

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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VICTORIA.

Business continues fairly steady in jobbing lines and of course the retail trade is expected to increase materially between now and the holidays. The markets have shown several prominent features this week. Manitoba Hungarian flour has advanced 10c per bbl. Dry granulated sugar is quoted at \$3 per ton lower in Victoria, as the refinery now quotes the same prices in Victoria that formerly were f.o.b., Vancouver.

Eastern creamery butter is 1c higher, American hams are 1c lower and pure lard 3c.

Money continues scarce with collections necessarily slow.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "On account of the approach of the Christmas holidays, business is fairly brisk at present, and it is satisfactory to note that during the last few days, collections have improved a little. An unfortunate difficulty has occurred at one of the leading local industries during the past week, whereby a large number of hands left work, and the mill was consequently shut down. At the present time of quietude, it is unfortunate that such an affair should occur, but happily the difficulty has been settled and the mill has started up again. Mining work has now shut down for the season, and large numbers of men employed up country are now returning to the city. The summer's work has been very satisfactory and at the opening of navigation in the spring, there will be great activity in mining matters. In wholesale, business at present is fairly good and collections show some improvement. In Nanaimo trade continues steady, but in Westminster it is reported as very quiet."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The B. C. Refinery has announced that prices formerly quoted at Vancouver are now applicable to Victoria and in future their sugar will be delivered in warehouse in Victoria for the same figures as at Vancouver. Jobbers quote an advance of 3c in the refinery prices. The importers of China sugar have lowered their price of dry granulated sugar to meet the refinery prices. American and Canadian hams are weak. American have dropped 1c and pure lead 3c per lb. A carload of eastern creamery butter has been lately received and is quoted 25c for large and 27c for small tubs, being 3c advance on former figures. Large shipments of Mediterranean dried fruits have arrived during the week. As anticipated, like the first lots received, the quality of

Valencia raisins is much below the standard of former years.

The British Columbia Sugar Refinery quotes prices as follows, delivered in warehouse at Vancouver or Victoria, payment by spot cash:

Granulated, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	14
Yellow, according to quality.....	1 to 12
Paris lumps, in bbls. or 100-lb bags.....	52
Powdered icing and bars, in bbls.....	61

Jobbers quote:

Valencia raisins..... per lb	\$ 6 @ \$ 6 1/2
Valencia Layers..... per lb	7 @ 7 1/2
Makaga raisins..... per box	3 00 @ 3 25
California London Layers..... per box	2 00 @ 2 25
Currants (barrels)..... per lb	5 @
" half bbls..... per lb	0 @ 0
" (cases)..... per lb	5 1/2 @ 6
Sultana raisins..... per lb	8 @ 10
Taragoma almonds..... per lb	17 @ 18
Grenoble walnuts..... per lb	11 @ 18
Brazil Nuts..... per lb	16 @ 0
Shelled Almonds..... per lb	32 1/2 @
Smyrna Figs..... per lb	16 @ 0
" 11-oz box each	12 1/2 @
Filberts..... per lb	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....	26 @ 27
Manitoba dairy.....	18 @ 20
" creamery in tins.....	27 1/2 @ 29
" in tubs.....	26 @ 00
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13 @ 11
Canadian Stilton.....	17 @ 18
Eggs—Canadian..... per doz	21 @ 22

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams.....	15 @ 15 1/2
Breakfast bacon.....	15 @ 15 1/2
Short rolls.....	12 @ 12 1/2
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 tms.....	0 12 1/2
" " " 20-lb ".....	0 12 1/2
" " " 10-lb ".....	0 12 1/2
" " " 5-lb ".....	0 12 1/2
" " " 3-lb ".....	0 12 1/2
Lard Compound, 10-lbs.....	102 @ 00
" " 20-lbs.....	101 @ 00
" " 5-lbs.....	101 @ 00
" " 3-lbs.....	102 @ 00

Sugar—Jobbers' prices half-barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated (China)..... 100-sack	1 50
Extra C, China.....	4 37 1/2
China, yellow.....	1 12 1/2
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	13
Extra C.....	4 1/2
Fancy Yellow.....	4 1/2
Yellow.....	1
Golden C.....	41
Cubes.....	61
Powdered.....	61
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" 1/2 " " " (16).....	5 50
" 1 " " Vancouver.....	5 50
" 1 1/2 " " ".....	7 00

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

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 14 1/2
" " " heavy.....	0 11
" " " breakfast bacon	0 15 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 16
" " " breakfast bacon.....	0 16 1/2

Jobbers quote as follows:

Liverpool salt, coarse, in 100 lb bags, per ton.....	11 00
Liverpool salt, fine, in 50 lb bags, per ton.....	16 00
Portland cement, White's (best) per bbl.....	3 40
White mottled soap, English, in 112-lb bxs.....	8 50
" " " quarter boxes.....	8 75
28 lbs, per cwt.....	11 25
Malt vinega English, 25 gal. bbls.....	6 00
" " " octaves.....	5 50
" " " cases of 3 doz., per cwt.....	1 25
Matches, block, in tins, Victoria.....	1 20
" " " California.....	1 20

Macaroni, No. 1, 10-lb bxs.....	\$0 @ 99
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.

Grapes are 15c higher this week and advices have been received from San Francisco that the last grapes have been shipped for the season. New seasons' California naval and seedling grapes have been received. The fruit is not yet fully ripe but is in fair demand. Prime and fully ripe fruit is expected for the holiday trade. A small shipment of Florida oranges was received last week and sold at \$5 a case. This price is said to be too high to compete with the California fruit.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:

Oranges—Australian.....	0 00 @ 0 00
" Japanese.....	0 10 @ 0 15
" California Navals.....	1 50 @ 1 75
" Seedlings.....	3 25 @ 3 75
Lemons—California (Johnson's).....	6 25 @ 0 50
" Australian.....	2 75 @ 0 00
Apples—California.....	1 35 @ 1 65
" Oregon.....	1 35 @ 1 50
Cocoanuts..... per 100	\$ 00 @ 9 00
Pears.....	1 65 @ 1 75
Grapes.....	1 50
Bananas—bunches.....	1 25 @ 0 00
" crates.....	2 75 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Onions—Silverstius..... per lb	11 @ 11
Cabbage..... per lb	2 @
Potatoes..... per ton	15 00 @ 18 00

FLOUR AND FEED.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour advanced 10c per bbl last week, and all other Manitoba flours are strong in sympathy. Oregon flours have also been advanced. The wheat market is strong and farmers are said to be holding their grain for higher prices.

The Portland *Commercial Review* says of flour: "The local trade continued fairly active and the mills are readily meeting all demands both domestic and foreign. The cargo market is dull; the trade to China and Japan is hampered by the oft-repeated lack of shipping facilities, one firm alone having lost the sale of a large quantity of flour on this account. Local quotations remain unchanged, standard brands being quoted at \$2.40 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.....	\$1 20
" Strong Bakers.....	1 00

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote Enderby flour in carload lots on wharf in Victoria:

Premier.....	\$1 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