

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business, in all lines, is reported fair considering the general depression which can be said to extend along the whole Pacific coast. The grocery trade is picking up nicely as the spring advances, and dry goods firms report orders from travellers as very satisfactory, although the very late season put a damper on business. It is believed in certain circles that the clothing dealers in the province will not place large orders with the eastern manufacturers for their fall stocks, but will be more inclined to buy from hand to mouth. This may also be said of the dry goods merchants who are sure to be conservative in their orders. The stocks carried for the past few years have been very heavy, and business expectations have not been realized. Travellers with fall samples of clothing are expected to be on the road shortly.

The purchase of about 3,000 sealskins of this season's catch at \$12 each, by a San Francisco buyer, has a good effect on the sealing industry.

No improvement is noticeable in collections which are generally reported slow.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The arrivals of fruit and vegetables from San Francisco by SS. Umatilla on Tuesday 12th inst. for Victoria, consisted of 261 cs oranges, 43 cs lemons, 64 cs asparagus, 12 cs peas, 75 crates bananas, 51 crates cabbage, 12 cs rhubarb, 5 bxs apples, 1 cs vegetables and 7 cs berries. Total, 331 cs. For Vancouver, 38 cs oranges, 8 cs lemons, 36 cs bananas, 8 cs rhubarb, 7 cs celery, 34 crates cabbage, 7 cs asparagus, 3 sacks potatoes and 3 cs vegetables. Total 164 cs. Grand total, 695 cs. The receipts by the previous steamer were 509 cs. The City of Puebla arrived Saturday 16th inst. The fruit, etc. for Victoria consisted of 196 cs oranges, 38 cs bananas, 32 cs asparagus, 14 cs peas, 6 crates cabbage, 10 cs rhubarb, 4 sacks coconuts, 2 sacks potatoes, 5 cs berries and 3 cs vegetables. Total, 330 cs. For Vancouver, 108 cs oranges, 33 crates cabbage, 21 sacks potatoes and 54 cs fruit and vegetables. Total, 220 cs. Grand total, 550 cs.

Oranges are arriving freely in the San Francisco market. There is good enquiry for first class fruit which commands good prices. Some frozen stock is still on the market. The local demand for fruit is good, and the late receipts of oranges are said to be coming in better condition. Sicily lemons are said to be out of the market, and no more silverskin onions are being shipped. Only a few strawberries have as yet been here. The potato market eased up a little last week only to be glutted by more large shipments daily expected from New Dungeness. Prices of fruit have been advanced. Quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3.00 to \$3.75; navels, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Los Angeles, \$2.75; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$1.75; bananas, \$3.50 to \$1.50; cabbage, 2½c per lb.; asparagus, \$2.75 per box; Oregon yellow danver, 1½c; apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per box;

potatoes, \$15 to \$18 per ton. Rhubarb, 5c. FLOUR AND FEED.

Feed is reported in good demand and the supplies of bran and middlings are said to be short. Bran is being imported from California and prices are slightly stiffer. Oil cake meal has also gone up, and is now held at \$35 per ton. The Commercial Review says the call for flour in Portland is slow and the market is very quiet with a weak tone in sympathy with wheat. Quote standard brands \$1.00 per bbl; lower descriptions \$30-1.50 per bbl.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.50, XXX., \$5.00, S. Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$1.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	55 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	5 85 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 65 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 1 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian	6 00 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	5 60 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	6 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	6 00 @ 0 00
Snowflake	6 00 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	6 10 @ 0 00
Royal	5 85 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	\$10 00 @ 45 00
Oats	30 00 @ 00 00
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats	3 50 @ 0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed	39 00 @ 0 00
California oatmeal	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	3 90 @ 4 00
Corameal	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn	45 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

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The receipts of California butter by the steamship Umatilla on the 12th inst. consisted of 62 cases for Victoria and 25 cases, 10 half cases, 50 pails and 10 tubs for Vancouver; and by the steamship City of Puebla on the 16th inst. 36 cases, 23 tubs, and 20 kits for Victoria and 217 cases for Vancouver. The price of California roll has again declined 1c.

Quotations are: California fancy roll 25c per lb.; Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 29½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairv, 18c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c. Cheese is quoted at 14c.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4½c.

The supplies of canned vegetables in the East are said to be short, and the probability is they will scarcely last to meet this season's pack. This is particularly so of corn, peas and tomatoes, of which it is said the Eastern holders are contemplating an advance of prices.

Fairbank's Lard Compound has dropped

¼c, but no other changes are advised in provisions.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½@11½c; lard tins, 12½@13½c.

A carload of Turkish prunes was received from New York this week, and are quoted from 8c@9c per lb.

Falconer 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.

SALMON.

The run of spring salmon on the Fraser is reported as improving steadily and the catches of the fishermen are increasing. These fish are in good demand in the Eastern markets, to which most of the catch goes. The Danube, which sailed on Saturday, took a large quantity of supplies for northern canneries, where preparations are being made for the canning season, which begins in May, when the sock eye salmon begin to run. The Fraser River canneries do not usually begin packing till June, and generally continue until September, when the sock-eye run completely falls off, giving place to the cohoes, which, however, are not put up by the canneries.

LUMBER.

The bark Fritzoze arrived at Royal Roads Saturday, and goes to Chemainus to load lumber for Melbourne at 45s. The Craighend has completed her cargo of about 1,800,000 feet for Iquiqui and Callao, and was towed into stream Saturday, and will sail in a few days. 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.

DOMINION FAILURES.

Failures in the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland for the first quarter of 1892, reported by R. G. Dun & Co.;

PROVINCE.	No. FAILURES.	LIABILITIES.
Ontario	233	\$1,700,431
Quebec	183	2,812,277
New Brunswick	32	278,254
Nova Scotia	61	540,570
P. E. Island	6	90,410
British Columbia	20	159,350
Manitoba	19	161,930
Total Dominion	557	\$5,743,225
Newfoundland	2	11,647
Total Dom and Nfld.	559	\$5,754,872

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending April 16:—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
14.	Mexico, str. Sitka	255
16.	Mogit, str., Port Townsend	44
16.	Louis Walsh, ship, San Francisco	2,198
Total		2,497

The old hulk Connaught was burned at Departure Bay, April 13.