

## TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The banks report that foreign paper was well taken up by merchants on the 4th of the month. Large numbers of new Dominion \$1 notes are being put into circulation by the banks, and these are taking the place of the American silver to a great extent, which latter is being exported in large quantities. A great many of the sealers have gone out on their summer cruise and have drawn considerable sums, which will be paid out to the Indians for skins and will afterwards come back through the regular channels of trade.

## DRY GOODS.

Dry goods are just getting over the dull period which always follows the close of the winter and holiday trade, and will shortly elter upon their busiest season. The travellers will be on the road early in April and will show a superior line of samples this season. The demand for a better class of goods is evident, and dealers were never better prepared for the season's trade. Stocks are very complete.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Fresh eggs are being marketed in larger quantities and meet with a steady demand. Butter continues firm; no change to advise in prices.

Quotations are: Eastern creamery, 28½c per lb. for large and 20½c for small; Manitoba creamery, 30c; dairy, 21c; Eastern Townships, first quality, 26c; cheese is quoted at 14c and stiff. Meats are quoted: Hams, 12½@13½c per lb.; b. bacon, 12½@13½c; backs, 12@12½c; short roll, 11@11½c; long clear 10½@11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½@11½c; lard tins, 12½@13½c. It is stated by persons well informed in the trade that the stocks of provisions in the cities carried by dealers are altogether too heavy. Especially is this the case with smoked meats, of which not more than a fortnight's supply should be carried by any retail dealer. With the wholesale trade this is not so likely to happen, for stocks are turned over oftener and new goods are continually on the way, so that fresh stocks can always be obtained; much shrinkage is saved, and the quality will give better satisfaction to customers.

Cowan & Wilson, wholesale grocers, have made arrangements with manufacturers in Cuba, and are now receiving fortnightly shipments of the finest brands of Havana cigars, which are selling from \$50 per thousand upwards.

The local jobbers are now carrying full stocks of all the different kinds of jams put up in glass jars by Okel & Morris at the Victoria Preserving Factory, which include apricot, peach, plum, pear, apricot marmalade, etc. Quotations are 1½ lb. size, \$3 per dozen; 3 lb. size, \$5 per doz.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

## FLOUR AND FEED.

There is an advance advised of 20c in Ogilvie's Hungarian flour since last week, and it is now quoted by jobbers at \$0 per bbl, although some dealers who bought before the rise are slightly weaker in price. The Hudson's Bay Company are quoting their Fort Garry Mills Manitoba Hungarian flour for \$5.75 per bbl, and Benton County Oregon for \$6.00. Demand for all other lines is reported steady, and no changes are noted.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.50; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$5 50 @ 0 00
Lion, " ".....	5 50 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 25 @ 0 00
XXX., " ".....	5 55 @ 0 00
XX., " ".....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " ".....	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	6 00 @ 0 00
"    Strong Bakers.....	5 75 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	6 10 @ 0 00
Royal.....	6 00 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine.....	4 25 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	\$10 00 @ 45 00
Oats.....	32 50 @ 35 00
Oil cake meal.....	32 00 @ 35 00
Chop feed.....	33 00 @ 35 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
"    rolled oats.....	3 25 @ 0 00
"    split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
"    pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 90 @ 4 00
Corrmeal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	15 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

## RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The receipts by the last steamer were of the usual amount, but the demand has been slow. Oranges have advanced a little, and in some cases are quoted 25c stronger. Apples are getting scarce and the price has gone up a little. About the lowest they can be procured is \$1.62½ per box. Oregon yellow onions have declined ½c per lb., and potatoes are holding about the same as noted last week. Quotations are:—Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75; navels, \$1 to \$5; Los Angeles, \$2; California lemons, \$1 to \$1.75; Sicily lemons, \$7; bananas, \$3.75; silverskin onions, 2c per lb.; cabbage, 2½c per lb.; asparagus, 20c per lb.; Oregon yellow danver, 1½c; apples, \$1.62½ to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$18 to \$20 per ton.

## LUMBER.

There is reported to be in Melbourne a stock of lumber equal to a year and a half's consumption. There is still some demand for the West Coast, but it is generally believed there have been sufficient charters made in that direction for the immediate future. The Mount Carmel arrived March 4. She is under charter to load at Blakely. The Norwegian bark Czar, 1,324 tons,

Capt. Christopherson, sailed March 4 for Adelaide from the Hastings Mills, with a cargo consisting of 1,017,147 ft lumber, 8,209 ft pickets and 127,170 laths, valued at \$10,476. Her charter rate is 57s 6d. The American schooner Reporter, 333 tons, sailed last week for San Pedro with a cargo of about 500,000 feet. The Talbot loading for Tientsin and the Kathinka loading for Australia, are both expected to finish by the end of the week. It is reported that the Orion which is nearly due, is not fixed as was formerly reported, but it is believed she will go to the Sound. The cargo of the condemned bark Dominica was sold by auction to D. F. Adams, on March 2nd for \$1.50 per M feet, and it will be entered for consumption in the local market. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$18; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

Since the arrangement among the local dealers to sell on a uniform scale, there is more general satisfaction given, particularly as there is no cutting going on. The uniform prices fixed are on the following basis:—

Rough lumber, per M.....	\$10 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M.....	18 00
Second " ".....	14 00
Laths, per M.....	2 25
Shingles, ".....	2 25

## FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the foreign coal shipments for the month of February:

New V. C. Co.....	21,588
Wellington.....	11,886
Union.....	8,660
East Wellington.....	2,360
Total.....	44,494

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The following are the shipments for the week ending March 5:

## NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
1.	Rufus E. Wood, bk., Wilmington	2,200
4.	Charles W. Wetmore, str., San Diego, Cal.	2,618
Total.....		4,818

Sumas City is agitating for better roads leading into that place.

Tenders for the addition to the Hotel Vancouver will be let in a very few days, and the building will then be completed as fast as possible.

The prospectus has been issued of the Vancouver Wine Brewing and Malting Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The company proposes to do an export and import business.

The prolonged winter is causing considerable uneasiness among the ranchers around Kamloops. Many of them have fed out nearly all their hay, and in a short time it will be exhausted entirely.

The failure of the contracting firm of William Turnbull & Co., New Westminster, is announced. The firm has made an assignment of its assets to Hugh F. Keefer, of Vancouver, Robert Jardine and H. J. A. Burnett, of New Westminster,