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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business has been fairly active, considering the general condition of affairs. There is a feeling of returning confidence, and the feverish uncertainty which has characterized affairs for some time past is wearing away. Money is reported freer at the banks.

Local industries are doing very well. Lumber trade with South America is improving. The salmon packers had a spurt during the beginning of last week, which was followed by an unusual break in the run toward the middle of the week. The coal trade will be quiet for the next three months, as the New Vancouver Coal Co. have decided to considerably reduce their output, on account of the depressed state of the San Francisco market. Little improvement is reported in commercial collections.

At Vancouver, according to the *News-Advertiser*, trade has continued steady during the past week. Collections are still reported as slow and money as tight. An important industry, which will shortly be started in that city which will benefit not only Vancouver, but also the whole Province. The industry referred to is a pork packing establishment, which one of the leading wholesale firms intends to start shortly. At the present time an enormous sum of money leaves the Province annually for eastern packers, and in future a large amount of this will

remain here, while employment will also be furnished for a number of men. Wholesale merchants report business as being a little quiet last week. Quotations for the most part show no change.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The shipments from San Francisco continue very heavy, and dealers report good sales. The demand from the canneries on the Fraser River and on the Northern rivers is an important feature of the trade during the canning season. Tahiti seedling oranges were received and sell at \$3 a case. Apples are a little firmer than last week. Apricots and peaches have changed slightly. Quotations for grapes have dropped 75c a box, since the arrival of the last steamer. Vegetables are nearly all lower. Potatoes are selling from 1c to 1½c per lb. Silverskin onions are down 3c per lb., and tomatoes 35c a box. The market is bare of Hawaiian Island fruit, and dealers are expecting heavy shipments on the Miowera which is due early this week.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges	Riverside Seedlings	2 50	2 75
	Mediterranean sweets	2 75	3 00
	Australian	2 50	0 00
	Tahiti seedlings	3 00	0 00
Lemons—	California	1 25	6 00
	Siely	5 75	6 00
	Australian	2 50	3 00
Bananas		1 75	2 25
Apples, Red Astrakan	bx	1 50	0 00
Apricots		90	1 00
Plums		1 00	1 25
Peaches		1 15	1 25
Grapes		1 50	1 75
Cocoanuts	per 100	7 50	7 75
Currants		0 00	50
Watermelons	per doz	1 35	7 50
Cantelopes	per crate	1 50	0 00
Pineapples—sugar	per doz	5 00	6 00
	Hawaiian	per doz	2 00 @ 2 50

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local	per lb	1	1½
New California	per lb	1	1½
Onions—Silverskins		11	12
Cabbage		17	2
Tomatoes	per box	75	90
Cucumbers	per box	1 25	1 75

FLOUR AND FEED.

All lines are steady at previous quotations. The new hay crop is reported a heavy one and of excellent quality. The backward spring will make the grain crops a little late.

The *Portland Commercial Review* says: "The flour movement continues of exceedingly light proportion, the greater part of the demand being for local account, which at no time absorbs very much of the product of the mills. Coast domestic shipments show no increase, while China exports have been interfered with by the tying up of the regular connecting steamer. A small order is ready to go to China, via British Columbia, on next outgoing steamer. No important changes in values have transpired, as millers to secure choice milling wheat have to pay full values. Quote standard brands roller, both Valley and Eastern Oregon at \$3.40 per bbl."

The Ogilvie Milling Co. quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in car lots, laid down at Victoria, as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian	.....	\$1 10
Strong Bakers	.....	1 10

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots laid down at Victoria.

Premier	.....	\$1 15
XXX	.....	4 15
Strong Bakers or XX	.....	4 05
Superflno	.....	3 55

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	.....	\$ 4 50 @ 0 00
Lion	.....	50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	.....	4 90 @ 0 00
XXX	.....	4 80 @ 0 00
XX	.....	4 10 @ 0 00
Superflno	.....	3 90 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	.....	4 70 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	.....	4 70 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	.....	0 00 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	.....	4 65 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	.....	4 70 @ 0 00
Snowflake	.....	4 75 @ 4 90
Royal	.....	4 60 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	.....	28 00 @ 35 00
Oats	.....	32 50 @ 35 00
Oil cake meal	.....	40 00 @ 50 00
Chop feed	.....	30 00 @ 35 00
Shorts	.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran	.....	25 00 @ 30 00
National Mills oatmeal	.....	3 50 @ 0 00
rolled oats	.....	3 50 @ 0 00
split peas	.....	3 50 @ 0 00
pearl barley	.....	4 50 @ 0 00
Chop feed	.....	26 00 @ 28 00
California oatmeal	.....	4 25 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	.....	4 00 @ 5 00
Corn, whole	per ton	37 50 @ 40 00
Cornmeal	.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cornmeal-feed	per ton	40 00 @ 00 00
Cracked corn	.....	40 00 @ 00 00
Hay, per ton	.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale	.....	1 00 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	.....	\$ 77 50
Best China rice	.....	100 00
China rice No. 1	.....	70 00
Rice flour	.....	70 00
Chit rice	.....	25 00
Rice Meal	.....	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Local dealers' prices are, in the main, unchanged. The lard market is very weak, in sympathy with the recent decline in Chicago pork markets, and dealers are seeking to reduce stock before new stock will arrive at lower prices. Cured meat quotations are unchanged, and stocks being light lower quotations will affect dealers but little. The market is almost bare of China granulated sugar. A large shipment is coming by the Empress of Japan, due Aug. 16.

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., 95c; do. 2's per doz., \$1.65; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.10; do. 2's, \$6.00. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15½c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 17c; short clear sides, 14½c, and dry salt clear sides, 12c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1c lb. pails, 14c per lb.

Armour's Gold Band meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 18½c, breakfast bacon, 21½c.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: