## TRADE AND COMMERCE

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### VICTORIA.

The regular routine of business has been much broken into during the past week by the Celebration, but the trade have again settled down to business. The only feature of special note in the Market situation is another advance in Manitoba and Northwest Flours together with the strong tone of the wheat market. The weather has not been quite warm enough for the dry goods trade, who would experience a brisk trade in light goods with the rise of the thermometer.

The steamers of the Canadian Australian line will in future call at Auckland, N. Z., en route to Sydney.

Nearly all the Coast Sealing fleet have returned to port to remain until the middle and end of June, when they will clear for Unalaska and enter Behring Sea at the end of the close season, Aug st 1. Hunting will then continue while the weather is favorable, generally from a month to six weeks. The small catches on the Coast make sealers very anxious about the Behring Sea catch.

#### DRY GOODS.

Very marked advances in prices on dry goods in general are reported from the large centres, while cottons and shirtings have advanced about 6 per cent. and will no doubt be higher before Fall.

Woolens are firm and the demand good, and owing to the higher prices paid for the raw wool during the past few weeks advice of the advance in prices of the manufactured articles may be looked for any day, in fact woolen yarns have already been advanced by some mills.

Kid gloves cannot be replaced at last season's quotations from the makers. The same applies to Bradford dress goods and woolen goods. Swiss muslins are in active demand and only obtainable from the makers at prices far in excess of the quotations of three months ago. So the advance in values is general both in the foreign and domestic markets, and although the rise in prices comes out of the consumer, it is the most satisfactory forerunner of a general improvement in business and the beginning of an end of the depression, under which the branches of trade have suffered for some time.

#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Apricots are now in the market and quoted at $2 00 per case. New potatoes and new silverskin onions are in good supply, the former at 1¾c per lb. and the latter at 1½c. Cherries are again lower. Strawberries are quoted at $1.50 for crate of 15 baskets.

Washington berries are expected to be on the market in abundance shortly. Lemons are firm in price. The small fruit in local orchards is now well advanced and a bountiful crop is anticipated.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

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| Oranges | California Navals | 3 50 @ | 4 00 |
| " " | Seedlings | 2 50 @ | 0 00 |
| " | Mediterranean Sweets | 3 00 @ | 3 50 |
| " | Bloods | 3 50 @ | 0 00 |
| Bananas, per crate | | 3 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Lemons | California (Johnson's) | 3 50 @ | 3 75 |
| | California selected | 2 50 @ | 3 00 |
| Apples | British Columbia | 1 25 @ | 1 50 |
| | Oregon | 1 25 @ | 1 50 |
| | Australian | 2 50 @ | 3 00 |
| Cherries, per case | | 1 25 @ | 1 35 |
| Cocoanuts | per 100 | 8 00 @ | 9 00 |

Vegetables are quoted:

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| Onions—Silverskins new | per lb | 1¾ @ | 00 |
| Cabbage | per lb | 2½ @ | |
| Potatoes | per ton | 11 00 @ | 17 00 |
| " New, per lb | | 1¼ @ | 00 |
| Apricots | | 2 00 @ | 0 00 |
| Strawberries per crate of 15 bskts. | | 1 50 @ | 0 00 |

#### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

American syrups are advanced. California roll butter is quoted from 1 to 2 cents lower. Lard compound is quoted lower. Block matches are reduced 10 cents a tin because of competition. The meat market is steady An Eastern exchange says that "advices to packers from their agents all over the country indicate an unusual demand for hams and bacon during the coming summer. It does not seem possible that the present low figures for these two prominent staples can continue very long."

Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ordinary terms 60 days.

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| Dry Granulated (China) | 100-sack | 4 50 |
| " " "B. A. Coarse" | " | 4 50 |
| Extra C, China | " | 4 25 |
| Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery) | | 4¾ |
| Extra C | | 4½ |
| Fancy Yellow | | 4¾ |
| Yellow | | 4¼ |
| Golden C | | |
| Cubes | | 6¼ |
| Powdered | | 6¾ |
| Syrups, per lb | | 2½ |
| " 1 gal. tins, American | (10) | 5 75 |
| " ½ " " | (16) | 5 75 |
| " 1 " Vancouver | | 4 50 |
| " ½ " " | | 5 50 |

Dairy produce is quoted:

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| Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs | 20 @ | 22 |
| Manitoba dairy | 15 @ | 20 |
| " creamery in tins | 27 @ | 28 |
| " " in tubs | 26 @ | 00 |
| California Roll-Fancy | | 18 |
| Fancy, Tubs | 20 @ | 22 |
| Cheese—Canadian, lb | | 13½ |
| Canadian Stilton | 17 @ | 18 |
| Californian | 12 @ | 12½ |
| Eggs—Canadian | per doz 10 @ | 15 |

Smoked meats and lard are quoted.

