

**Business Situation in British Columbia**

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Our mining is all possibility, but prospects are unusually hopeful. Two dollars have been spent for every dollar taken out in the last six years, but in the next two there will be a balancing of accounts and after that the boom.

A company has been organized to encourage Canadian capital to invest in British Columbia mines on cautious and orthodox lines and it is to be hoped that when the organizers have passed through Eastern Canada, Canadian capitalists will not display that lamentable ignorance of British Columbian affairs shown by Finance Minister Foster, who advised British Columbians in a speech here to go into mixed farming in Kootenay country and send their waste slabs on the Canadian Pacific Railway to be sold in the remunerative markets of Manitoba.

**Montreal Grain and Produce Market.**

**Flour.**—There has been a good demand for Ontario flour since our last, some large transactions having been made at the mills west of Toronto for points east of Montreal, some 15,000 bbls. being reported at equal to \$3.40 to \$3.45 laid down here on track, but to-day there is very little doing, as millers have advanced prices fully 10c above these figures which has checked new business. At the prices quoted in the west to-day, it would cost \$3.45 to \$3.50 to lay down straight rollers here on track. Western millers write that their winter wheat is costing them 70 to 73c laid down at the mills, according to position, while one miller writes that he has paid as high as 75c at the mill. It is said that the miller who will pay such a high price as 75c for his wheat must have a bullish view of the future price of flour. Two cars of straight rollers in bags were sold at \$1.67½ and \$1.70 here. In strong bakers flour there is no change, the demand continuing good. Winter patents have been placed in car lots at \$1.05 to \$1.15. There is not much export demand.

**Oatmeal.**—Western millers are asking 5 to 10c higher figures in car lots.—In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.65, and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.55. Pot barley \$1.25 in barrels and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

**Wheat.**—Advices from Ontario state that millers there are wanting wheat but cannot get it owing to farmers holding for higher figures. Here prices are purely nominal.

**Bran, etc.**—The market is firmer for bran and we quote \$15 to \$15.50, with sales at the inside figure. Shorts \$16 up to \$17.50 as to grade.

**Oats.**—The market is firm at an advance of ¾ to 1c per bushel over sales made a week ago.

**Barley.**—Malting barley is quoted at 49 to 52 as to quality, a lot of fair Ontario being offered at 49c here; feed barley is quoted at 41 to 42c, but hard to sell.

**Cured Meats.**—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$15.00 to \$16.00; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$14 to \$14.50; Mess pork, Chicago, per bbl., \$13.25 to \$13.75; Hams, per lb., 9 to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9½c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9 to 11c, Shoulders, per lb., 8 to 8½c.

**Dressed Hogs.**—Prices are quoted at \$5.50 to \$5.75 per 100 pounds.

**Butter.**—The market continues firm at full former quotations. Since our last report sales of October creamery have transpired at 22½ to 23c in 50 to 100 lb. lots, small jobbing lots bringing ¼ to 1c more money. September creamery has changed hands at 21½ to 22c and Aug. 19½ to 21c. In dairy butter, finest Eastern Townships fall ends have sold

at 20c, a lot over 50 tubs bringing that figure and a lot of nearly 100 tubs consisting of long dairies brought 18c. Western dairy has sold at 15 to 15½c, a lot of 100 tubs of fine bringing the outside figure, while sales of selected have been made at 16 to 17c.

**Cheese.**—The market is steady at 9½ to 9¾c for finest Western, sales having been made at both figures this week, but if a round quantity had to be placed 9½c would probably be the figure. The Liverpool cable has advanced to 4½ for finest white and 4½ to 6d for finest colored, and 4½ to 6d for Septembers.

**Eggs.**—The market is firm with an upward tendency, sales of good sized lots of choice caudled at 11½ to 15c, choice fresh selling at 17 to 18c. Strictly new laid from nearby points are quoted at 20 to 22c in a wholesale way.

**Hides.**—Another drop of 1c per lb. took place in the price of green butchers' hides, Lambskins, it is expected, will be up next week. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3; Heavy hides 7 to 7½ cents; Calfskins 6c; Lambskins 55c.—Trade Bulletin, Nov. 4.

**Monthly Trade Returns.**

The following statement shows the value of goods exported and goods entered for consumption with duty collected thereon during the month of October, 1895, at Winnipeg, as compared with the same month in 1894:

Description	Value 1891	Value 1895
Exported .....	\$160,021 00	\$178,122 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable....	107,919 00	111,973 00
Entered for consumption, free.....	71,534 00	102,204 00
Total for consumption.....	181,508 00	247,117 00
Duty collected ....	47,799 78	49,046 50

**Silver.**

Silver continues firm, and the demand is sufficient to absorb current production. Silver prices on Nov. 1 were: London, 80½d; New York, 67½c.

**The Coal "Boom."**

The advances in anthracite coal prices during the past few months have occurred so gradually and so unobtrusively that attention has been diverted somewhat from the real size of the net advance which has taken place since the low-water mark set last July. The fact appears to be, however, that the gain in coal prices since July will compare very favorably with the percentage of gain shown in other staple advances, which have probably attracted wider attention. The following table of circular prices (net) in July and those ruling in the last circular will be found of interest:

	Price		Prices	
	July.	now.	Gain.	Feb. '94.
Broken....	\$2.65	\$3.75	\$1.10	\$3.60
Egg.....	2.75	3.90	1.15	3.50
Stove....	2.87	4.15	1.25	4.00
Chestnut.	2.75	3.90	1.15	4.00

The largest gain over July, it will be seen, is in the item of stove coal, \$1.35 per ton, or 48 per cent. The gain in broken, egg and chestnut have been smaller, but in every case are over 40 per cent. Perhaps the best illustration of the proportions of the advance, however, is to be found in a comparison with the prices ruling in February, 1894. Present prices of broken and stove coal, it will be seen, are 15c per ton higher than at that date, while egg coal is 40c higher and chestnut is only 10c lower.—Bradstreet's.

The Banque du Peuple has made a demand of assignment on Wm. Clendenning & Son, of Montreal, and the firm has filed a consent to assign.

Benson's Enamel Starch is a new preparation now being put on the market here by W. F. Henderson & Co., wholesale agents, Winnipeg. It is manufactured by the Edwardsburg Starch Co. and is designed for use with cold water and does not require boiling. The Silver Gloss starch, manufactured by the same firm, is now being put up in tins, of the same size as the wooden boxes formerly used, namely six pounds.

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