

HIDES—The continued firmness of outside markets and keen competition here has added another fraction to the price of hides, and we quote 7c for No. 1 hides, 6c for No. 2 and 5c for No. 3 to-day. The list shows as follows: Inspected hides, No. 1, 7c; No. 2 6c; No. 3, 5c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; shearing sheepskins, 10 to 20c; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—7 to 8c per pound will be paid for mixed lots.

SENECA—Offerings are very light. One lot of 500 pounds is the biggest delivery we have seen this week. This realized 27c per pound, which may be taken as the market price.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is plentiful and offerings are of unusually good quality. Some very fine carcasses have been hung up by the local butchers. Western mutton is more plentiful, some cars having arrived this week from the Maple Creek and Lethbridge districts, consequently prices are easier to the extent of 1c. Pork has advanced slightly owing to the continued scarcity of hogs. We quote prices as follows: Beef, good to choice 6 to 7c; mutton 9 to 10c; lamb 10c to 11c; veal, 7 1-2 to 9c; pork 7c per pound.

POULTRY AND GAME—Quotations are: Fowl 60 to 65c per pair; spring chickens 35 to 50c per pair; ducks, 60c per pair; geese 60 to 75c each; turkeys, 11c per pound; wild ducks, 25 to 40c per pair according to size and variety.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle have been light during the first five business days of this week, but it is expected that to-day will bring a resumption of western shipments, and within the next few days upwards of 3,000 head will pass through the city bound to the old country markets. Choice beef steers are worth to-day 3 to 3 1-2c per pound off cars at Winnipeg.

SHEEP—Car lots of sheep are arriving from Maple Creek and Southern Alberta and the market has livened up somewhat. Prices range from 43-4 to 5c per pound.

HOGS—Receipts continue light and the bulk of the arrivals are small lots by part cars. These realize 5c per pound and for extra choice lots slightly more would be paid.

MILCH COWS—Good new milkers are worth from \$30 upwards in the city.

HORSES—There is a good demand for work horses, and from \$100 upwards is freely paid for these.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BUSINESS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Vancouver, Sept. 11.

The Vancouver clearing house returns for the week ending September 7th were: Clearings, \$1,007,690; balances, \$169,860. For the previous week the totals were: Clearings, \$1,061,897; balances, \$257,274.

The Victoria clearing house returns for the past week were: Clearings, \$459,528; balances, \$160,922; as against \$590,889 and \$189,826 for the previous week.

In the New Westminster market this week butter was scarce and sold well. Beef was somewhat easier. Other meats remained firm.

In Vancouver wholesale trade is very brisk. Atlin and Dawson are calling for enormous supplies. The last consignment of freight this winter has left for Dawson via the White Pass

railway, the company having given orders not to accept another pound.

Eggs are somewhat easier in the Vancouver market, while cheese is firming up to eastern prices. Changes are taking place in flour and feed quotations and it will be some weeks before prices will be settled again.

There is quite a strong possibility of the 68 canners on the Fraser and northern British Columbia rivers combining and with the aid of Yankee money, raised by a New York broker, placing themselves in such a secure position that the canning industry may not be jeopardized as in past years by the alleged short sighted policy of the federal government, in passing stringent, almost unworkable, legislation. The syndicate will be stocked for \$5,000,000, and the canners will receive half money and half stock for their properties.

Crop reports from Ladner, Westham Island and the Fraser valley are by no means encouraging. In many places hundreds of tons of hay are rotting in the fields owing to the wet weather having surprised the ranchers. Grain also is likely to suffer severely. A few men managed to harvest their crops during the fine spell and are threshing, but the majority still have their grain standing in the field and the damp has caused it to sprout in many instances.

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, Sept. 16.

The butter market has advanced about 1c on outside prices this week and cheese is also 1-2 to 1c higher, in sympathy with the strong market east. Eggs have advanced sharply 1 to 2c per dozen. Cured meats are 1-2 to 1c lower for hams and bacon. Manitoba patent flour is 10c lower. Oats are rather firmer again. Ground feed is \$2 per ton lower.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 25c; Manitoba creamery, 24c; Manitoba dairy 15 to 18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c per dozen; eastern eggs, 21 to 22c.

CHEESE—14 1-2 to 15c.

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

LARD—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 to 9 1-4c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; bloater 7c; cod 6c per lb.

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

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons \$2.75 to \$4; peaches, 95c; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.50 to \$2 box; prunes, \$1.25 box; pears, \$2.25, bananas, \$1.85 bunch. These prices are for imported. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Plums, \$1 per box; green apples, 75c per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90; 2 45 pound sacks, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 11 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 25's \$3.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.60; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel. **GRAIN**—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.

GROUND FEED—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20;

oil cake meal \$35 ton; L.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—New hay, \$12; old, \$10 per ton.

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

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.50; sheep, \$4.50 per 100 lbs., hogs, \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$6 per dozen.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 12c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, 1c 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 3-8c lb.

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

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c;

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 16.

Butter is firmer. Creamery is quoted 1c and dairy 1-2c higher. There is an over supply of eggs, in consequence of which prices have not advanced. Potatoes are \$1 per ton lower. Trade generally quiet.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 22 to 23c; choice dairy butter, 17c.

Cheese—13c.

Eggs—Ontario, fresh, 19c.

Oats—Per ton, \$40.

Flour—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.90.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$19.

British Columbia Items.

The Columbia Review has ceased publication.

L. D. Osborne, hardware, Columbia, is out of business.

J. Bull, general storekeeper, Argenta, has assigned.

Hildebrand & Chrisman, hotel, are opening at Columbia.

R. M. Nisbitt, publisher, Argenta, has discontinued business.

A. Kendall, "Royal" saloon, Victoria, has discontinued business.

Black Bros., hotel, Cascade, are opening a branch at Phoenix.

Mrs. M. Cobb, hotel, Ymir, has sold out to Peters & Higgins.

V. Monnier, & Co., liquors, Cascade, are moving to Columbia.

The Kootenay Produce and Supply Co., is opening at Moyle.

Blanchard & Moore, blacksmiths, Cascade, are moving to Columbia.

J. Parker, "Louvre" saloon, Victoria, has sold out to Walter Klippen.

T. M. Gully & Co., furniture, Greenwood, are opening at Columbia.

The Kootenay Cigar Manufacturing Co., Nelson, is opening a branch at Roseland.

The estate of R. E. Strong, drugs, Trail, is offered for sale by tender to Sept. 16th.

Jourdonnals & Roberts, hotel, Roseland, are applying for transfer of license of H. Wentworth.

The Vancouver Province has issued a summer number of 32 pages descriptive of the province of British Columbia.

Reports from several of the leading mining districts of British Columbia speak of discoveries of copper ore. Atlin furnishes the latest and most astonishing report.