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| Hams | 14½ @ | 15½ |
| Breakfast bacon | 14½ @ | 15½ |
| Short rolls | 10½ @ | 11½ |
| Dry Salt, long clear | | 10 |
| Backs | 11 @ | 13 |
| Mess Pork, per bll | | 20 00 |
| Best Plate Beef, per bbl | | 18 00 |
| Lard Compound, 20 lbs | | 10 |
| " " 10 lbs | | 10½ |
| " " 5 lbs | | 10½ |
| " " 3 lbs | | |
| White Label pure leaf lard, tierces | | 0 12 |
| " " " 50-lb tins | | 0 12¾ |
| " " " 20-lb " | | 0 12¾ |
| " " " 10-lb " | | 0 12¾ |
| " " " 5-lb " | | 0 12¾ |
| " " " 3-lb " | | 0 12¾ |

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

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| Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium | 0 14½ |
| " " " heavy | 0 13½ |
| " " breakfast bacon | 0 14½ |
| Fancy Gold Band hams | 0 15½ |
| " " breakfast bacon | 0 15½ |
| Roast and corned beef, 2s per doz | 2 90 |
| " " " 1s " | 1 75 |
| Lunch tongues, 2s per doz | 7 60 |
| " 1s " | 3 75 |
| Deviled ham, ½ lbs " | 1 60 |
| White label soups, assorted qts., per doz | 2 75 |

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, for lots of one barrel and upwards, delivered into warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by net spot cash:

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| Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags | |
| Extra C | |
| Fancy Yellow | |
| Yellow | |
| Golden C | |
| Paris lumps in bbls. or 100-lb | |
| Powdered Icing and bar, in bbls | 6 |

Above prices are for barrels or bags, 100 lb. keg ⅛c. higher; half bbls. ¼c and boxes ½c.

Golden syrup is quoted as follows: 30 gal. bbls. 1¾c per lb., 10 gal. kegs 2c per lb., 5 gal. kegs $1.25 each, 1 gal. tins $3.75 per case of 10, ½ gal. tins $4.50 per case of 20.

Jobbers quote:

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| Valencia raisins | per lb $ 6 @ | $ |
| Valencia Layers | per lb 7 @ | 7½ |
| Malaga raisins | per box 3.00 @ | 3.25 |
| Calif'nia London Layers | per box 2.00 @ | 0.00 |
| Currants (barrels) | per lb 5 @ | |
| " half bbls | per lb 5¼ @ | 0 |
| " (cases) | per lb 5½ @ | 7½ |
| Sultana raisins, Eastern | per lb 8 @ | 10 |
| " " California 20 lb. box | 1 20 | |
| Shelled Almonds, Jordan, per lb | | 45 |
| " " Valencia, " | | 32½ |
| Taragona almonds | per lb 16 @ | 18 |
| Grenoble walnuts | per lb 16 @ | |
| Brazil Nuts | per lb 16 @ | |
| Shelled Almonds | per lb 32½ @ | |
| Smyrna Figs | per lb 16 @ | 0 |
| " " 14-ozbox each | 12½ @ | |
| California Figs | per lb 8 | |
| Egyptian Dates | per lb 8 | 8½ |
| Filberts | per lb 11½ @ | 12½ |

Jobbers quote as follows:

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| Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton | 10 50 |
| Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton | 16 00 |
| Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl | 3 00 |
| White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs | 8 50 |
| " " qarter boxes 28 lbs, per cwt | 8 50 |
| Malt vinegar English, 25-gal. bbls. | 12 50 |
| " " octaves | 6 00 |
| " " cases of 3 doz., per cs | 5 50 |
| " " in bbls. 16 grain, per gal | 50 |
| " " 24 " " | 65 |
| " " qts. per doz. | 1 85 |
| Pickels, Crosse & Blackwells, qts. | 6 00 |
| " " pts. | 3 40 |
| Matches, block, in tins, California | 1 15 |
| Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs | 65@00 |
| Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs | 65@00 |
| Coal oil, per case | 3 00 |

Nails, per keg—4d, $3.30; 6d, $3.10; 8d, $2.95; 10d, $2.90; 12d, $2.85; 20d and 30d, $2.85; 40d and 50d, $2.75; 60d, $2.70,