

TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE. Tuesday Morning, Jan 23.

VICTORIA.

There is no apparent change in the general condition of affairs and but little can be expected until the spring opens up with its usual developments.

The foreign markets for our staple products are all dull and the rapid development of the great industries practically depends on a profitable foreign market.

The Vancouver News Advertiser says: "Trade has been dull during the past week, this season being the quietest portion of the year, collections, too, are reported as slow and hard to make."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Quotations are unaltered. The cold weather of the past week has had a depressing effect on the fresh fruit business.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Table listing fruit prices: Oranges—Australian, California navel, Japanese seedlings, Lemons—California, Australian, Bananas, Apples, Canadian, Coconuts, Pineapples.

Vegetables are quoted:

Table listing vegetable prices: Potatoes—Local, Onions—Silver-skins.

FLOUR AND FEED.

There has been a drop in the price of flour in Oregon and local jobbers' quotations are weak in sympathy.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The local flour market remains dull and weak, with nothing in sight of an encouraging nature."

usual discount obtainable on cash business.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:

Table listing flour prices: Ogilvie's Hungarian, Strong Bakers, The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria.

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:

Table listing flour and feed prices: Delta, Victoria XXX, Strong Bakers or XX, Superfine, The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows: Delta, Victoria XXX, Jobbers' quotations to the trade are: Delta, Victoria mills, Lion, XXX, Premier, Enderby mills, XXX, XX, Superfine, Ogilvie's Hungarian, Strong Bakers, H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian, Strong Bakers, Oak Lake Patent Hungarian, Strong Bakers, Regina Hungarian, Strong Bakers, Benton County, Oregon, Portland Roller, Snowflake, Wheat, per ton, Oats, Oil cake meal, Chop feed, Shorts, Bran, National Mills oatmeal, rolled oats, split peas, pearl barley, Chop feed, California oatmeal, California rolled oats, Corn, whole, per ton, Cornmeal, per ton, Cracked corn, Hay, per ton, Straw, per bale.

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Table listing rice prices: Japan rice, per ton, Best China rice, Chinarrice No. 1, Rice flour, Broken rice, Rice Meal.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Butter quotations are steady. Alice & Ault have just received a carload of the celebrated Clover Leaf creamery butter, December make, which they quote to the trade at 2½c. They also quote Gold Medal creamery at 2½c, and Stormount in kegs at 2½c.

Table listing various goods prices: Valencia raisins, Malaga raisins, Currants (barrels), half bbls, (cases), Sultan raisins, Taragon almonds, Grenoble walnuts, Filberts.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Table listing dairy products prices: Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs, Manitoba dairy, Cheese—Canadian, California, Eggs, case, per doz.

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Table listing smoked meats and lard prices: Hams, Breakfast bacon, Short rolls, Dry Salt, long clear, Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails, 10lbs, tins, 5lbs, 3lbs, Lard Compound, 10lbs, 20lbs.

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:

Table listing sugar prices: Dry Granulated (China), Extra C, China, Australian Granulated, Dry Granulated, Extra C, Fancy Yellow, Yellow, Golden C, Cubes, Powdered, Syrups, per lb, 1 gal, tins, American (10), (16), Vancouver, 1, 1½.

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Table listing Armour Packing Company's brands prices: Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium, heavy, breakfast bacon, Fancy Gold Band hams, breakfast bacon, White Label pure leaf lard, tierces, 50-lb tins, 20-lb, 10-lb, 5-lb, 3-lb, lard compound (tierces).

LUMBER.

The American ship Eclipse, 1,530 tons, Capt. Petersen, sailed from Vancouver January 20 for Greenock, Scotland, with a cargo of 1,072,820 feet rough lumber, valued at \$10,720, from the Hastings Mill.

There are at present one vessel, of 1,450 tons, loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Vancouver, Nor. ship Beaconsfield, 1,450 tons, for Cork, U. K.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment:

Table listing lumber prices: Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet, Deck plank, rough, average length, 35feet, per M, Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M, Pickets, rough per M, Laths, 4 feet 6 in, per M.

The following are the current city prices; quotations are at the mill and subject to the usual discounts: Rough, \$7.50 per M ft; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$9 to \$10; flooring and rustic, No. 1, \$16; do., No. 2, \$12; shingles, \$1.50; lath, \$1.50.