

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business, while quiet, is fairly steady, with a gradual increase in the demand. The salmon canneries on the Fraser River have completed their pack for the season and paid off the majority of their employees, principally Swashes, who are liberally patronizing the retail trade in the business centres before departure for their homes or the hopfields of Washington, where they secure employment during the picking season. An important feature of this week is the arrival of the transpacific steamers. The Mogul arrived from Hong Kong Sunday, the Empress of China is due and the ss. Warrimoo will arrive from Australia about the middle of the week.

The Vancouver News Advertiser says: "Business during the past month has been very fair, although complaints about collections are still heard. The salmon canning season is now over, and the canneries have all shut down. The fishermen have been all paid off, and this has put a considerable amount of money into circulation, which has already been felt by storekeepers. Reports from the Kootenay country state that whilst work on several mines has been temporarily suspended, an extension of time has in nearly every case been obtained by the bonders, who are unanimous in the opinion that silver will rise shortly. Satisfactory progress is reported on the different railways in course of construction, which are affording employment to a large number of men. In wholesale although business has been rather quiet during the last few days on account of the end of the month, it is already picking up again."

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The American packing houses have advanced their prices of choice breakfast bacon 1/2c, but jobbers' quotations are unaltered. Local quotations on lard and lard compound have again been reduced, and are now about in sympathy with the eastern market. Eggs are 1/2c to 2c higher. Butter continues steady at previous quotations.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "Butter receipts during the past week were 3,663 pkgs. against 4,151 pkgs. for the week previous. The market is in an unsatisfactory shape, for the reason that factorymen refuse to come down to an export basis in a number of instances, and consequently business is limited. Sales of July creamery have been made at 20c to 20 1/2c; with one lot of over 100 tubs selling at 20 1/2c. After all, we are informed there is not so much July creamery unsold as some believe, and it is stated that one reason why factorymen are asking still prices on their August goods is because buyers have shown a little too much anxiety to ascertain what they would take for August creamery. We know of a standing bid of 21c for the entire August make of one factory, which is refused. Regarding Eastern Townships, the offerings are limited, and prices range from 18c to 19c, a round lot of very fine goods having been placed at 18 1/2c. Western moves slowly,

the few lots recently selling being at 18c to 17c, a lot of very fine selected bringing the outside figures. We quote:—Creamery, July 20c to 21 1/2c per lb.; Creamery, August, 21c to 21 1/2c. Receipts of cheese during the past week were 31,003 boxes against 72,618 boxes for the week previous. The market at the moment is more or less a waiting one, there being quite a gap between the ideas of buyers and sellers. Still, what business has to be put through for the other side appears to be at bang up prices. When a buyer has to go into the market, it is found a pretty firm one, sales having transpired at 9 1/2c for finest Western colored, and 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c for fresh Western white. These prices, however, are admitted to be high and too risky. Sales are reported of finest Townships at 9 3/4c to 9 1/2c, while under grades have sold at 8 3/4c to 8 1/2c. Factorymen west of Toronto are still holding on to their Julys, as they are to make a big fight for the purpose of carrying their point, but some think it will prove a futile movement."

American canned meats, staples, are quoted to the jobbers in bond as follows: Roast, corned and lunch beef, 1's per doz., \$1.05c; do. 2's per doz., \$1.75; lunch tongues, 1's per doz. \$3.00; do. 2's, \$6.00. Armour's white label conserved soups in 2 lb. tins are quoted at \$3 per doz.

Commission agents quote American meats f. o. b. Victoria, duty paid, as follows: Medium hams, 15 1/2c per lb; heavy hams, 15c; choice breakfast bacon, 19c; short clear sides 14 1/2c, and dry salt clear sides, 12 1/2c. Armour's white label pure lard, 1c lb. pails, 13 1/2c 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, 18c, breakfast bacon, 21 1/2c.

