

it with their trade, and are willing to build up a factory that is a credit to the province.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: "The butter market is in a very ticklish position at the present time, and it is a question if prices have not attained their maximum altitude. For a pet September creamery 23½c has been paid; but it is said that the purchase would not be repeated. English buyers appear to be out of the market at the moment, as several orders have been cancelled from the other side, and local buyers will not touch creamery at present prices except in small lots to cover immediate wants. Several lots of August creamery have been placed at 22½c, and one choice lot at 23c. Early makes, 21½c to 22c. The cheese market is dull, and reflects to some extent the weak and unsettled tone of the situation in New York, but more especially on stock below finest. There is quite a difference of opinion regarding values. We quote: Finest Western Sept. 10½c, to 10½c; Finest Eastern Sept. 10½c, to 10½c."

Dairy produce is quoted:

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs	27½ @ 28½
Manitoba Creamery, lb.	30 @ 00
" Dairy choico	18 @ 22
" Cooking	10½ @ 15
Cheese—Canadian, lb.	13½ @ 14½
California	16 @ 00
Eggs, doz.	21 @ 22
Smoked meats and lard are quoted:	
Hams	15½ @ 17
Breakfast bacon	15 @ 17½
Short rolls	11½ @ 13
Backs	13 @ 15
Dry Salt, long clear	11 @ 12½
Pure Lard, 50lbs	13 @ 14
" 20lbs	13½ @ 14½
Lard Compound	10½ @ 11½
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

#### SALMON.

The situation shows no change since last review. The pack of the northern canneries is gradually being brought down to shipping ports. The bark *Martha Fisher* has completed her cargo and will sail either on the 18th or 19th, for Liverpool with about 32,000 cases.

The market continues strong. Dealers will not quote Sockeye fish for Eastern Canadian market. They report none for sale, and that about every thing will be shipped to the U. K., as previously reported. There is nothing doing in English business as nearly everything packed has already been engaged. Eastern firms are reported to be offering \$5 a case for Sockeye f. o. b. Victoria but there is none for sale.

Cohoes have lately been sold for the Eastern markets from \$4.50 to \$4.75 per case. Some of these are labelled by canners as fall fish, to distinguish them from the standard brands of sockeye fish.

The current quotations in England are reported at 23s ex ship for tails and 27s for flats.

#### LUMBER.

The British bark *Scammell Bros.*, 1,218 tons, Capt. McFarlane, has completed her cargo at the Hastings Mills, and sailed

October 15 for Wilmington, Del. Her cargo consists of 800,868 feet rough lumber and 4 spars about 90 feet long, measuring 16,086 feet, making a total of 907,554 feet, valued at \$11,763. The cargo is for United States naval shipbuilding contractors. The new schooner *Lyman D. Foster* is expected at Moodyville at the beginning of this week. The demand for lumber from the Northwest is reported very quiet.

Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association:

Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet	\$ 9 00
Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet	per M..... 19 00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M	17 00
Pickets, rough, per M	9 00
Laths, 1 foot, per M	2 00

Loud rumors are current that local lumber dealers are not adhering to the schedule prices. All dealers are supposed to be cutting. Some openly say that the combination is a farce. It is said that certain dealers have given customers quotations in bills, and they go elsewhere for their lumber, all of which plainly goes to show that there is considerable cutting going on. A certain large firm is said to have offered to lay down rough lumber at Caddboro Bay for \$0 per M., and pay cartage charges of \$1.50 per M. The bill amounts to about \$900.

The Victoria Lumber Exchange quotes the following schedule of prices net at yard:

Rough merchantable lumber, per M	\$12 00
Double dressed and edged, per M	22 50
Single "	20 00
No. 1 tongue and groove flooring, 1 x 4	22 50
Rough deck plank	14 00
Laths, per M	2 25
Shingles, common, per M	2 25

Eight per cent on all accounts over 30 days standing.

#### FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the week ending October 15:—

##### NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
11.	Collis, str., Port Townsend	40
12.	Wanderer, str., Port Townsend	41
14.	St. Paul, str., San Francisco	915
14.	Coryphæus, bk., San Francisco	1,133
14.	Haytian Republic, str., Portland	240
14.	R. Holyoke, str., Port Townsend	74
Total.		2,443

The threatened cotton spinners' strike in Lancashire appears to be almost certain; the association having determined to resist the contemplated reduction of wages.

It is said that in view of the rapidity with which the trolley system of electric propulsion is being adopted in Canada and the United States, as well as the increasing use of electric light apparatus in large mercantile, manufacturing and other establishments, insurance managers are considering the advisability of taking concerted action to make special rates for those buildings, and also of having more rigid inspections made. Fire insurance managers consider that not only does the trolley system endanger risks along its line, but those at considerable distance, by the crossing of wires.

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

Carter & Tolmie, brewers, Victoria, have assigned.

F. A. Bocklofsky, restaurant, Nelson, has given up business.

Laughlin Jamieson is now operating the Victoria Shingle Mills.

McRae & Co., blacksmiths, Vancouver, succeeded by McRae & Hall.

A. R. Carrington, formerly of Victoria, contemplates opening a general store at Nicola.

John Mahrer takes over the management of the Union Brewing Co., Nanaimo, on Nov. 1st.

Anson Adam Richardson, dry goods, Nanaimo, has assigned to John Ferguson, of Toronto.

The estate of A. Shaw, Nanaimo Electric Light Works, is advertised for sale by sheriff on 29th inst.

E. M. Yarwood and F. McB. Young, barristers, of Nanaimo, have entered into partnership.

J. Smidt has bought from the mortgagees the business of Chas. A. Desky, tobacconist, Victoria.

Hennessey, Winch & Alexander will erect a cannery on Lulu Island above London's Landing, with a capacity of 20,000 cases.

The Coal Hill Kamloops Mineral and Mining Co., Ltd., has been incorporated; capital stock, \$150,000. Henry V. Edmonds, J. A. Webster and J. W. Vaughan, of Vancouver, are trustees.

The New York Life Insurance Co. have opened a general agency in Victoria with Mr. Arthur H. Scelfe as manager for the province. J. Earsman & Co. continue as local agents for Vancouver Island.

The B. C. Cooperage and Jute Co., Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. Vancouver is the principal place of business. B. T. Rogers, Wm. Prentice and Wm. Eastman are trustees.

J. E. Crane & Co., of Victoria, have added a merchantile department to their present business. Mr. John Bennett, of London, Eng., has entered the firm and will have charge of the merchantile interests. He is agent for the following firms. Most of the agencies are for the whole Dominion: Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Woollen Clothing Co., London Eng.; Wiggins, Teape & Co., Ltd., fine linen papers, London, Eng.; Marcus & Co., washable cashmeres, Bradford, Eng.; Scott & Co., special Scotch whiskies, Glasgow, Scotland; Miller & Co., cigars, Grand Canary Islands; Ceylon Tea Plantation Co., Ceylon and English breakfast teas, London, Eng.; Whight & Co., the "Prima Donna" sewing machines, London, Eng. The firm have a representative in London at 11 Bow Lane, Cheapside.

#### A WONDERFUL ALMANAC.

The publishers of the *Montreal Daily and Weekly Star* are getting out a magnificent almanac to be known as the *Star Almanac*, said to be the finest almanac in the world, containing nearly four hundred pages, with colored maps. It is looked forward to with great interest.