

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

Wholesale merchants report a noticeable improvement in the demand for goods from the towns along the line of the C. P. R. This is accounted for by the fact that large numbers of men have found employment with the company repairing damages caused by the floods. Trade is generally quiet during the summer months and this season is no exception to the rule. Money is as plentiful as ever in the banks, but outside somewhat scarce.

The Vancouver News Advertiser says: "Business during the past week has shown a further slight improvement, which is, no doubt, in part due to the close proximity of the coming holiday. Collections, however, still continue slow. The wet weather of the last few days has somewhat interfered with building operations and out door work, of which there is now quite a little in progress. There are consequently not many idle men to be seen around at present. The export lumber trade still continues brisk, two large carriers having just arrived to load here. The Hastings mill is still running day and night, while the Moodyville mill is running full time. Although this is the end of the month, wholesale merchants have been kept pretty busy, especially those in the fruit line, as retailers are getting in a stock for the holiday."

DRY GOODS

The Toronto Empire remarks as follows: "The continued fine weather is having a stimulating effect on the dry goods trade. Travellers report that the retail merchants throughout the country have been doing a very satisfactory business since the advent of summer weather, and their statements are borne out by the sharp demand experienced by local jobbers for all lines of seasonable goods. The demand is now running chiefly on prints, satens, art muslins, draperies of all sorts, summer silks, cottons, cottonades, tablings, towelings, light summer suitings, serges, negligé suits, cricketing flannels, men's furnishings, neckwear, hosiery and gloves and small wares of various sorts. The woollen mills are now beginning to receive a few repeat orders for fall goods. This indicates that retail merchants have been asking for shipment's of autumn goods, and that the fall trade is progressing. There is a unanimity of opinion, however, regarding the orders received so far. Jobbers have not ordered to the same extent as in former years. Fair selections have been made by clothiers of 1895 spring goods, but as yet

orders placed are light. Payments are fair."

FLOUR AND FEED.

There is no change in the markets since last report. Business and quotations are both steady.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "Flour—There has been no appreciable increase in the volume of business. However, it must be admitted that the market has been in a more satisfactory shape at least, from a seller's point of view. The dull and sluggish conditions that have prevailed for several weeks, if not months, has given way to a more cheerful feeling. This, however, is more particularly applicable to well known brands, and shipments to China have practically stopped for the present, and flour cannot be sold at any price on account of epidemic. Quote standard brands \$2 55 per bbl."

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, on wharf in Victoria, as follows:
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....\$1 00
" Strong Bakers..... 3 80
The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:
Premier.....\$3 90
XXX..... 3 75
Strong Bakers or XX..... 3 30
Superfine..... 3 05

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl. lots at the mills as follows:
Delta.....\$1 00
Victoria XXX..... 1 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:
Delta, Victoria mills.....\$ 1 25 @ 0 00
Lion..... 1 25 @ 0 00
XXX..... 1 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills..... 1 25 @ 0 00
XXX., "..... 1 10 @ 0 00
XX., "..... 3 65 @ 0 00
Superfine, "..... 3 40 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian..... 1 40 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 1 25 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.. 1 40 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers 1 25 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian..... 1 40 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 1 25 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian..... 1 40 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers..... 1 25 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton..... 27 50 @ 30 00
Oats..... 30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal..... 35 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed—California..... 30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts..... 25 00 @ 30 00
Bran..... 23 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats..... 3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas..... 3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley..... 1 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed..... 25 00 @ 27 00
California oatmeal..... 3 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats..... 3 75 @ 0 00
Corn, whole..... per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Peas, field..... per ton 50 00 @ 60 00
Cornmeal..... 2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed..... per ton 40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn..... 40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton..... 15 00 @ 18 00
Straw, per bale..... 1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-

Japan rice, per ton.....\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
Best China rice "..... 80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1 "..... 68 00 @ 70 00
Rice flour "..... 70 00
Broken rice "..... 30 00
Rice Meal "..... 17 50

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Receipts of California fruit from San Francisco are keeping up well. Prices are reported fairly steady. Local strawberries are coming in freely and in good demand for preserving. Local cherries will probably arrive freely this week.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—California seedlings... 2 50 @ 3 75
Mediterranean sweets. 2 50 @ 3 50
St. Michael's..... 3 25 @ 0 00
Australian..... 1 50 @ 0 00
Lemons—California..... 3 00 @ 1 25
Australian..... 1 75 @ 0 00
Pineapples..... 2 00 @ 3 00
Bananas—New Orleans..... 2 75 @ 0 00
" Honolulu..... crates 2 75 @ 3 00
" "..... bunches 2 00 @ 0 00
Cherries..... 90 @ 1 00
Apples, Australian..... bxs 2 75 @ 0 00
" California..... 1 75 @ 0 00
Cocoanuts..... per 100 8 00 @ 9 00
Strawberries, per crate of 21..... 1 50 @ 1 75
Apricots..... 1 00 @ 0 00
Peaches..... 1 25 @ 1 35

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes..... per ton 20 00 @ 25 00
Onions—Red..... per lb 1 1/2 @
Cabbage..... per lb 2 @ 2 1/2
New potatoes..... per lb 1 1/2 @

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

American canned meats have advanced since last review. Quotations in other staple lines show no change.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The receipts of butter during the past week were 3,764 pkgs against 3,503 pkgs for the week previous. Further sales of June creamery have been made at 19c to 19 1/2c and 19 1/2c at the factory, but as these purchases have been made for a future market they are no criterion for spot prices here, although to a certain extent they affect the market. A lot of 100 tubs, however, was sold at 19 1/2c to 19 1/2 for immediate shipment to Newfoundland. In dairy butter it is said that as high as 17c and 17 1/2c has been paid in the Eastern Townships, which is about all it will bring here. Western has been placed at 15c for a fine lot. At these prices, however, it is contended that the English market will not take it. That is very true, as Canadian creamery is quoted in Liverpool at 80s to 85s, which means about 16c to 17c here. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, fresh, 18 1/2c to 19c; Eastern Townships dairy, 16c to 17 1/2c; Western, 14c to 16. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected. Cheese receipts during the past week were 78,793 boxes against 69,895 for the week previous. The market is irregular and lower, with sales of finest Ontario for shipment by this week's steamers at 9c to 9 1/2c, and finest Quebec at 8 1/2c to 8 1/2. Now that the week's business is over, however, it is said that goods are available at 1/2c under