

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

Business continues steady, in most lines, and there was the usual sorting up trade after the end of the month. There are no special features in the general situation, which remains unchanged. Bank collections due on the fourth of the month were fairly well met. Collections are still reported slow, although during the past two months ready money in merchants' hands has been free, on account of returns from the salmon fisheries and sealing fleet.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "Merchants report business as fairly steady, and while there is no rush in any line, the prospects for the winter trade are fairly good. Money is still tight, but collections for the present month have so far shown a slight improvement. In the lumber industry there are already signs of improvement. The rumor that the Ross-Melaren Lumber Co. had secured a large contract for South Africa, has been semi-officially confirmed and the fact that the machinery, which has laid idle for a couple of years or more, is being overhauled, tends to confirm the report. The change in the United States tariff has also given an impetus to the local lumber industry and two vessels have already been chartered to convey lumber to San Francisco from this Province, while there is every indication that an extensive business will in time be worked up. In wholesale, as usual, there has been quite a brisk trade at the opening of the month. Wholesalers expect a fairly good business this winter, judging from present indications."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Quotations are generally reported steady. Eggs continue scarce. Fresh ranch eggs are almost unobtainable. High figures are offered for what few reach the market.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	4 1/2
Yellow, according to quality	4 to 4 1/2
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags	5 1/2
Powd red, icing and bars, in bbls.	6 1/2

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins.....per lb	\$ 7	¢	5	0
Malaga raisins.....per box	3 00	¢	3	25
Currants (barrels).....per lb	4 1/2	¢		
" half bbls.....per lb	5	¢	5	
" (cases).....per lb	5 1/2	¢	7	
Sultana raisins.....per lb	8	¢	10	
Taragona almonds.....per lb	11	¢	18	
Grenoble walnuts.....per lb	14	¢	18	
Filberts.....per lb	11 1/2	¢	14	

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	25	¢	20
Manitoba dairy.....	18	¢	19
" creamery.....in tins	27 1/2	¢	29
" " ".....in tubs	26	¢	00
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13	¢	11
Canadian Stilton.....	17	¢	18
Eggs—Canadian.....per doz	20	¢	21

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15 1/2	¢	16
Breakfast bacon.....	15	¢	15 1/2
Short rolls.....	11	¢	12
Dry Salt, long clear.....	11	¢	11 1/2
Backs.....	13 1/2	¢	13 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0	12 1/2	
" " " 50-lb tins.....	0	12 1/2	
" " " 20-lb ".....	0	13	
" " " 10-lb ".....	0	13 1/2	
" " " 5-lb ".....	0	13 1/2	
" " " 3-lb ".....	0	13 1/2	
Lard Compound, 10 lbs.....	10 1/2	¢	00
" " 20 lbs.....	10 1/2	¢	00
" " 5 lbs.....	10 1/2	¢	00
" " 3 lbs.....	10 1/2	¢	00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/8c higher:

Dry Granulated (China).....100-sack	1 65
Extra C, China.....	1 37 1/2
China, yellow.....	1 12 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	17 to 12
Extra C.....	18
Fancy Yellow.....	14
Yellow.....	12
Golden C.....	31
Cubes.....	63
Powdered.....	63
Syrup, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (00).....	5 50
" 1/2 " " (06).....	5 50
" 1 " " Vancouver.....	5 50
" 1/2 " " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per b.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " " heavy	0 15 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 15 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams	0 18 1/2
" " " breakfast bacon	0 18

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100-lb bags, per ton	12 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50-lb bags, per ton	18 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.	3 10
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs	8 75
" " " quarter boxes	
28 lbs, per cwt.....	9 00
Malt vinegar, English, 25-gal. bbls.....	11 25
" " " octaves.....	6 50
" " " cases of 3 doz., per case	5 50
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria.....	1 25
" " " California.....	1 30
Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs.....	80
Vermicelli, 10-lb bxs.....	80
Coal oil, per case.....	2 80
Nails, per keg—1d, \$3.30; 6d, \$3.10; 8d, \$2.95; 10d, \$2.90; 12d, \$2.85; 20d and 30d, \$2.85; 40d and 50d, \$2.75; 60d, \$2.70.	

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The market is steady, and no changes are reported. Concord and Delaware grapes are scarce. There is a good supply in Seattle, but demand is not sufficient to carry stock here. Ashcroft potatoes are in good supply, and meet a steady demand.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian.....	0 00	¢	0 00
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	6 25	¢	6 75
" Australian.....	3 00	¢	0 00
Apples—California.....	1 15	¢	1 50
" Oregon.....	1 25	¢	1 50
Cocoanuts.....per 100	8 00	¢	9 00
Peaches.....	1 00	¢	1 10

Pears.....	1 25	¢	1 50
Grapes.....	1 25	¢	1 35
" Delaware.....	1 00	¢	0 00
Bananas—bunches.....	2 50	¢	0 00
" crates.....	3 25	¢	0 0

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverskins.....per lb	1 1/2	¢	1 1/2
Cabbage.....per lb	2	¢	
Potatoes.....per ton	20 00	¢	22 00
Tomatoes.....	75	¢	
Sweet potatoes.....per lb	2	¢	

FLOUR AND FEED.

Manitoba Hungarian flour is quoted a little lower by jobbers. Bran, whole corn and cracked corn are also reduced in price, in sympathy with the easiness of the markets generally.

The *Portland Commercial Review* says of flour. "Nothing new reported. The local demand continues fair, but not much inquiry for export. Values show no alteration. Standard roller brands at \$2.30 per barrel, inferior \$2.00 to \$2.15 per barrel."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....\$3 90

" Strong Bakers.....3 70

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote

Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in

Victoria:

Premier.....\$4 00

XXX.....3 85

Strong Bakers or XX.....3 40

Superfine.....3 15

The Victoria Roller Mills quote Victoria

flour in 10-bbl lots at the mills as

follows:

Delta.....\$3 50

Victoria XXX.....3 50

Superfine.....3 00

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....\$ 3 50

Lion.....3 50

Victoria XXX.....3 50

Superfine.....3 25

Premier, Enderby mills.....1 25

XXX.....4 10

XX.....3 65

Superfine.....3 10

Ogilvie's Hungarian.....4 15

" Strong Bakers.....3 95

H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....4 15

" Strong Bakers.....3 95

Oak Lake Patent Hungarian.....4 15

" Strong Bakers.....3 95

Regina Hungarian.....1 15

" Strong Bakers.....3 95

Benton County, Oregon.....3 75

Portland Roller.....3 75

Vashon, Washington.....3 90

Snowflake.....3 65

Wheat, per ton.....25 00

Oats.....27 00

Oil cake meal.....35 00

Chop feed—California.....27 50

Shorts.....20 00

Bran.....18 00

National Mills oatmeal.....3 50

" rolled oats (90-lb bks).....3 50

" 10 7s, baled.....3 00

" split peas.....3 50

" pearl barley.....4 75

" Chop feed.....20 00

California oatmeal.....3 85

California rolled oats.....4 15

Corn, whole.....per ton 35 00

Peas, field.....per ton 40 00

Cornmeal.....2 50

Cornmeal-feed.....per ton 40 00

Cracked corn.....37 00

Hay, per ton.....15 00

Straw, per bale.....1 00