

### To the Municipal Electors of North Ward :

I shall be a candidate for Alderman at the coming election, and solicit your support.

MUNROE MILLER.

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I intend to be a candidate for alderman at the coming municipal election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

A. G. MCANDREWS.

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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### VICTORIA.

In the wholesale lines, the past week has been rather dull. Retailers are giving all their attention to the holiday trade, which has been very satisfactory all round. The cold weather of the past week has put a damper on some lines, but there is a corresponding activity in others. At this season, cold and frosty weather is preferable to the raw, rainy season which preceded Christmas, 1891. Wholesale merchants are beginning to sum up their operations for the past year. It is generally expected that there will be a satisfactory increase in the volume of business over last year, in spite of all the depressing influences we have experienced during the past six months. The dry goods trade will not, it is expected, make as good a showing as last year, for that line of business has certainly suffered most from the dull season's trade. The banks have done a steadily increasing business during the past year, and, taking all things together, merchants and business men should be thankful that the end of the year has been safely reached.

#### GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Business in wholesale lines is naturally quiet, and merchants are getting ready to take stock and generally preparing to close up the year's business. A car of choice eastern creamery, "Clover Leaf Brand," was received last Monday, and quoted at 28½c to 29c for large and 30c for small tubs. The market is fairly well supplied with butter. Dealers regularly import car lots of creamery sufficient to meet the demand. There is little doing in dairy butter. The price of eggs has stiffened and will continue firm.

The first shipment of Canadian meats (Lawry's) has been received and they are in brisk demand. The market has been rather bare and dealers have taken up what was offered at once. The meat is the new season's pack, uncovered and of very fine quality. Jobbers state that these hams can be sold at 15c, while before their arrival there was no profit in jobbing hams at 17c. Fairbank's lard has advanced. It now costs 12½c per lb. to lay down 10 lbs tins with ½c more for 5 lb and 3 lb tins.

The predicted advance in American canned meats has become a matter of fact. Prices were advanced, Thursday, fully 10 per cent. This has been brought about by a combination of the American packing houses, and it is generally expected that high prices will prevail for at least the

next few months. All the local wholesale dealers have shown their foresight by buying largely when the market was low and stocks are reported as being full. Canners prices have advanced on 2 lb corn and roast beef 20c per doz and on 2 lb lunch tongue 35c per doz. Wholesale prices will, in all probability, be advanced in sympathy with packing house quotations.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "Butter receipts during the past week 2,156 pkgs., against 1,615 pkgs., for the week previous. The market is quiet but steady, with some business reported in creamery on export account at 22c. If the shipping demand again sets in to any extent, it will impart a healthier tone to the market all round. In dairy butter a fair volume of business has been done in a small jobbing way at 20c to 21c, single packages of choice selected bringing 22c. In Western the market keeps steady at 17 to 19c. Roll butter receipts have been larger, and prices are easier, sales of Western having transpired at 18c to 19c and of Morrisburg at 19c to 20c per lb. We quote prices as follows:—Creamery choice fall, 22½c to 23c; Creamery good to fine, 21½c to 22c."

The *Toronto Empire* says: "The butter market is unchanged. The offerings at present are principally of large rolls, which sell at 16 to 17c for the best, and from 13 to 15c for common or baker's butter. Dairy tub butter is very scarce and prices for choice grades are firmly held at from 17 to 18½c. The accumulation of stock at present is not large. There is a good local demand at firm prices for cheese. Dealers are asking 11 to 11½c for good home-made cheese. Quotations are; Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 18½c; medium do. 13 to 15c; large rolls good to choice, 16 to 17c; medium do. 13 to 14c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 21 to 25. Cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c."

The *St. Louis Interstate Grocer* says: "British public opinion is being aroused against American canned goods in Canada. The present tariff law which excludes many Canadian products formerly shipped to this country, has provoked a strong retaliatory feeling. It has long been thought that tea could be successfully cultivated in some sections of the United States, and according to reports from Baltimore the first marketable tea ever produced in this country was sold there last week, practically demonstrating the establishment of this valuable industry. The tea was grown and cured in South Carolina, and experts pronounced it equal to the best high grade English breakfast tea, and superior to many grades that come from India and China.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 16c per lb; heavy hams, 15½c; choice breakfast bacon, 10½c; short clear sides, 13c, and dry salt clear sides, 12½c. Armour's white label pure lard, 11 lb. pails, 15½c per lb.

Armour's Gold Band meats, which are the finest quality on the American market, being a special grade for choice family trade, are quoted, (duty paid, Victoria), hams, 17½c, breakfast bacon, 18½c.

London layer raisins are quoted by

Victoria jobbers in 20 lb. boxes from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per box; Valentias, 28 lb. boxes, from 7c to 8c per lb.; and sultanas, 10½c to 12c per lb., currants, in bbls., 7½c per lb., half bbls. 7½c, cases 8c to 8½c. Canned peels are quoted as follows in 7 lb. boxes:—Lemon 18c, orange 19c, and citron 20c to 28c. California evaporated fruits are quoted as follows:—Apples, evaporated, 50 lb. boxes, 12½c per lb., 25 lb. boxes 13½c; apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 18c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14c; plums, 25 lb. boxes, 14½c to 14¾c; peaches, 50 lb. boxes, 16c, 25 lb. boxes 16c. Canadian evaporated apples, 50 lb. boxes, 9½c.

The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., quote as follows in their weekly price list: Powdered icing and bar, 6½c; Paris lumps, 6½c; granulated 5½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellow, 4½c; yellow 4½c; golden C., 4½c. Above prices are for barrels or bags; half-barrels and 100 pound kegs, ½c more, boxes ½c more. No order taken for less than 100 barrels or its equivalent.

They quote syrup as follows: Finest golden, in 30 gal. bls. 2½c; ditto. in 10 gal. kegs. 3c; ditto. in 5 gal. kegs, \$2.25 each; ditto, in 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 per case of 10; ditto in ½ gal. tins, \$6 per case of 20. Prices cover delivery in Vancouver, and at Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and are subject to a discount of 2½ per cent. for cash in fourteen days. All prices subject to change without notice.

#### Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27½	@	30
Manitoba Dairy/choice	22	@	23
Cheese—Canadian, lb	13	@	14½
California	16	@	00
Eggs, doz.	21	@	25

#### Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams	15	@	18
Breakfast bacon	15	@	17½
Short rolls	12	@	13
Backs	13	@	15
Dry Salt, long clear	11	@	12½
Pure Lard, 50 lbs.	13	@	14
" " 20 lbs.	13½	@	14
Lard Compound	11	@	12

Sugar—Jobber's prices ½-barrels and kegs in each case being ½c higher:

Dry Granulated	5½
Extra C.	5½
Fancy Yellow	5
Yellow	4½
Golden C	4½
Syrups, per lb	3

#### RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton	\$ 77 50
Best China rice "	100 00
China rice No. 1 "	70 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Chit rice "	25 00
Rice Meal "	17 50

#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The principal feature of the fruit market is the large receipts of Japanese oranges ex Empress of India, which amount to about 5,000 cases. The fruit has arrived in prime condition and meets with a brisk demand. This large shipment has to a great extent checked the receipts of California oranges, but all of the dealers are well supplied with both kinds. The Japanese are generally quoted at 75c a box for small lots. California oranges are steady at quotations. Onions are higher, and imports are light. Potatoes have advanced in price with the cold weather, and good Island potatoes are now quoted at \$18 per ton. Inferior grades from th