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TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE, Tuesday Morning, Sept. 20.

VICTORIA.

The Victoria market is perfectly featureless this week. The seizures of the sealing vessels by the Russians in Behring Sea are being discussed on all sides. From the fact that the scaling industry is indissolubly linked with the present and prospective future of Victoria, the mercantile people are inclined to give more attention to the matter than would otherwise be the case. At the present writing to say the least the outlook is not hopeful. In staple lines a fair volume of trade is being done, and collections might be worse.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Victoria Roller Flour Mills have reduced the prices of their Delta and Lion brands of flour 25c a barrel, in sympathy with the general decline of the Manitoba and Oregon brands. The flour market generally is depressed, owing to the low price of wheat in European markets. Farm produce, grain, etc., are being received in large quantities, every steamer brings a full cargo from the Fraser River and Island ports. Quotations generally remain unchanged.

The Portland Commercial Review says:

the flour market during the past week. The demand has been fair and supplies moderate. Quote Portland and Salem roller \$3.80 per bbl; Dayton and Cascadia \$3.90 per bbl.; other brands \$2.75@3.50 per bbl. The market for millst 's is weak at the close but with no macerial alteration in values. Bran is quoted at \$146.15 perton, but sales since our last report have been made as low as \$13. Shorts in fair supply. Quote \$18 per ton."

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote The Amelia House to earload late

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Premier					9	5	20
XXX .				٠.		5	10
Strong Bake	rs or XX					4	80
Superfine					.	১	80
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Delta, Victoria mills \$ 5 00 @ 0 00 Lion. 0.00

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Benton County, Oregon 5 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller 5 20 @ 0 00 Wheat, per ton...... 30 00 @ 35 00

Oats...... 25 00 @ 30 00 Oil cake meal.... 40 00 @ 45 00 Shorts...... 25 50 @ 28 00 23 50 @ 25 00 Bran.... " split pens...... 3 50 @ 0 00
" pearl barley...... 4 50 @ 0 00

" Chop feed..... 30 00 @ 0 00 California oatmeal...... 4 25 @ 0 00 California rolled oats...... 3 75 @ Corn, whole per ton 37 50 @ 40 00 Commeal...... 2 75 @ 3 00

RICE. The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-

Straw, per balc.....

Hay, per ton,...... 17 00 @ 18 00

80 @ 100

sale: Japan rice, perton...... \$ 77 50
 Best Chinarice "
 100 00

 Chinarice No. 1 "
 70 00
 " 70 00 Rice flour Chit rice 17 50 Rice Meal

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The butter market continues strong. A car of Joly's Manitoba creamery was received Saturday, and is quoted at 30c fo. small tubs and 20c for large. Choice dairy is reported in good demand at slightly advanced figures; 20c to 22c is the quotation given for choice selected, while inferior grades are sold for what they will

Hams and breakfast bacon are reported very scarce. In fact, some dealers say that it is difficult to procure sufficient stock to fill their orders. Prices are consequently high. Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 16c per 1b; heavy hams, 15%; choice breakfast bacon, 143c; short clear sides, 134c, and dry salt clear sides, 123c.

clear side 101c; spiced rolls, 121c; pure

Canadian meats are quoted f. o. b. Victoria : Hams 14kc, breakfast bacon 15c, long

"There has been no material change in for dry granulated is being sold in this city below the market value. Local jobbers have reduced the price of dry granulated ic in sympathy with the decline of refinery quotations which remain the same as was reported last week. Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td., quote dry granulated in 100 lb sacks at 5 gc and yellow, at 43c to the trade, which prices are ac per lb less than jobbers quote refinery sugar.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "The market has undergone little or no change since our last issue, although, if anything, there is a little steadier feeling, shippers being willing to pay 214c for choice late made creamery; but factory. men want 22c f. o. b. in the country and some refuse to sell at that. There appears to be a great diversity of opinion as to the future of butter, some claiming that present prices are altogether too high, while others claim that if Great Britain continues to take our supplies at the same ratio as she did last week, we shall not have too much after all. Last week's shipments as stated in last issue were the heaviest of the season, amounting to about 10,500 pkgs. A few weeks at that rate would reduce stocks considerably. We quote creamery 21c to 22c, Eastern Townships 18c to 19c, and Western 15c to 17c."

"The Toronto Empire says: Teas have been more active and the tone of the market much healthier than for some time. Demand is mainly for Japans, chiefly mediums at 16 to 20c, though there have been a good many sales at 32 to 35c. Blacks in fair demand. Greens also moving more freely, but the supply is light. Prices are: Rios, 17 to 20c; Jamaica, 19 to 20c; Java, 25 to 31c; Mocha, 28 to 301c; Porto Rico, 23 to 25c. Coffees unchanged, Rios in good demand, but scarce and firm at 18 to 19c."

A cable from Liverpool says that Malaga lemons have not arrived on the market yet, but they are expected shortly. Tarragona almonds are cabled 2s higher, with a probable further advance.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter-Eastern Creamery, tubs 271 @ 281 Manitoba Creamery, b..... 29 @ 30 Dairy choice..... 29 @ 22 44 Cooking 10 @ 15 Smoked meats and lard are quoted: Hams..... 15 @ 1 Breakfast bacon...... 15 @ 17 Short rolls 111 @ 13

Backs...... 13 @ 15 Dry Salt, long clear...... 11 @ 124 Pure Lard, 50ths...... 13 @ 14 " 20ms..... 13½ @ 14½ Lard Compound...... 101 @ 111 Sugar-Jobber's prices 1-barrels and

kegs in each case being 1c higher:

Dry Granulated..... 51 Fancy Yellow..... 5 Yellow...... 43

FRUITS AND VEGETARLES.

The receipts of California fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by s.eam. ship City of Puebla Sept. 14, comprised the following: For Victoria-56 cs plums, 379 cs grapes, 128 cs pears, 52 cs lemons, 5 lard, tubs, 12½c; do, 31b and 51b tins, 13½c. cs oranges, 229 cs apples, 142 cs peaches, 32 The sugar market continues unsettled, I bas bananas, 19 crs nutmeg melons, 4 crts