

British Columbia Markets.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, April 17, 1897.

Eggs have declined $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 17c. Cured meats are advancing, and quotations next week will be higher.

Butter.—California dairy, 20c; Local creamery, 25c; Manitoba dairy, 18c; Manitoba cheese, 11c; California cheese, 12c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 13 cents; breakfast bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$; backs 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; long, clear, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; short rolls 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c; smoked sides 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10c per pound; in pails and tubs 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Game.—Mallard, 25c, widgeon, 25c; teal, 20c; grouse, 8c to 11c; geese, 75c to \$1.25; Venison, 4c; sand snipe, 35c.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 2c, sea bass 1c. Black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 8c; steelhead, 7c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c, sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon, 10c; finnan haddie, 10c; kippered herring, 12c; Columbia river cohoes, 7c.

Vegetables.—Local potatoes, \$23.00 to \$25.00 per ton; onions 3c; cabbage, 10c; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs.—Oregon eggs, 17c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches, side measurement and contain from 250 to 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, from 125 to 150 navel oranges. California lemons, \$2.50, California oranges, seedling, \$3.50 to \$4.00, navel oranges \$3.50 to \$3.75; Kern apples \$5.50 barrel, Australian \$4.25 to \$4.50 bananas \$3.50 per bunch.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c, plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 10 to 12c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; Long-layer raisins \$1.00 box; Italian prunes, 8c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; pecans 10c; Brazil, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb in \$3.10; 15 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sacks, \$3.20; 10.7 sacks, \$2.60. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25, 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 10's, \$2.70.

Flour.—Delivered B.C. points.—Manitoba best per barrel, \$5.10, strong bakers, 10, Oregon, \$5.80.

Wheat.—Local wheat, \$30 to \$35. Oats, 10c per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$23 to 25 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton; shorts, 10c; bran \$1.00; oil cake meal, \$35 F.O.B. Vancouver, including duty on import stuff.

Hay.—\$17.00 per ton.

Cured Meats.—Beef, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; mutton, 11c, Australian frozen mutton 10c; Francisco mutton, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; pork, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 8 to 9c lb.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$1.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$1.50 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; 35.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs.

Poultry.—Chickens, 10c lb., turkeys, 12c to 15c, 12c lb, geese, 11c lb.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; Paris lump, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; granulated, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; extra C, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, 10 gallon kegs, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; good, 18c; choice 20c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes.

Wm. Baillie, Publisher, Kamloops, is succeeded by Baillie & Bennett.

R. E. Smith, general store, Kamloops, has sold out to John Beaton.

Walter Middleton, groceries, &c., Mount Lehman, has sold out to P. Arder.

Catholic Supply Store, stationery, Vancouver, are out of business.

James Brown, butcher, Wellington, is out of business.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, B. C., April 13.

Demand for provisions of all kinds is increasing, and prices in many lines are consequently advancing, this however, cannot be said of dairy produce, which shows a fractional decline in most lines. Owing to the unusual fatality among British Columbia cattle, the price of meat has advanced. A large consignment of Australian mutton came in by the Australian boat and sold freely at 10 cents. Dressed San Francisco mutton however is sold at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, but is rather dangerous to handle. Several carloads of beef cattle arrived from Manitoba this week, and the shipper stated to The Commercial correspondent that he intended to ship every morning until he found it unprofitable. The supply of hay is so exhausted on Vancouver Island that Victoria is importing from Washington State while the Fraser Valley supply from which the Mainland draws its ready stock is just about run out. Hay and oats are very firm at present prices. There is at present a considerable demand for seed grain. There is an unusual heavy acreage of land under the plough this season, and the crop will be comparatively very heavy.

The Live Stock Trade.

At Toronto on April 13, butchers' cattle were slow and some were not sold. Prices ranged from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for rough cows, up to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for fancy picked animals. The general run sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Stockers, for Buffalo, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 3c, feeders, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 4c. Sheep, 3c to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, yearlings, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Lambs, \$3 to \$1.50 each. The offerings for hogs were heavy and 5c was paid for the best bacon hogs, off cars, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb., for thick fat, 3c for sows, 2c for stags and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for boars. All kinds of hogs are wanted.

At London on April 12, cattle declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c, owing to heavy supplies and sheep were $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower. Best United States cattle sold at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and Argentines at 11c. Choice sheep sold at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A cable from Liverpool on April 12 reported the market for cattle $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower. Choice Canadian steers at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and middling stock at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

A cable from Liverpool reported the market stationary and quoted United States cattle at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Refrigerator beef, hinds at 12c and fores at 8c.

The Montreal Gazette reports a good demand for ocean space for cattle, for May and June shipment at 10s to 15s, and 10 to 12s 6d to London.

At the East and Abbot market, Montreal, on April 12, prices were maintained at the recent advance. Fancy steers and heifers sold at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; choice 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 7c, good, 1c to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and ordinary, 3c to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. Sheep were scarce with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 5c per lb. asked. Yearlings, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 6c per lb. Spring lambs, \$2 to \$5 each, as to size.

At the point St. Charles market, Montreal, on April 12, the receipts of hogs were 300, for which the demand was good at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per lb. A few lambs sold at 5c to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb, and sheep at 4c to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat—Cars of red sold north and west to-day at 71c and white is quoted at 72c. Manitoba wheat is rather easier. No. 1 hard is quoted at 78 to 79c Midland and No. 2 hard at 76 to 77c.

Flour—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3.45 to \$3.50 west.

Millfeed—Millfeed is steady at \$9 for shorts and \$9.50 for bran west.

Barley—Prices are nominal at 30 to 31c for No. 1, 32 to 33c for No. 1 extra, 26c for No. 2, 21c for No. 3 extra and 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 21c for feed outside.

Oats—White are quoted at 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c north and west. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c middle freights and 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c east.

Butter—Large pairy rolls, 13 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, dairy tubs, 8 to 12c; creamery rolls, 19 to 21c; creamery tubs, 18 to 19c.

Eggs—New laid sell at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.—Toronto, April 11.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain—There was a good enquiry for oats at the $\frac{1}{2}$ c advance of yesterday. No. 2 white oats in store, 21c, and afloat May 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Peas at 48c.

Flour—The feeling is unsettled at lower prices. The demand is chiefly of a jobbing character. We quote.—Winter wheat patents at \$1.25 to \$1.10; straight rollers at \$3.85 to \$4.00, and in bags, at \$1.85 to \$1.90 Manitoba strong bakers' choice, \$1.25 to \$1.40; outside brands, \$1 to \$1.10, and spring wheat patents at \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Bran—Manitoba bran is quoted at \$12, and shorts at \$13 per ton, including bags. Ontario bran is held at \$12, and shorts at \$13 per ton in bulk.

Oatmeal.—Quiet and easy at \$2.70 to \$2.80 per barrel, and at \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bag for rolled.

Cheese—Cheese is quiet at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Butter—The tone continues easy under free receipts, and prices are quite likely to go lower shortly. Creamery, 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Eggs—In eggs, business was active at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per dozen for round lots, and at 10c for single cases.—Montreal, April 11.

Grain and Milling.

A Canadian Pacific circular has been issued amending the circular of February 22, as regards shipments of wheat to the maritime provinces. Wheat in car loads from Manitoba and the Territories via Owen Sound, consigned to millers at eastern division stations for the purpose of being milled, and the manufactured products re-shipped in car loads to points in the maritime provinces, will be given through rates from Owen Sound, with the addition of 2 1-3 cents per 100 pounds stop-off charge.

A movement is on foot at Qu'Appelle station to form a local company to build a flour mill.