

B. C. Market Quotations

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understand, as outward grain freights for transporting both this and the coming season are declining. We have every prospect of an immense grain crop to be moved this year and as coal will be about the only available bulky article that the incoming fleet will carry, the outlook is for lower priced fuel. The output of some of the British Columbia mines has been largely increased during the month.

FREIGHTS.—In the lumber market freights are weak with a downward tendency, and a demand from West Coast South America is being met at constantly decreasing rates. Freight from B.C. or P.S. are quoted as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 32; 61; direct port on West coast, South America, 30; Sydney, 31; 61; Melbourne, Adelaide or Port Pirie, 38; 33; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 60; Shanghai, 45. The latter two are nominal and for Yokohama no quotation can be had.

VEGETABLES. With the exception of potatoes the principal vegetables are imported. Onions are quoted 3½; turnips, beets and carrots, \$20 a ton; Fraser Valley potatoes average about \$27 a ton and Ascherats, \$30.

DRY AND MEAT, LIVE STOCK, ETC.—Prices have been advancing steadily. Calgary is supplying the principal beef for the coast market and Okanagan the hogs. Prices are: Live steers are quoted 5½; cows, 4½; dressed beef 9½; sheep 7; mutton, 14; hogs, 7½; pork 10½; calves, 7; veal, 11½.

FISH. Salmon is scarce and very high. P. fish are 10 to 12, halibut, 6 to 7; sturgeon 5 to 6; cod 6 to 7.

SUGAR.—The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., quotes as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered, being and bar, 6½ per pound; Parilump, 6½; granulated, 5½; extra C, 5; fancy yellow, 4½; yellow, 4½; golden C, 4½. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half barrels and 100 pound kegs, ½ more, boxes ½ more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gallon barrels, 2½; do, in 10 gallon kegs, 3; do, in 5 gal on kegs, \$2.25 each; do, 1-gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 10; do, in ½-gallon tins, \$6 per case of 20.

Prices cover delivery in Vancouver, and at Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to a discount of 2½ per cent for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

MEATS.—Meats remain high, but show if anything a slight weakening. The probabilities are, however, in favor of prices keeping to the present figure throughout the year. Following are quotations: Hams, 17 to 18c; breakfast bacon 17 to 18; short rolls 13½; long rolls, 15c; dry salt, long clear, 13c; pure lard, 50 pound, 16 to 17; do, 20 pounds, 16 to 17; lard, compound, 15½.

Commission agents quote American meats f.o.b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 18½ per pound; heavy hams, 18; choice breakfast bacon, 18½; short clear sides, 15c, and dry salt, clear sides, 14½. Armour's white label pure lard, 10lb. pails, 19½ per lb. Armour's Gold Band meats are quoted (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 20½, breakfast bacon 20½.

Eggs are declining daily. American stock now fills the market and are selling at 23. B.C. fresh eggs are 26.

LUMBER.—Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment are nominally as follows:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet \$ 50
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M 19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M 17 00
Pickets, rough per M 9 00

Quotations for local business cannot be given to apply to the whole coast, as prices vary ow-

ing to local conditions. Victoria prices given a few weeks ago were misleading as to the mainland.

FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, ETC.—The flour market here shows no signs of improvement. Dealers are loaded up with stocks and prices are demoralized. The Ogilvie Milling Co. and Koovalth Mills quote standard brands of Manitoba flour, in car lots only, at Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster as follows: Patents, per bbl., \$1.75; strong bakers, \$1.45. The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Raderby flour in earload lots at Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster: Premier, \$1.75; XXX, \$1.60; strong bakers, or XX, \$1.60; superfine, \$1.75. Quotations small lots are: Flour, Manitoba patents, \$1.75; strong bakers, \$1.60; ladies choice, \$1.10; prairie lily, \$1.00; Oregon, \$1.10. Raderby mills Premier \$3.00; three star, \$5.00; two star, \$4.75; oatmeal eastern \$3.40; California granulated in gunnies, \$1.35; National mills, Victoria, \$1.75; rolled oats eastern \$3.00 to \$3.25; California, \$1.10; National mills \$3.75; cornmeal \$3.10; split peas \$3.60; pearl barley \$1.50. Rice—The Victoria rice mills quote wholesale Japan rice per ton, \$77.50; China rice do \$70; rice flour, do, \$70; chit rice, do, \$25; rice meal do, \$17.50; chopped feed \$32 per ton; bran, \$24; shorts \$25; Man. oats, \$28 to 32; R. C. oats \$20; wheat \$27 to 32; oil cake, \$10; hay, \$20. Wheat is quoted in car lots for feed No. 2 regular at \$22 to 23 per ton; oats \$24 in bulk and in sacks \$2; chop barley \$28. California milling barley, \$26 to 27 f.o.b. in San Francisco, California chop, \$32 to 33. Oak Lake patent \$1.80; Oak Lake strong bakers, \$1.60. The Western Milling Co. quote bran in car lots \$19.50 per ton; shorts, \$20.60; mixed chop, \$25; rye, \$33; patent flour, \$4.80; strong bakers, \$1.60. Graham flour, \$4.40. Brandon mills quote, patents per car \$1.70; strong bakers, \$1.60.

