

Prices in British Columbia.

The following were wholesale prices at Victoria recently: Flour—Hungaria, \$8.85; strong bakery, \$8.55; Oregon flour, \$5.00 to \$6.00; wheat, per ton, \$37.00; oats, per ton, \$23.05; barley, per ton, \$30.05; middlings, per ton, \$28.00; bran, per ton, \$25.00; ground feed, per ton, \$32.50; oil cake, per ton, \$37.50; cornmeal, Canadian, per 100 lbs., \$2.75; oatmeal, Canadian, per 100 lbs., \$4.20; oatmeal, native, \$3.55; potatoes, per ton, \$15.00; hay, baled, per ton, \$20.50; straw, per bale \$1.25 to \$1.50; eggs, per dozen, 40c; eggs, imported, per dozen, 30c; butter in roll, native per lb., 40c; imported, per lb., 27c; tub or firkin, creamery, 29c; dairy, 24c; cheese, local, per lb., 15c; Canadian, 12c to 15c; California, 17c to 18c; hams, local per lb., 15c; American, 17 to 18c; bacon, local, breakfast, per lb., 14 to 16c; American, 16c; rolled, 14c; shoulders, per lb., 12c; lard, 12c; Meats, beef, 8c; mutton, 10c; pork, 12c; dressed veal, 12c to 15c; tallow, 2c; hides, 4 to 7c; sheep skins, each, 25 to 35c; salmon, 7c; halibut, 8c; apples, Gravenstein, per 50 lb. box, \$1.50; bananas per bunch, \$4.00; pears, choice Bartlett, per box, \$2.00; peaches, \$1.25; grapes, Muscatelle, 25 lbs. \$1.50; coconuts, per 100, \$1.00; tomatoes, California, 25 lb. box, \$1.00.

The Coal Output.

The yearly output of the coal from the mines in the Nanaimo district, B. C., since the year 1874 has steadily increased from year to year, with the exception of three years, 1881-83-86, when the output fell slightly below the total amount received the previous years. The year 1888 was no exception to the rule, as not only was the output far in excess of any other year, but 74,424 more tons were taken out than in 1887. When it is taken into consideration that the mines were closed for some time on account of the Chinese trouble at the beginning of the year and that the explosion at the Wellington in January last, closed the mine for some considerable time, the showing is a most creditable one indeed. The following table shows the total output of all the mines annually since 1874:

Year.	Tons.
1874	81,000
1875	110,000
1876	139,000
1877	154,000
1878	171,000
1879	241,000
1880	268,000
1881	228,000
1882	282,000
1883	213,000
1884	394,070
1885	365,000
1886	326,636
1887	413,360
1888	487,784

—Nanaimo Free Press.

There seems to be good reason to believe that work on the Northwest Central railway will be continued in the spring. It has been reported lately from Ottawa, that the rails for ironing the 50 miles graded last summer, will be imported from England in the spring. Contracts for getting out ties have also been let.

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