

British Columbia Markets.

[All quotations unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

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The market for butter is firmer, but owing to the arrival of fresh grass butter from the states to the south jobbers are afraid to advance prices for Canadian butter. Eggs are weak. Fresh eggs are coming in from the south. There is considerable held stocks of early make cheese, which keeps down the price of good late cheese. Manitoba flour is 10c lower. Oranges are 25c lower.

Butter—California fresh grass butter, 60c; creamery, good, jobbers price, 25c choice dairy, jobbers price, 18@19c; Off grade or cooking 15@17c.

Eggs—Local, 35c; Washington fresh, 24c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 12@12½c, jobbers price Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard, tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; bloaters, 7c; Manitoba whitefish, 10c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$14.00 per ton, Ashcroft potatoes, \$18@20; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$2.75 @ \$3 box; apples, 65c@ \$1.25 per 50 lb. box; navel oranges, \$2.75@ \$3.00 box; seedlings, \$1.75@ \$2.00 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$4.90; strong bakers \$4.50; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.50.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@ \$25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$22 ton; bran \$20; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7½@8c; mutton 9@10c; pork 9@9½c; veal 10@10½c; Pemican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; cows, \$3.50 @ 3.75; sheep, \$5.50 per 100 lbs. hogs, \$8.00 per lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys, 13½@14c lb; geese and ducks, 12½@13c; chickens, 12@13c.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 1½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon and India: Fair, 20c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

C. B. Graham, tobacconist, Winnipeg, has admitted J. B. Thompson into partnership, under style of C. B. Graham & Co.

British Columbia Items.

A. Manson, has purchased the Grove hotel. Nelson.

Gilbert Lawrence, baker, Kamloops, has sold out to William Johnson.

R. A. Muskott, clothing, etc., Vancouver, has assigned in trust to W. T. Stein.

J. Trace, grocer, Victoria, has sold his stock at auction and given up business.

Pettipiece & Van, wood dealers, etc., Revelstoke, have dissolved; John Pettipiece continues.

Craig Bros., blacksmiths, etc., Nanaimo, have dissolved; Wm. S. Craig continues the business.

A company to be called the Canada Pacific Transfer company is being formed at Vancouver.

Loewenberg, Harris & Co., real estate and insurance, Victoria, (also New Westminster) has been succeeded by H. M. Grahame.

William Clark, of Donald, has opened a branch butcher shop for Hull Bros. & Co. at Field. After getting things in shape he intends leaving for Armstrong, where he will start for himself in the pork packing business.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster board of trade was held on Feb. 15. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, G. D. Brymner re-elected; vice-president, R. F. Anderson; secretary-treasurer, D. Robson, re-elected. Council—L. A. Lewis, A. Malins, T. S. Annandale, Jno. Peck, R. L. Reid, Dr. Fagan, M. Sinclair, T. J. Trapp, J. W. Creighton, D. S. Curtis, C. G. Major, Jno. Hendry, J. E. Phillips, W. R. Gilley, Jno. McNab, Jos. Reichenbach, and the officers of the board.

Alberta.

F. M. Rogers, general merchant Innisfail has sold out to Fred. W. Bilton.

The Pincer Meat Market Company has been formed at Calgary to succeed W. Menary & Co.

Goulter & Peterson, hardware, Innisfail, have changed the name of their firm to the Innisfail Hardware Co.

A law partnership has been formed at Calgary under the style of Smith & Pinkham, consisting of J. B. Smith, Q. C., and A. M. Pinkham.

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M. A. Eby, is opening a drug store at Yorkton.

Edwin Bray & Co., are opening a general store at Wolseley.

Walter Hembroff, late with Natlon & Shewan, Brandon, will open a gents' furnishings store at Moose Jaw.

Thos. Tucker, of Regina, lately with Smith & Ferguson, and his brother, John Tucker, will open a hardware store at Weyburn.

Northwest Ontario.

Charles Fullames, plasterer, Rat Portage, has assigned to F. W. Canaff.

The manufacture of peat fuel may become an industry at Wabigoon, where large deposits of excellent peat are known to exist. Inquiries are being made as to the prospects of the demand for that class of fuel.

On the first of March next, says the Fort William Journal, the old established business of John McLaurin, gen-

eral merchant here, changes, and he takes into partnership his son-in-law, Thomas Dow. This business has been carried on by Mr. McLaurin for thirty-four years.

Western Business Items.

Nex & Odger are starting a printing office at Dauphin, Man.

The Balfour Implement company has been formed at Winnipeg.

J. F. Rodgers, general store, Treherne, has sold out to S. Calvert.

The Western Land Colonization Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation.

D. Cooper, who comes from Ontario, will open a harness shop at Carberry, Man.

The Canadian Litho Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation at Winnipeg.

Helman & Co., liquors, Morden, have sold out their Gretna branch to A. Coblenz.

The stock of J. R. Stewart, general store, Souris, has been sold to J. W. Breakey.

Brownrigg & Co., butchers and grocers, Winnipeg, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

A. L. Ashdown, hardware and implements, of Portage la Prairie, is opening a branch at Swan River.

The strike of the employees of the Emerson & Hague establishment, Winnipeg, remains in the same position as a week ago.

Rogers Bros., T. E. Scott & Co., T. R. Vardon and E. E. Turner have agreed to erect a syndicate brick block of four stores, two stories high, on the site of the late fire at McGregor, Man.

A public meeting was held at White-wood, Assn., to establish a board of trade. Mayor Grierson presided. John H. Knowles made an explanatory statement. A membership roll was prepared and officers were elected as follows. President, Mr. James Morrison; vice-president, James Sanders; secretary-treasurer, John Hawkes; council, A. B. Gillis, B. Limoges, Wm. Waller, A. B. Potter, John H. Knowles, Mayor Grierson, R. Street, Fred. A. Morrison.

Damp Wheat

As the spring season approaches apprehension increases regarding the keeping quality of a portion of last year's wheat crop, on account of the quantity of tough or damp wheat. The companies operating lines of country elevators recently sent out notices that they would not be responsible for the condition of wheat held in store in their elevators after March 10. This will probably have the effect of increasing shipments from country elevators to Fort William.

At Fort William there is still a large quantity of tough and damp wheat held in cars on track, awaiting opportunity to get it dried at the Port Arthur elevator. It is now proposed to put this wheat temporarily into store in one of the elevators, to relieve the cars. In case of a sudden spell of warm weather, the wheat would be safer in the elevators than in the cars. A lot of wheat put into an elevator during cold weather, retains a low temperature for a long time.

T. C. McQuarrie has purchased J. K. Patton's stock of books and stationery at Minnedosa, Man.