

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Naturally the prevalence of smallpox in Victoria has had a depressing effect on business. With the exception of the drug trade, every line has suffered, more or less, and if it were not for the fact that the spread of the disease is believed to have been effectually checked, the outlook for the remainder of the season would be dismal indeed. However, the determined attitude of the Provincial authorities, and the assistance they are receiving from the citizens, justifies the belief that within a week or so the trouble will have passed away and business will have resumed its normal condition. Just now, the future has a bright side, inasmuch as several enterprises are in contemplation which will cause a large amount of money to be circulated throughout the city. Conservative business do not hesitate in saying that Victoria may see her best autumn season in this year of 1892.

The receipts of fruits and vegetables from San Francisco, by the last two steamers, show a considerable falling off.

It is said that the principal sealers will ship their catches of seal skins to the London market and put them up at auction. The prices now being offered by American buyers are considered too low.

## DRUGS.

Business with the city trade has been very active lately, principally in the line of disinfectants. Outside business continues steady, with no improvement in collections. The general markets have continued unusually dull. Strong competition among the eastern houses have kept down prices in many of the leading lines. The crop of Canada balsam will probably be short, on account of continued wet weather. Cas-cara Sagrada bark continues low in price. Cubeb berries are selling freely at slightly easier figures. Price of ergot is well maintained. Gum shellac is firm at advancing figures. There is an advance in insect powder, probably on account of heavy demand. The new crop of belladonna leaves is quoted high. Senna leaves have further advanced. Lime juice is reported scarce this season and steadily advancing. In essential oils, eucalyptus has fallen to about its normal value. The prices of lemon and orange are fairly well maintained. Forpeppermint, higher prices are expected. In expressed oils E. I. castor is bringing rather better figures. New Norwegian cod liver oil is reported short, and higher prices are quoted in Norway. New olive oil has arrived at moderate prices. Opium is decidedly firm, and reports of the new crop are favorable. Ginger root is dearer. Ipecac firm. Rio commands good figures. Rhubarb, prices of all grades are higher as stocks are diminishing. Canary seed is still dear, and carraways are scarce and dearer.

In chemicals, citric and tartaric acid are decidedly firmer at advancing rates. The price of anti-pyrine has been advanced by makers. Camphor much firmer; report of a combination of English and continental refiners. Cocaine, prices again reduced

by manufacturers. Cream of tartar is reported flat at about previous figures. Menthol is much higher in Japan. Morphia firmer; makers ask an advance. Quinine is firmer at better figures. Quicksilver is dearer. English mercurials have been marked up.

## FLOUR AND FEED.

Snowflake flour is said to be entirely out of the market, the supply having run out on account of the closing down of the mills. A slight reduction is noted in wheat, which is now quoted \$2 per ton cheaper. All other quotations are unaltered.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The flour price list remains practically unchanged. Standard brands being quoted at \$4.10 per bbl., and other grades from \$3 to \$3.75. The demand may be regarded as good both locally and for export. Oats—Prices have yielded 1c to 2c per bush., quotations now being 44c to 45c per bush. Advances as to new crop indicate the yield will fall short of an average and the crop a small one. It is, therefore, the opinion of many dealers that while prices may decline at present there will be a reaction later. Millstuffs—Both bran and shorts are very steady, the output being barely sufficient to meet the wants of this and surrounding localities. Bran hold at \$19 and shorts at \$22 per ton."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote:  
Enderby flour in carload lots:

Premier.....	\$5 40
XXX.....	5 30
Strong Bakers or XX.....	5 00
Superfino.....	4 00
Quotations to the trade are:	
Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 5 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 75 @ 0 00
XXX, " ".....	5 55 @ 0 00
XX, " ".....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " ".....	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 45 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian..	5 85 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 35 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	33 00 @ 25 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	25 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 00 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 85 @ 4 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale:	
Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The receipts of California butter from San Francisco by City of Puebla, July 16, for Victoria, consisted of 9 cases, containing 1,000 lbs. Prices of butter on the whole are steady at previous quotations. Manitoba dairy selected is generally

quoted at 10c, while some of the choice makes are held for 20c. Eastern creamery is now held at 25c in tubs, and 20c in tins. American canned meats show an advance. It is said outside packers have discontinued packing, though they have some stocks on hand which they are selling at lower prices than are being asked for standard brands. When these stocks are gone higher prices are looked for. Futures of California canned fruits are selling well, but packers are not disposed to name prices, preferring to take the chances of the market for higher values. A heavy shortage is reported from Maryland in the peach crop, which will cause a heavy demand for California peaches.

Pendray's Electric Soap is meeting with a large sale. An increasing demand is reported by Pendray & Co. from all parts of the province and from Calgary. This soap is quoted to the trade at prices which are lower than those asked for the imported article. It is guaranteed by the manufacturers equal in quality to any imported, being made from the finest ingredients obtainable by a thoroughly experienced soapmaker.

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	25 @ 00
" " tins.....	26 @ 00
Manitoba Creamery, tubs.....	25½ @ 00
" Dairy choice.....	19 @ 20
" Cooking.....	10 @ 14
Cheese—Canadian, tubs.....	13 @ 14
California.....	16 @ 00
Eggs, doz.....	15 @ 18
Hams.....	14 @ 15
Breakfast bacon.....	14 @ 16
Short colls.....	11½ @ 13
Backs.....	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11 @ 12½
Pure Lard, 50lbs.....	13 @ 13½
" 20lbs.....	00 @ 13½
Lard Compound.....	10½ @ 11½
Sugar—Jobbers' prices, ¼ barrels and kegs in each case being ¼c higher:	
Dry Granulated.....	5½
Extra C.....	5½
Fancy Yellow.....	5½
Golden C.....	4½
Syrups, per lb.....	3

## SALMON.

All reports received from the Fraser River agree that the run so far is a poor one. One says the run is much the same as last year, and another says it is similar to the run of 1888 which, it is well known, was the lightest of late years. The prospects of the canneries filling all their tins this season seem rather gloomy up to date. The Beaver and Richmond canneries report 250 cases altogether. Private advices have been received reporting a good run in Beechy Bay last Saturday. These fish are expected in the Fraser this week. Some dealers are not quoting for Eastern shipment, in fact have withdrawn all quotations, being satisfied with the strength of the market to wait until they see how the fishing is going to turn out on the Fraser River. The Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co. shipped 1,300 cases from the Fraser River to Vancouver on July 11, which is the first Fraser River shipment of the season. The Martha Fisher, chartered to load salmon by R. P. Rithet & Co., arrived from Liverpool July 17. The British bark Glengarry, 802 tons, Capt. Davidson, now at Rio de Janeiro, has been chartered for salmon to the U. K. by Bell-Irving & Paterson for September-October loading.