Kinkora, 1,700 tons, for Calla.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Thos. Miller, hotel, Nanaimo is dead. Wolfe & Cuslao, succeed Otto Wolfe, Royal saloon, Nanaimo.

Dudgeon & Bryce, American hotel, Victoria, were burnt out.

A. A. Clayton, watchmaker, and jeweller, has reopened in Victoria.

McLean & Murray, succeed Wm. S. Spittigue, Pacific hotel, Vancouver.

Mrs. Harrison, hotel and livery, Chilliwack, has sold out to McEae & Bennett.

Nelson & Banseman, butchers, Vancouver, have dissolved. T. Nelson continues.

Chas. Muriset has opened the Colonist hotel, Victoria, recently purchased by John Congdarripe.

The Dominion Burglary Insurance Co., of Montreal, have appointed W. E. Graveley, agent for British Columbia.

J. B. Gordon, Superintendent of Bradstreet's for B. C., has returned from a trip through West Kootenay and Okanagan.

Chipman, Morgan & Co., ship brokers and commission merchants, Vancouver, have dissolved. Mr. William L. Keene will continue the business alone under the firm style of William L. Keene & Co.

D. A. Sutherland, general dealer, Mount Lehman, sold out to J. A. Taylor. An injunction has been issued restraining Taylor from disposing of the stock until the validity of the bill of sale is established.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending June 16—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
12.	Bohemian, ss., San Francisco	2,568
13.	Carrollton, bk., Wilmington	2,432
15.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend	48
15.	Holyoke, str., Port Townsend	38
15.	Stjorn, bk., San Francisco	2,716
16.	Montserrat, str., San Francisco	1,136
Total		9,234