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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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 VICTORIA.

There has been no noticeable change in general conditions since last writing. Trade has continued fairly active for the season in mostly all lines of merchandising and there is full confidence in the development a few weeks hence of the usual activity of the opening of the fall season.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The price to be paid for wheat this season by the Columbia Milling Co., Enderby, says the *Vernon News*, will be: Spring wheat, \$25, fall wheat, \$21 per ton. This increased price can to a great extent be attributed to combination on the part of wheat growers. A far larger quantity of fall than of spring wheat is grown in this district, but the latter makes the best flour. Hitherto, the same price has been paid for both varieties.

Quotations are: Enderby flour, for carload lots, Premier, \$5.75; XXX., \$5.45; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5; Superfine, \$4.

Delta, Victoria mill	\$5 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	6 00 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 70 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 0 00
Ogiltie's Hungarian	6 50 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	6 25 @ 0 00
Snowflake	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	6 25 @ 0 00
Royal	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine	4 50 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	\$10 00 @ 00 00
Oats	35 00 @ 00 00
Oil cake meal	35 00 @ 00 00
Chow feed	37 50 @ 00 00
S'co	28 00 @ 00 00
Bern	26 00 @ 28 00
California oatmeal	4 50 @ 0 00
Rolled oats	4 25 @ 0 00
California rolled oat	5 25 @ 0 00
Tacoma rolled oat	4 80 @ 0 00
Cornmeal	3 00 @ 0 00
Cracked corn	50 00 @ 55 00

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The regular shipments of California fruits imported from San Francisco, are gradually dropping off. The season for California peaches is over but their place is filled by Oregon peaches which sell

at about the same figure as was obtained for the California article. Quotations are: Peaches, \$1.15; pears, (bartletts), \$1.75; plums, 90c; grapes, (white), \$1.65; grapes, (black), \$1.75; apples, (green), \$1.25; apples, (gravenstein), \$1.50; Riverside oranges, \$3.75; California Messina lemons, \$7.25 to \$7.50; bananas, \$3.25; cantilopes, \$1.50; nutmeg, melons, \$1.50; watermelons, \$5.50 a crate; nectarines, \$1.50; crab apples, \$1.25; silverskin onions, 1½c. per lb.; native potatoes, 1c. per lb.; island apples, \$1.50 per box; tomatoes, \$1.00; cucumbers, \$1.00; sweet potatoes, ½c. per lb.; sweet corn, 30c. per doz.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Butter is rapidly advancing in the eastern markets, and, although eastern creamery is still at 24c., it will probably command 27c. shortly. Eggs are quoted 18 to 20c. per doz., according to quality, and advancing. Canned vegetables are firm, and there is said to be no likelihood of any weakening in the market this season.

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole sale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$90 00
China rice	70 00
Rice flour	70 00
Chit rice	25 00
Rice Meal	17 50

HARDWARE.

On account of the recent combination of the leading lead pipe manufacturers in Canada, prices have gone up about 5 per cent. Terne plate has also increased in price, in sympathy with the late increase of the tariff.

SALMON.

The *Commercial News* says salmon remains dull at low figures, while receipts from Alaska are liberal, keeping well up with arrivals to date in previous seasons.

LUMBER.

Since last week there has been some activity shown in the foreign trade. The *Saga* has cleared from Vancouver, with a cargo from the Moodyville mills for Sydney. The Norwegian steamship *H. W. Jarlsberg* has arrived at the Moodyville mill and will load about 2,000,000 feet for Port Pirie, on account of W. H. Dodd, of Melbourne. The Chilean ship *Emma Louise* is due at Moodyville from Port Townsend to load a cargo for Valparaiso. The Chilean ship

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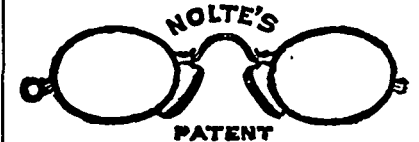
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62 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Atacama is on the way from Valparaiso and will load a return cargo at the Moodyville mills, on owners' account. Reports from all quarters state that freights are extremely dull. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

The local trade is pretty well cut up, but the mills continue to do a very fair trade, in spite of recent cuts by outside mills. The Rock Bay Saw Mill quotes:

Rough lumber, per M	\$12 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M	20 00
Second " "	17 50
Laths, per M	2 50
Shingles, " "	2 50

with a liberal discount for cash.

The lumber business is dull on Puget Sound, and most of the mills are closed or run on short time. Rough lumber has been retailing in Whatcom as low as \$6 and \$7 per thousand; first-class flooring, \$14 per thousand; best cedar shingles, \$1.00 per thousand delivered.