

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

Business during the past week has been quiet in all lines, but not more so than it generally is at this season of the year. Merchants are observing great caution in their purchases for fall and winter, and seem to prefer awaiting developments rather than take any chances.

The British ship *Lismore*, from London, arrived in port August 10, with a general cargo consigned to Turner, Beeton & Co. Her manifest for Victoria and Esquimalt appeared in *THE COMMERCIAL JOURNAL* last week. The steamship *Arawa* arrived Sunday with the usual supplies of Australian goods, Hawaiian bananas, watermelons, etc.

Salmon fishing on the Fraser improved last week, and the canneries put up a considerable amount of fish, but the general feeling is that the end of the season will only show about a three-quarter pack.

The *Vancouver News-Advertiser* says: "Business remains quiet and the present month has not so far shown much sign of improvement. The tightness of money continues to be felt, and collections are naturally not as satisfactory as could be desired. The improvement in the salmon run has relieved the canners of considerable anxiety, and has caused some activity in that important industry. It is, however, feared that the run will be short and that the canners will not be able to put up as large a pack as they had prepared for. In shipping circles business continues quiet. There is only one new lumber charter to report, while a tea ship has been the only arrival during the week. Wholesale merchants report that the trade continues steady. prices do not show much change."

DRY GOODS.

The *Toronto Empire* writing of the Montreal dry goods trade, says: "Trade is gradually merging into fall lines, but the fine warm weather is still influencing a considerable sorting business. The wholesale merchants have been favored by the weather to an unusual degree during the past six weeks, and a satisfactory clearance of summer lines has been made. There is still a sufficient assortment of light summer wear offering, however, to enable retailers to get orders filled. Autumn goods are arriving daily. Warehouses are filling up, and most of the houses offer complete lines, novelties included. Travellers are working almost entirely on fall lines, but progress made so far in securing placing orders, has been to some extent disappointing. The retail trade evince an obstinate prejudice in

favor of holding off. They give orders for a limited quantity of goods, and promise better sorting buying, and travellers usually have to acquiesce. A few buyers have been in the market during the past week, and house salesmen experience the same difficulty of making sales of respectable proportions. Retailers will not be loaded up. They are especially shy of 'job lots' and 'bargains,' having had ample experience in handling cheap goods, which their buying public had no use for. The trend of buying shows that moderate quantities of goods, such as are sure to be required, are being taken. Shipments out on orders so far received will become general after August 4. Payments have been slow during the past week, as is usually the case the week before the 4th of the month."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The steamship *Arawa*, which arrived on Sunday, brought the usual supply of Australian and Hawaiian fruit, comprising about 475 pkgs bananas, 250 cs oranges and lemons, 500 watermelons, 15 crates pineapples and a few mangoes. There was a brisk demand on the jobbers' Monday morning, and prices varied somewhat, especially for bananas and watermelons. The bananas were quoted from \$2.25 to \$3.00 per crate, and bunches for \$1.00 to \$1.75, according to quality. Watermelons were sold at \$4.20, \$4.80, \$5.00 and \$6.00 per doz. Australian oranges are 50c lower than last steamer, while lemons remain the same. A few mangoes were received and sold at \$1.00 for small boxes.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges Tahiti seedlings	3 00 @ 0 00
Australian	1 50 @ 0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's)	5 25 @ 5 50
" "	3 00 @ 0 00
Australian	1 75 @ 0 00
Pineapples	per doz 2 00 @ 3 00
sugar	per doz 1 25 @ 0 00
Bananas—New Orleans	2 75 @ 0 00
Honolulu	crates 2 25 @ 0 00
" "	bunches 1 75 @ 0 00
Apples—California	1 25 @ 1 50
Cocoanuts	per 100 \$ 00 @ 9 00
Apricots	90 @ 1 00
Peaches	1 00 @ 0 00
Plums	90 @ 1 10
Pears	1 25 @ 0 00
Nectarines	1 15 @ 1 25
Grapes	1 50 @ 1 75
Watermelons	per doz 1 20 @ 6 00
Mangoes	per box 1 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins	per lb 1 @ 14
Cabbage	per lb 2 @
Potatoes	per lb 1 @
Tomatoes	90 @
Cucumbers	large boxes 2 25 @

FLOUR AND FEED.

Ogilvie's Hungarian and Strong Bakers flour have advanced 10c per bbl. Japan rice is reported to have made a sharp advance, in consequence of the China-Japan war. China rice will probably advance also. The Victoria Rice Mills have not, however, advanced their prices.

The *Portland Commercial Review* says:

"The position of the flour market has not changed since our last. The same apathy has prevailed among buyers, who have moved in a sluggish, half dead and alive manner, confining their purchases to small lots to meet present requirements. There is a good demand for flour to China and British Columbia ports. Each vessel leaving here takes a good cargo. We quote standard brands at \$2.65 per barrel."

The Ogilvie Milling Co., quote their celebrated brands of Manitoba flours in ear lots, on wharf in Victoria as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....\$1 10
" Strong Bakers..... 3 90

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in earload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier.....\$0 00
XXX..... 0 00
Strong Bakers or XX..... 0 00
Superfine..... 0 00

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria flour in 10-bbl lots at the mills as follows:

Delta.....\$3 75
Victoria XXX..... 3 75

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills	\$ 4 00 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	3 75 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	0 00 @ 0 00
XXX, " "	4 10 @ 0 00
XX, " "	0 00 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "	0 00 @ 0 00
Ogilvie's Hungarian	4 50 @ 0 00
Strong Bakers	4 35 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian	4 50 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 35 @ 0 00
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian	4 50 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 35 @ 0 00
Regina Hungarian	4 50 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers	4 35 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon	3 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller	3 85 @ 0 00
Vashon, Washington	3 90 @ 0 00
Snowflake	3 75 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton	25 00 @ 00 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 (90-lbsks)	3 50 @ 0 00
" " " 10 7s, baled	3 00 @ 0 00
" " split peas	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley	4 75 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed	25 00 @ 27 00
California oatmeal	3 85 @ 0 00
California rolled oats	4 15 @ 0 00
Corn, whole	per ton 37 50 @ 40 00
Peas, field	per ton 00 00 @ 00 00
Corameal	2 50 @ 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 wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 75 00 @ 80 00
" (polished)	90 00 @ 00 00
Best China rice	80 00 @ 100 00
China rice No. 1	(mats) 65 00 @ 00 00
" (sacks)	63 00 @ 00 00
Rice flour	70 00
Broken rice	30 00
Rice Meal	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

A continued and rapidly advancing market is reported for American cured