

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, June 4.—Trade is somewhat better and money easier. Wholesalers expect that after the elections this week business will be much improved. The travel north is very heavy and as all passengers and freight leaving Victoria and Vancouver are carried now in British bottoms this trade is now much more satisfactory. The lumber business was never better, as besides the numerous good charters good prices prevail. This activity in lumber means great activity in the lumber camps along the coast and consequent demand for supplies. This demand has become so great recently that there are not steamers enough to handle the trade. Outside the big drop in butter reported in our wire last week there are no features to note in the local market.

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 reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, June 9.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

There has been a further decrease in the price of Ontario creamery butter of 1c this week. California cheese, which is the principal kind in the market here, is $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c. Potatoes are 1c per ton lower for Ashcroft stock. Beef cattle are $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower per lb. Dressed beef is $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower and dressed mutton is 1c lower.

GRAIN—Oats, $\$24\frac{1}{2}$ to $\$25$ per ton; wheat, $\$23$.

FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, $\$1.50$; strong bakers, $\$1.30$; Oregon, $\$1.25$ per barrel.

FEED—National mills chop, $\$25$ per ton; bran, $\$19$; shorts, $\$20$; oil cake meal, $\$35$ ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Per ton, $\$14$.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, $\$2.50$; two 45lb sacks, $\$2.60$; four 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sacks, $\$2.80$; ten 7lb sacks, $\$2.50$; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, $\$3.25$; in 50lb sacks, $\$3.00$ per 100lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, $\$4.75$ to $\$5$ per 100 lb; butchers' cows, $\$4\frac{1}{2}$ to $\$4.25$ per 100lb; sheep, $\$5$ to $\$6$ per 100lb; lambs, $\$5$ to $\$5.50$ each; hogs, $\$6.75$ per 100lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9c; mutton, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Australian frozen mutton, 9c per lb; pork, 9c; veal, 11c.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 14c; geese, 12c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, $14\frac{1}{2}$ c; backs, 13c; long clear, 11c; ribs, $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c; smoked sides, 12c.

LARD—Tins, 12c per lb; pails, 11c; tubs 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 21c; Ontario creamery, $22\frac{1}{2}$ to 23c; fresh dairy, 16 to 18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, $24\frac{1}{2}$ to 25c; Manitoba eggs, 20c.

CHEESE—California cheese, $14\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser river stock, $\$15$ to $\$16$ per ton; Ashcroft potatoes $\$18$ to $\$20$ per ton; cabbage, 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, $\$12$ per ton; California onions, 2c.

FISH—Flounders, 3c; smelts, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 5c; soles, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 7c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS—Oranges, navel, $\$3.75$ to $\$4$; seedlings, $\$2.50$ to $\$2.75$; California lemons, $\$3.50$; bananas, $\$3.25$; strawberries, $\$2.75$; peaches, $\$1.85$ per box; apricots, $\$1.85$ per box; cherries, $\$1.25$ per box; Tasmania apples, $\$3.25$ per box.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 17 to 18c; peaches, 10 to 11c; pitted plums, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; prunes, French, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c; Muscatel layer raisins, $\$2\frac{1}{2}$ to $\$2.25$ per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, $8\frac{1}{2}$ c; 4 crown, 9c; dates, 9c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; layer figs, 10lb box, $\$1.45$; silver prunes, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; quartered pears, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; half pears, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; sultanas, 11 to 14c; blackberries, 16c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

NUTS—Almonds, 10c; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c;

peanuts, 9c; Brazil, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; walnuts, 15c per lb.

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

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, $24\frac{1}{2}$ c lb; 10 gal. kegs, $24\frac{1}{2}$ c; 5 gal. tins, $\$1.75$ each; 1 gal. tins, $\$1.50$ case of 10, $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. tins, $\$3.25$ case of 20.

TEAS—Congo, fair, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; good, 18c; choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Base, $\$3.60$.

Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, keg, $\$5.25$. Wire nails, —

Base price, $\$1.60$, cut, $\$3.85$. Rope, Manila, 18c. Hotted oil, 90c. White lead, $\$9$.

Putty, $\$3.60$. Barbed wire, $\$4.75$ per 100 lb. Glass, first break, $\$5$.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, June 9.

The market is now supplied with creamery butter from Manitoba and the Territories. Stocks of Ontario creamery are about exhausted. Manitoba creamery is 1c lower at 21c. Dairy butter is arriving freely and the market is also 1c lower at 18c for choice, fresh tubs. There is a fair demand for choice, fresh dairy tubs, but no demand for second grade. Prints and rolls are not wanted. Choice fresh eggs are firm at 19c, which is the same price quoted a week ago.

Butter—Manitoba creamery, 21c; choice dairy, 18c.

Cheese—11c per lb.

Eggs—Fresh eggs, 19c.

Oats—Per ton, $\$25$.

Millfeed—Bran, $\$20$; shorts, $\$22$ per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, $\$5.00$.

Hay—Per ton, $\$26$.

Potatoes—Per ton, $\$16$.

British Columbia Notes.

J. V. O'Laughlin has opened a hotel at Nelson.

Kenny & Co. have opened a bakery at Rossland.

E. Hall has bought the Russell house, Rossland, from Miss Tower and will continue the business.

Jas. Griffith has purchased a half interest in the furnishings and clothing business formerly conducted by Thos. Wilson at Trout Lake City.

Several stores and places of business in Cranbrook are being enlarged this summer to accommodate the increasing business of that town.

The Victoria customs return for the month of May show imports amounting to $\$308,464$, of which $\$233,279$ was dutiable; duties collected amounted to $\$71,287.21$; and the total collections $\$98,584.46$.

The British Columbia lumber for the special building for exhibits from the coast province at the Winnipeg exhibition is now on the way east and the building will be put up as soon as it arrives.

The Le Roi Mining Company, Rossland, B. C., is calling for tenders for a third 40 drill compressor. They have now in use one 40-drill and one 12-drill compressor and the second 40-drill machine is now on the ground and being installed.

The people of Sandon were much surprised last week when an order was given by the owners of the Slo-can Star mine to close the property down. The force was at once cut to 40 men. No explanation is forthcoming as to the reason for this move. The Star is the leading mine of that district and one of the best known mines in British Columbia.

The following new companies are incorporated under British Columbia laws: Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Co. of Victoria; capital, $\$250,000$. Atlin Transportation Co. of

Victoria; capital $\$20,000$. Bear Creek Mining Co. of Rossland; capital, $\$1,500,000$. Valpariso Gold Mining Co. of Kaslo; capital, $\$100,000$. The following extra provincial companies have been registered: Gribbell Island Copper Co. of Fairhaven, Wash.; capital, $\$1,000,000$; local office Victoria. Almsworth Mining and Smelting Co. of Seattle; capital, $\$1,000,000$; local office Almsworth. Chapleau Consolidated Mining Co. of England; capital, $\$75,000$; local office Nelson.

Eastern makers of cornice brake have advanced their prices $\$10$, making the price now $\$60$.

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I will call on the trade along the Deloraine Branch. this month (June).

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