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.... 26 1/2 @ 27  
Manitoba creamery, 5 lb tins 27 @ 28  
" dairy .. 17 @ 18  
Cheese—Canadian, lb .. 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2  
California .. 16 @ 00  
Eggs, case, per doz. .... 18 1/2 @ 19

Smoked meats and lard are quoted:

Hams..... 16 1/2 @ 18  
Breakfast bacon .. 17 @ 18  
Short rolls .. 14 @ 15  
Dry Salt, long clear..... 13 @ 11  
Pure Lard, 50lbs..... 14 @ 14 1/2  
" " 20lbs .. 14 1/2 @ 15  
" " 10lbs .. 15 1/2 @ 00  
Lard Compound, 10lbs..... 13 @ 13 1/2  
Sugar—Jobber's prices 1/2 barrels and kegs in each case being 1/2c higher:

Dry Granulated .. 63  
Extra C..... 52  
Fancy Yellow .. 51  
Yellow .. 52  
Golden C .. 51  
Dry Granulated (China) .. 61  
Syrups, per lb. .. 3  
" 1 gal. tins, American. .... 6 50  
" 1/2 " " .. 5 75  
" 1 " Vancouver..... 5 50  
" 1/2 " " .. 7 00

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Demand has been good during the past week, the hot weather being in favor of business. Prices are but slightly changed. Peaches are about 15c cheaper, and nutmeg melons have dropped 25c a crate. Supplies of Australian and Hawaiian fruit are down low. The Warri-

moo is, however, expected Thursday or Friday and will bring large supplies. The receipts of California fruit continue large. Receipts of native fruit are small, but the jobbers do not handle any, as they claim that there is more satisfaction and better profits in handling the California product, because it is packed in suitable shape for the market, while the local growers give little attention to the kind of packages they use. The fruit canneries have contracts with the largest growers for the best portion of their crop.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows:—

Oranges—Australian..... 2 00 @ 2 50  
Tahiti seedlings..... 3 00 @ 3 25  
Lemons—California .. 4 50 @ 6 50  
Australian..... 2 50 @ 0 00  
Bananas..... 1 35 @ 2 25  
Apples, Red Astrakan..... bxs 1 35 @ 1 50  
Nectarines..... 1 25 @ 0 00  
Plums..... 85 @ 1 15  
Peaches..... 1 00 @ 1 15  
Pears..... 1 25 @ 0 00  
—bartletts..... 1 35 @ 1 50  
Grapes..... 1 25 @ 1 75  
Coconuts..... per 100 8 00 @ 9 00  
Watermelons..... per doz 3 00 @ 6 00  
Nutmeg melons..... crate 1 50 @ 0 00  
Cantalopes..... per crate 3 50 @ 4 00  
Pineapples—sugar .. per doz 4 00 @ 4 50  
Hawaiian .. per doz 2 00 @ 0 00

Vegetables are quoted:

Potatoes—Local .. per lb 1 @ 1 1/2  
New California per lb 1 @ 1 1/2  
Onions—Silverskins..... 1 1/2 @  
Cabbage..... 1 1/2 @ 2  
Tomatoes .. per box 75 @ 90  
large .. per box 1 75 @ 2 00  
Cucumbers .. per box 1 25 @ 1 75

FLOUR AND FEED.

The principal feature of the week is the receipt of small shipments of new oats and wheat. The prices are not yet affected, but oats will probably be cheaper. Flour and all other products are unchanged.

The Portland Commercial Review says: "The inquiry for flour continues largely to meet the wants of local and small coast ports, and, as wheat is cheapening in price, so flour is of an easier tone, and where cash custom is in sight, concessions as to prices would be made. Quote Standard Roller from \$3.25 to \$3.40 per bbl. Receipts are small, but ample to meet the comparatively poor demand."

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

Ogilvie's Hungarian..... \$4 40  
" Strong Bakers..... 4 10

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

Premier..... \$4 40  
XXX..... 4 30  
Strong Bakers or XX..... 3 90  
Superfine..... 3 40

Jobbers' quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills..... \$ 4 50 @ 0 00  
Lion, " .. 4 50 @ 0 00  
Premier, Enderby mills..... 4 65 @ 0 00  
XXX, " .. 4 55 @ 0 00  
XX, " .. 4 15 @ 0 00  
Superfine, " .. 3 65 @ 0 00  
Ogilvie's Hungarian..... 4 75 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers..... 4 60 @ 0 00  
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.. 4 75 @ 0 00  
" " Strong Bakers 4 60 @ 0 00  
Oak Lake Patent Hungarian .. 4 75 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers .. 0 00 @ 0 00  
Regina Hungarian .. 4 75 @ 0 00  
" Strong Bakers..... 0 00 @ 0 00  
Benton County, Oregon..... 4 65 @ 0 00