

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 reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

By Wire to THE COMMERCIAL.

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The butter market is gaining strength, as held stocks bought earlier when prices were lower are being cleared out. Manitoba eggs, held stock, have sold 4c lower at 13½c, this refers to held stocks, large quantities of which have been cleared out the last few days at cut prices. Fresh stock is held at 18@19c. Cheese firm. Fruit is lower all around.

Butter—Creamery, 21@22c; Dairy, jobbers prices, choice, 17c; medium, 16c.

Eggs—Local, 35c; Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 18@19c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11c, jobbers price; held lots, 10@10½c.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12½@13c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per lb, in pails and tubs 10c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@12 per ton; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, 5@5.50 box, bananas, bunch \$1.75; plums 30@60c per box, peaches, 55c @ \$1.10, grapes, \$1.50; pears, \$1.50 box; apples, 75c@1.40, tomatoes, 3c lb; valencia oranges, \$2.75; watermelons, \$2.50 doz.; nutmeg melons, \$2.00.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pounds sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.00—strong bakers \$4.70; Oregon, jobbers price, \$5.00.

Grain—Oats, 18.00 @ \$20.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00@25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 6@7c; mutton 10c; pork 10c; veal 10c; Pemmican 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4 @ \$6 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Toronto, Oct. 1.

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.45 @ 1.55; band iron, \$1.85 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, 3½c; 18@24, \$3.87½c; 26, 4½c and 28 at \$4.37½.

Lead—Pig, 4@4½c; sheet, 4½@4½c per lb, shot, can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1 ¼ in., \$2.80; 1 ½ in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—6½@6½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c, solder 11½c@12½.

Ingot Copper—12½c@13 per lb.

Ingot Tin—18½@19c.

Canada plates—Half-polished, 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2.40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.50; all-bright "Garth," \$2.60 per box, do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Timplates—Cokes, \$3.00@3.10 for 14x20; do, squares, \$3.15@3.25; \$6.25 for 20x24; charcoal plates, \$3.50@3.60 basis for good brands.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., 1 to ½ inch, \$2.10; 1 inch, \$2.20@2.30; 1 ¼ inch, \$2.65@2.75; 1 ½ in. \$3.65@3.80; 1 ¾ in. \$4.85 @ 5.05, 1 ¾ inch, \$6.30@6.60; 2 inch, \$8.50 @ 8.75 Galvanized, 1 inch, \$3.87½, 1 ¼ inch, \$4.75, 1 inch, \$6.75, 1 ½ in., \$9.00, 1 ¾ inch, \$11.50; 2 inch, \$15.12½.

Barb Wire—\$1.75, terms 30 days or 2 percent., ten days f.o.b. Toronto.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 35 per cent., galvanized, 30 per cent.; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75@1.80.

Cut Nails \$1.75 base price, with 5c keg. Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 87½c; round head bright, 80. flat head brass, 82½; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, 1@5-16, 70 per cent, tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10, blank bolts, 60 per cent, sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c, hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.70, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.20; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$4.75. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10½c; ¾ in., 11c; 1 and 5-16 in., 11½c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 11½c; ¾, 12½c; 1 and 5-16, 13.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Toronto, Oct. 1.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4½c; yellows, 3 13-16@4½c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 30c@32c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 25@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@18c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c; firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fines, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c; Formosa Oolong, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@11½c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 22c@30c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 80c; peas, 75c; sifted peas, \$1.05 @ 1.20; corn, 75c@80c; beans, 70c@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.80, raspberries, 2's, \$1.50@1.75, peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.75; 3's, \$2@2.40. Cohoes Salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.40@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75; tail lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.25.

Nuts—Marbols, 10c; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do Patna, 5½ @ 6c; do Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, new, fine, off-stalk, 6c; selected, 7c; layers, 6½ @ 7c; Provincial, currants, 6 @ 6½c; Filiatras, 6½ @ 6½c; Patras, 7c; Vostizzas, 7½ @ 8½c; California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 10½@14c; pears 9c@10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½@8c; 80's to 90's 7@7½c, 90's to 100's, 6½@7½c. Bosma prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanias, 9c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 15c per lb; citron, 18c @ 20c; lemon 11c @ 14c. Hallowee dates, 5@5½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.3 @ 1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.00; blue baskets, \$2.25; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters, \$1.25. Figs—Natural in bags 4@5c; Eleme figs, 10 oz., 7½c, 5, 10 and 12 lb boxes, 10@12c; 6 crown; 12½c; 7-crown, 15c; bags, 4@4½ 4-lb Glove boxes, 14@15c.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica 25c; Cochin 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Annis, 15 @ 25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@ \$1; cream tartar, pure, 25c@28c, and 15c@23c for compound.

PROVISIONS.

Mess Pork—\$16.00@16.50 for Canada mess, short cut, \$17; clear mess, \$15.00.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 8½c, ton and case lots, 8½@9c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 11½c, hams, large 11c and 11c to 11½c for medium; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 7½c; pails, 7½@7½c.

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