Brief Business Notes.

The sheriff has sold out Geo. Hayes, butcher, Westminster.

Flovin Bros., saloon, Victoria, have dissolved. Wm. Flovin continues.

J. R. Seymour has opened a fine drug store in the L. force block, Vancouver.

H. G. Shaw, late of Charlottetown, P.E.I. is opening a law office in Vancouver.

Troy & Pierchall have succeeded the Chas. G. Chapman estate, jewellery, Vancouver.

Henry Lee, late wholesale liquors, Vancouver; stock is advertised for sale by tender.

The British barque Blairhoyle, 1,219 tons, will load lumber at the Hastings mill for Sydney.

It is understood that efforts will be made to resuscitate the defunct Tannery Co. of Nanaimo.

J. C. Oig larippe has disposed of his interest in the firm of Boucherat & Co., liquor merchants, to Max Leiser.

The G. F. fruit and cigar store, Westminster, has changed hands; the present proprietor is D. J. McQuarrie.

Baker and Leeson, Vancouver, now represent the Brandon Flouring Co., and have also added cigars to their business.

The Chilean ship Atacama, 1,235 tons, Caballero, from Valparaiso, will load a return cargo of lumber at Moodyville.

The John E. 2, on the way to Cowichan to load lumber, is one of the largest ships afloat. She will carry 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

The Grandholm has been chartered from the Union Steamship Company for the route from Vancouver, Victoria and Sound ports to Hawaii.

J. Phoenix, a Victoria grocer and coal dealer, who was lately burnt out, left suddenly for foreign parts. Several creditors mourn his absence.

The British bark Mary Lowe, now discharging general cargo at Victoria, is under charter to load lumber at Hastings mill for South America.

The returns from Victoria show the imports to have been \$201,800; the duties collected \$62,008.38, and other revenues \$6,171. The exports were valued at \$37,037.

R. C. Lowery, a late arrival in the Province from India, has received land concessions from Westminster city, and will erect a large match factory capable of an output of four millions daily. He will export largely.

The steamship Empress of India sails to day. She has not a very heavy cargo, but her passenger list is large, 48 having taken first saloon passage, and one second. She has about 60 Chinese passengers.

It is understood that the Dominion Government has made preliminary arrangements for the purchase of the Canada Western Hotel site, on Government street, Victoria, upon which to erect the custom house and post office. The price mentioned is \$80,000.

The Freddie Lee Mining Co. of Kailo, with a capital stock of \$500,000 in \$1 shares, and the Horro Fly Hydraulic Mining Co., of which the promoters are H. Abbott, J. M. Browning, and W. F. Sulabury, of Vancouver, have been duly incorporated under the Joint Stock Companies Act. The capital stock of the latter is \$200,000 in 20,000 shares.

P. W. King has been appointed provisional liquidator of the Oriental Traders Co. (Ltd.), Vancouver. The permanent liquidator will be appointed at a meeting to be held April 27. The company is to continue business upon a new basis under the name of the Anglo Columbian Co. (Ltd.), and the present assignment is to wind up the old company officially. It is not expected that any creditor will lose.

A pyritic smelter, with a capacity for 300 tons and a guaranteed supply of 100 tons daily will be erected this summer at Northport, ready for winter use. The plan involves the building of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway's first branch line, which is to be fifteen miles in length, running from Northport to the Lo Roi mine. The Pyritic Smelting Company of San Francisco has recently built a smelter at Baker City, Oregon. The company required a guarantee of 100 tons of ore per day, having an average value of not less than \$15 a ton above the cost of mining and transportation.

Col. Frank Bateman, of Chicago, a leading organizer of the British Pacific Railway, says that \$5,000,000 of British capital will shortly be provided with a view to finance the railway and the accompanying land and industrial development schemes. He hopes that an early beginning of work may be made in order to tap the Cariboo mining country, and states that no Chinese labor will be engaged on construction work, one object of the company being to bring in white navvies, who will afterwards in many cases become permanent settlers of a good sturdy type.

The following are Vancouver customs returns for the month ending March 31, 1893:—

Duties collected.....	\$19,309 43
Other revenues.....	2,148 87
Total.....	\$21,458 30
Imports free.....	\$62,437 00
Imports dutiable.....	57,480 00
Total.....	\$119,917 00
Exports.....	\$48,996

ISLAND REVENUE.

The Inland Revenue returns for the month of March, at Vancouver, are:—

Spirits.....	\$2,891 12
Malt.....	636 50
Tobacco.....	1,530 00
Cigars.....	487 20
Petroleum inspection.....	222 00
Total.....	\$5,787 12