

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Sept. 9.

Dairy products is firm. Cheese is quoted 1c higher this week. Butter is unchanged, but prices are low compared with the cost of laying down new stock from the east. Eggs are easier. New oats are coming in and prices have taken a big drop. Some new hay is coming, but the quantity is not large.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery 23 to 24c; Manitoba creamery, 23c; Manitoba dairy 15 to 18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c per dozen; eastern eggs, 20c.

CHEESE—13 to 14c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 16c; breakfast bacon 14 to 14 1/2c; hocks, 13 1/2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 12 to 12 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; hickory 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 \$3; peaches, \$1.15; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.50 to \$2 box; pines, \$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 grapes, 75c per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 box.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.90; 2 1/2 pound sacks, \$3; 4 1/2 1/2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$2.25; 2 1/2's \$3.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$25 per ton; wheat, \$25 to \$28.

GROUND FEED—National mills chow, \$27 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal \$25 ton; f.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, \$1 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$2.50; sheep, \$1.50 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$6 per dozen. **EVAPORATED FRUITS**—Apples 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; pines, French, 5 to 7 1/2c per lb; loose muscovado, 10c; London layer raisins \$1.00 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1/2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 12c; filberts 12 1/2c; pecans 10c; Brazil 12 1/2c; walnuts 15c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered being and bar 4 3/4c; Paris lump 4 1/4c; granulated 5 1/4c; extra C, 4 5/8c; fancy yellow 4 1/2c; yellow 4 3/8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 21 1/4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 1/2c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tin \$1.50 each of 10 1/2 gal. tin \$1.25 each of 20.

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

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 9.

The market for dairy products is firm, but prices are not responding readily to the sharp advances in the east. Cheese is 1-2c higher and butter 1-2c higher. Eggs are still at present. Potatoes are now plentiful and are \$1 ton lower.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 21 to 22c; choice dairy butter, 19 1/2c. Cheese—13c.

Eggs—Ontario, fresh, 19c.

Oats—Per ton, \$40.

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

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

British Columbia Items.

J. G. Houghton, dry goods, is opening at Rossland.

Tal Loy & Co., merchants, New Westminster, have assigned.

McMillan & Crowhurst are starting a foundry at Greenwood.

Lynch & Earl, saw mill, Cascade, have dissolved, John Earl continuing.

Joyce Bros., men's furnishings, Fernie, are opening a branch at Kimberley.

Wm. Wolverton, general merchant, Cascade, is opening a branch at Phoenix.

The Cascade Produce Co., with T. H. Ingram as manager, has opened business at Cascade.

The business of Thomas & Grieger, liquors, Rossland, has been formed into a limited liquor company, under the style of the Columbia Wholesaler Liquor Co.

The following business items are reported from Nelson—A. G. Shaw, grocer, contemplates selling out. Mills & Lott, fruits, have sold out to J. A. McDonald. A. G. Shaw, grocer, has sold out to Geo. Bell & Co. Little Bros., boots and shoes, contemplates opening a branch at Phoenix.

Bank clearances at the Vancouver clearing house for the week ended August 31st were \$1,061,597; previous week clearances were \$964,353. This is the largest week's business yet reported for Vancouver, and is due to the paying off of the fishermen on the close of the salmon season. Victoria clearings were \$595,000 for the week ending Tuesday, August 29th; previous week \$697,993.

The following items are reported from Vancouver—J. M. Buxton, of J. M. Buxton & Co., mining brokers, is dead. Ford & Rogerson, grocers, have dissolved. R. G. Clarke takes C. L. Ford's interest in the business. J. D. Devlin, of Scott & Devlin, dry goods, is dead. Stadler Brewing Co., brewers, have dis-

The following items are reported from Victoria—J. M. Hughes, groceries, stock damaged by fire; fully insured. A. P. Sarantis, fruit, sheriff in possession. Province Publishing Co., name changed to "The British Columbia Printing & Engraving Corporation, with head office at Vancouver. The Pope Stationery Co., have formed a new co-partnership. J. J. Mulholland, bicycles and sewing machines, has sold out to Alex Peden. W. J. Macdonald & Co., general storekeepers, Whitewater, have dissolved partnership; J. G. Macdonald retiring.

The Toronto Globe has been presenting its subscribers with a charming little brochure entitled, "The Growing Time,"—a resume of a number of special articles illustrating and describing the growth and progress of Canada. Incidentally the Globe indulges in a little advertising on its own account.

It is expected that trouble will be precipitated in passenger rates by the withdrawal of the Milwaukee road from the Western Passenger association. The result is likely to be the dissolution of the Western Passenger association, and an abandonment of the rigid passenger schedule which has prevailed under the rules of that association.

At a meeting of the Canadian Furture Manufacturers association held at Toronto on Tuesday the members generally expressed themselves as well satisfied with this year's operations. The industry being in a healthy condition. Gratifying news has also been received from England, where the office opened by the export association has started in a large business.

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