

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, April 24.

Business is somewhat quiet this week, and somewhat demoralised owing to internal dissensions. Some of the grocery firms are asking wholesalers to refuse to sell to other dealers who are cutting prices, as is illegal below living rates, while for the past week or ten days the tailors of the city have been on strike and there seems no possibility of a settlement. Attempts have been made to bring tailors in from Montreal and Winnipeg, without avail however, for outsiders must have their fares paid and merchant tailors fear that should this be done, the unions would simply give them an expensive holiday by paying their fares for an immediate journey home. In the meantime Vancouver dealers are obliged to content themselves with last year's spring suits as no clothing is being turned out. The Trades and Labor council met this week and endorsed the action of the striking tailors and condemned the government for suspending the eight hour law passed by the legislature, claiming that the government had been influenced by mine owners without hearing the case of the miners. The argument of the mine owners however was most convincing, for they threatened to close their mines should the eight hour legislation become law.

There is a lull in the tremendous building operations in full swing for some time. It is still, however, next to impossible to get a house to rent, and stores are still going on at a premium on Hastings and Cordova streets. It is possible at present (how long it will last is another question) to make from 10 to 20 per cent net on an investment of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 on Hastings, Cordova or contingent streets, in spite of the fact that land is selling at from \$150 to \$600 a foot.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, April 29.

The market is bare of eastern dairy butter. Creamery is 1c lower. Two car loads of butter will be received next week, and prices are expected to be lower. Eggs are easier. California eggs are 3c lower. Potatoes have declined \$2 to \$3 per ton. Flour is 20c per barrel lower. Oats \$2 per ton higher. Chop feed \$1 per ton higher. Poultry is out of the market, except chickens.

Butter—California dairy, 23c; California creamery, 24c; Ontario creamery, 24c.

Eggs—Fresh local, 22 to 23c; Washington eggs, 22 to 23c; California eggs, 22c per doz.

Cheese—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c per lb., jobbers' price.

Cured Meats—Hams, 11 1-2 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12 1-2c. backs, 12 to 12 1-2c; short clear, 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 11 to 12 1-2c; Lard, tins 9 to 9 1-2c per lb., in pails and tubs 9c.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon

10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 8c, bladders 7c; cod 6c per lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$25 to \$26 per ton; new California potatoes, 4c lb.; California silver skin onions, 1 1-2c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box.

Green fruit—California lemons \$3.25 to \$3.75 box; apples, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 50 lb. box; naval oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 box; seedlings \$2.50 to \$2.75 box.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks \$3.10; 10 7 lb. sacks \$2.50; oatmeal 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50; strong bakers, \$4.20; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel. Grain—Oats, \$28 to \$30 per ton; wheat \$24 to \$25 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; oil cake meal \$35 ton. L.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 8 to 8 1-2c; mutton 13c; pork 8 to 9c; veal 10 to 11c per lb.

Live Stock—Steers \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; cows \$4 to \$4.50; sheep \$5.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Chickens, 75c.

Evaporated fruits—Apricots 10 1-2c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1-2c; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

Nuts—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 1-2c; Paris lump 6 1-8c; granulated 5 cts; extra C. 4 3-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-4 cts; yellow 4 1-8c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: Fair 20c; good 30c; choice 35c lb.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., April 29.

Business is quiet for the season owing to the backward spring. Eggs are firmer. Washington are the only stock in the market here now. Ontario creamery butter is selling to arrive at 23c. Choice dairy butter is scarce, and no new stock is offering. Held creamery is lower. Potatoes are \$3 to \$5 per ton lower. Oats \$2 per ton lower.

Following are jobbers prices here:
Creamery held—20c.
Creamery, fresh eastern—23c
California bricks—25c.
Dairy, selected—16c.
Cheese, large—11c.
Cheese, small—12 to 12 1-2c.
Eggs, fresh—23c.
Oats, per ton—\$29.
Flour, Manitoba patent, per barrel \$4.90.
Potatoes, per ton—\$35 to \$37.

British Columbia Items.

J. G. Bent, cigars, New Westminster, has gone to Athl.

Morse & Royal, grocers, have opened at Nelson.

"Old Country Shoe Store," Vancouver, stock sold to Jas. Rae.

Tisson & Hermitte, bakery, have commenced business at Vancouver.

H. Herzog, tailor, has commenced business at Vancouver.

Simon & Co., tailors, Vancouver, have admitted L. D. McPherson as partner under style of Simon, McPherson & Co.

A. J. Law & Co., dry goods, have opened business at Vancouver.

J. Lake & Co. are opening a general store at Athlmar.

Garr & Coombs, blacksmiths, have succeeded Jones & Barr at Fort Steele.

D. Lyal & Co. have sold their stationery business at New Westminster to Mrs. C. H. Watson.

The stock of Thomas A. Kennedy, general store, Cranbrook, has been seized by the sheriff.

J. J. Guest, of J. J. Guest & Co., men's furnishings, Kamloops, is dead. Business will be taken over by W. T. Franklin.

The population of the town of Greenwood, in the Boundary Creek district, is now over 1,000, having trebled within the past year. The town is situated on Boundary Creek.

The following business items are reported from Victoria: E. Miller, printer, is out of business. J. Hastie, variety store is opening; Mansell & Morley, coffee and spices, James Mansell's interest purchased by Morley, who continues alone. J. W. Penney, of the B. C. Soap Works, has purchased the Victoria branch business of the Canada Paint Co., and will continue under the name of the British American Paint Co. Spratt & Macaulay, coal, wood, etc., are dissolving partnership; C. J. V. Spratt will continue alone. The business of J. Parker, butcher, is offered for sale. S. N. Reid, clothing and men's furnishings, stock damaged by fire; insured.

THE NORTHWEST CENTRAL.

A report from Ottawa this week says: "It is learned on excellent authority that Messrs. Shaughnessy, Angus and Judge Clarke have purchased the Great Northwest Central railway. A bill affecting this road is now before the house. This means that the Canadian Pacific railway has secured this Manitoba road, and will build it eastward, to connect with the main line at about McGregor station.

Canada laundry starch, silver gloss crystals in kegs, No. 1 white, and rice starch in cartons are 1-4c per pound lower in the east. This reduction has been made by Canadian manufacturers to meet the competition of United States factories. A special brand of corn starch, without a name is being put on the market at 1-2c per pound less than United States prices.

J. H. Patterson, representing R. C. Struthers & Co., wholesale dry goods, gents furnishings, carpets, etc., of London, Ontario arrived in Winnipeg this week with a full line of fall samples, and will immediately start out over the branch lines in Manitoba, and the main line west to Regina. From that point west to the coast another traveller takes up the work.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that application will be made to the parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of the promoting and stimulating of trade between the merchant and the consumer or dealer with him, for the perfecting of plans and systems for such purposes, the procuring of copyrights thereof, of buying and selling the same, and of doing a general advertising and canvassing business and other business as is necessary or convenient for the attainment of the said objects.

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Solicitors for the Applicant.

Dated Halifax, N. S.,
Feb. 22nd, 1899.