

Fraser River are somewhat less. There are no Ashcroft potatoes offered, but they are worth considerably more than regular quotations. It is not yet known if any damage has been done to the root crops in the pits, for the result, if unfavorable, will certainly send up prices a little and necessitate large importations.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Sweet Loretta.....	\$1 50 @	3 75
Navels .....	1 75 @	5 00
Riverside Seedling.....	4 00 @	0 00
Japanese.....	0 75 @	0 00
Lemons—California.....	5 50 @	7 50
Stelly.....	7 50 @	0 00
Bananas, bunch.....	2 50 @	3 50
Quinces.....	1 50 @	0 00
Apples—Red.....	1 50 @	1 75
Green.....	1 50 @	0 00
Canadian, bbls.....	6 00 @	0 00
Grapes.....	2 00 @	0 00
Cocoanuts, doz.....	1 00 @	0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—California, sweet.....	2 1/2 @	
Local .....	per ton 17 00 @	18 00
Onions—Red California.....	1 1/2 @	
California Silverskins.....	1 1/2 @	

FLOUR AND FEED.

Prices continue weak, although there are no special changes reported by local jobbers. Snowflake flour has been sold lately in job lots at \$4.90, although generally the prices asked are higher. The past week has been a fairly good one in the feed business. The holiday season together with cold weather has stimulated demand.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots:

Premier.....	\$5 00
XXX.....	1 75
Strong Bakers or XX.....	4 50
Superfine.....	3 75

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$4 75 @	0 00
Lion, ".....	4 75 @	0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 25 @	0 00
XXX, ".....	5 00 @	0 00
XX, ".....	1 75 @	0 00
Superfine, ".....	4 00 @	4 25
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 45 @	5 50
Strong Bakers.....	5 00 @	0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 35 @	0 00
Strong Bakers.....	5 00 @	0 00
Lake of the Woods Hungarian.....	5 35 @	0 00
Strong Bakers.....	5 00 @	0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	4 85 @	0 00
Portland Roller.....	4 90 @	5 00
Snowflake.....	5 05 @	5 15
Royal.....	4 75 @	0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	28 00 @	35 00
Oats.....	25 00 @	30 00
Oil cake meal.....	10 00 @	45 00
Chop feed.....	28 00 @	30 00
Shorts.....	26 00 @	28 00
Bran.....	23 50 @	25 00
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.....	26 00 @	28 00
California oatmeal.....	4 25 @	4 35
California rolled oats.....	3 75 @	3 85
Corn, whole..... per ton	37 50 @	40 00
Cormeal.....	2 75 @	3 00
Cormeal-feed..... per ton	40 00 @	50 00
Cracked corn.....	40 00 @	45 00
Hay, per ton.....	17 00 @	18 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 00 @	0 00

SALMON.

The salmon fleet have all cleared, and there is said to be just about enough stock on hand to supply local demands until the new pack comes in next season. The total shipments to London and Liverpool, this season, amounted to 163,400 cases against

217,010 cases for last year. Recent reports state that the English market is firm and that there is little business doing. During the cold weather and especially approaching the holiday season, the demand for canned salmon falls off considerably, but picks up again soon after and is brisk at the spring time. The shipments to Eastern Canada, last season, were 60,950 cases, and the shipments this year are said to be about the same. The Canadian market is full, in fact may be said to be slightly overstocked and consequently prices there are reported as weakening. Next year is the expected big run and preparations are going forward. Three new canning companies were incorporated last week, and all are looking forward to a good season on both the Fraser and northern rivers.

LUMBER.

Since last review, the Norwegian bark Benj. Bangs has cleared from Vancouver with a cargo of spars for Halifax. The barkentine Bittern, 300 tons, has been chartered to load at Vancouver for Australia. The Grasmere is still in Esquimalt harbor, and the Geo. Thompson has returned to the Brunette mills to discharge part of her cargo which will be put on again at the mouth of the Fraser River.

