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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
Tuesday Morning, June 30.

VICTORIA.

Trade has been of a steady, quiet nature during the past week. As the end of the month drew near, business quieted down, getting ready as it were to take a spurt again at the beginning of the new month. A more hopeful feeling is reported in the country, the recent rains having improved the crops. There was some little excitement in the early part of the week on account of the tariff changes. The monetary situation is unchanged, the banks still pursuing a conservative policy. Payments are said to be very satisfactory.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The movement of trade in these lines cannot be said to have been very active during the past week. The tariff changes caused a little excitement, but the changes have been settled for tobaccos and sugars, the two lines affected. The price on all tobaccos has been advanced 5c. per lb. Sugars remain unchanged at present. The refinery is going to maintain the old prices for a couple of weeks, to enable dealers to clean out their stocks. The B. C. Refinery is quoting for future delivery on 13th July: Granulated, 5½c.; extra C, 5½c.; cube, 6c.

There is little call for meats, and the market is flat. It is said, however, that in some quarters, there is an inclination to shade prices for canned meats. The

new stock of canned vegetables are going to be higher. A number of orders have already been placed by wholesalers at stiff advances, which, in some instances, reach 12½ per cent. Large consignments of eastern butter are being brought in by refrigerator cars, and prices are weakening. Manitoba creamery is quoted 24½ to 26c., Manitoba dairy, 20c. Cheese is coming in freely, and quoted at 12½ to 13c. Eggs, 18 @ 20c. per doz.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Strawberries are about out of the market. Raspberries are ripening fast, and promise to be on the market in a couple of days. The yield promises to be a large one. California fruit trade continues to increase. Riverside oranges are now quoted at \$3.75 per box, and will be off the market shortly. The cherry season is about over, but they are still offered at \$1.40 per box. Apricots have about reached their lowest point and are coming in very freely at \$1.25 per box. Peaches are getting in good condition, \$1.50; plums, large boxes, \$1.50; apples, \$2 a box.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Reports from Ladner's state that the crops generally are looking well. Grain sown in April is backward, but the May sowing is going to give an abundant yield. The root crop has been greatly improved by the late rains and benefitted so that any future drouth will have no effect. The cold month of April will cause a loss in the timothy hay crop. The yield has depreciated about one-quarter from last year. Clover, however, will show a larger in-

crease. The Enderby mills are quoting their Superfine brand on this market at \$1.40. California mill products have gone up to such a price that they cannot be profitably brought in. Manitoba products are now supplying the market here. Manitoba Hungarian flour has lowered 25c., and Royal (Oregon) 10c. The favorable crop reports, smaller foreign takings and the reduced speculative demand in the great centres, has caused the price of wheat to tend downward. Quotations are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$5 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	6 15 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 85 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "	4 40 @ 0 00
Manitoba Hungarian.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	6 35 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	6 35 @ 0 00
Royal.....	6 15 @ 0 00
C & C.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine.....	4 50 @ 0 00
Columbia Superfine X.....	4 40 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	\$00 00 @ 45 00
Oats.....	42 50 @ 45 00
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 40 00
Chop feed.....	37 50 @ 40 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	26 00 @ 28 00
California oatmeal.....	1 65 @ 00 00
Rolled oats.....	4 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	5 25 @ 00 00
Tacoma rolled oats.....	4 80 @ 00 00
Cornmeal.....	3 00 @ 3 25
Cracked corn	50 00 @ 55 00

SPIRITS AND CIGARS.

The increase in the tariff has caused prices to advance to a slight percentage over the duties added. The following advances