There are at present 6 vessels loading at British Columbia ports for foreign. At Burrard Inlet—Br. bark Mark Curry, 1,250 tons; Br. ship Abeona, 970 tons, for Port Pirie; Nor. bark Fritzoe, 1,078 tons, for Valparaiso; The Br. bark Highlands, 1,235 tons, for Montreal. Chill. bark India, 933 tons, at Moodyville, for Valparaiso f. o. At Cowichan—Am. bark Colorado, 1,036 tons, for Valparaiso for orders.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber, in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet.....\$ 9 00 Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M.....19 00 Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M.....17 00 Pickets, rough, per M.....9 00 Laths, 4 feet, per M.....00

#### THE DOMINION EXPRESS COMPANY

The Dominion Express Company's office in this city received on an average 100 parcels per day during the week ending Dec. 17, for shipment east, the bulk of which were Christmas gifts for Eastern Canada and England. Under the rearrangement parcels from two to seven pounds each, measurement not exceeding two cubic feet, are carried to or from any office in Canada and any railway point in Great Britain for 20c per lb., or fraction thereof. This low rate has resulted in a tenfold increase in the number of parcels carried from Victoria to England, especially of holiday gifts. Notwithstanding the drawbacks of the past season, there has been a large increase over last year in the volume of business transacted by this company. More goods have been expressed out of the city than have been received.

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, the head of the well known Ogilvie Milling Company, has sent a handsome cabinet portrait of himself to all of his firm's customers throughout the West as a Christmas reminder.

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

S. Brightman, butcher, Nanaimo, has resumed business.

A. Kelly has bought out Hesson & Irving, grocers, Vancouver.

Simon Leiser, Victoria, has bought out the Union Colliery Company's general store, Union.

S. F. Scott, auctioneer and commission agent, Nanaimo, has sold out to D. Johnson & Co., Victoria.

The stock of Macaulay & Higginbotham, clothing and furnishings, Victoria, has been sold by auction in trade lots by order of the assignee.

The W. H. Keeley Gold Cure Company (foreign) has been incorporated under the Companies' Act. The capital is \$25,000, and Victoria the principal place of business.

The Steveston Canning Company (L'td) has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, to do a general canning business. W. Costello, R. A. McMorran and Edward Hunt, of Steveston, are the trustees.

The "St. Paul and Duluth Mining Association, L'd., is one of the latest American organizations that have chosen Kootenay as a field of investment. Its capital is \$2,000,000. The principal stockholders reside in Spokane, Duluth, St. Paul and New York. Their British Columbia office will be at Ainsworth, B. C.; headquarters, Spokane, Wash.

An item appeared in THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL last week to the effect that "Barker & Climo, plumbers, had assigned." This was an error. The item should have read: "Barker & Climo, plumbers, have dissolved, and Mr. A. Barker continues the business." Mr. Barker has had a lengthy experience in the plumbing business and the excellence of his workmanship places his future success beyond doubt.

The Federation Brand Salmon Canning Company (L'td) has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. The Company is formed to acquire and take over as a going concern the business of canning salmon now carried on by A. J. McLellan on the Naas River, under the style of "McLellan's Cannery," with the good-will of the same, and all or any of the lands, properties, assets and liabilities of the proprietor of that business in connection therewith. Walter Morris, S. M. O'Kell and A. J. McLellan of Victoria, are the trustees.

An Ottawa dispatch is as follows: "The trade returns for November are not as encouraging as they have been for some time past, the export showing a falling off to the extent of \$1,300,000. This is due largely to the fact that more wheat has been placed in the elevators for shipment when navigation opens in the spring, than was the case last winter. Moreover, the monthly returns indicate values not quantities, and as wheat is lower now than it was twelve months ago, this partly accounts for the decrease. The total exports for the five months were two millions ahead of last year. The imports show an increase of three and a half millions."