

**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, Dec. 10, 1898.

A good demand is reported for butter, at prices quoted. Eggs are a shade higher. Lard has advanced for tins. Strong bakers flour is 30c lower per barrel. Other grades unchanged. A good demand for hay for railway contractors in the Kootenay is reported. Potatoes are scarce, as farmers have pitted their crop and are not offering freely. Dressed mutton has declined 2c to 8@8½c per lb.

Butter—Creamery, jobbers price, 23c for August and 23½@24c for September make; choice dairy, jobbers price, 18c. Off grade or cooking 16@16½c.

Eggs—Local, 50c, Eastern eggs, jobbers prices, 19@19½c.

Cheese—Ontario, 11@12c, jobbers price.

Cured Meats—Hams 12½@13c; breakfast bacon 12½@13c; backs 12@12½c; short clear 10½c; short rolls 10½c; smoked sides 11 @ 12½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per lb, in pails and tubs 9½c lb.

Fish—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut, 6c; salmon, 6c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$10@11 per ton, Ashcroft, \$16 @ 17c; California silver skin onions, 1½c; cabbage 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12.00 a ton; local onions, \$20 per ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons, \$4.50 @5 box; grapes, \$1.50@1.60; pears, 60c @1.50 box; apples, 65c per 50 lb. box; valencia oranges, \$3.25; Japanese oranges 65c.

Meal—Rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pound sacks \$2.90; 4 22½ pound sacks \$3.10; 10.7 sacks, \$2.50; Oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 2 50's, \$3.00.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$5.30; strong bakers \$4.70; Oregon, jobbers price, \$4.75.

Grain—Oats, 17.00 @ \$19.00 per ton; wheat, 23.00 @ \$25.00 per ton;

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00 per ton; shorts \$20 ton; bran \$18; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

Hay—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7@7½c; mutton 8 @ 8½c; pork 7@8c; veal 10 @ 10½c; Pemican, 40c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$4.00 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cows, 3:00 per 100 lbs live weight.

Poultry—Chickens, \$4 @ \$6 dozen.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 10½c per lb; peaches 9c; plums, 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnut, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered, icing and bar, 6½c. Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 2½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$5.25 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good 18c; choice 20c. Ceylon: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

**Toronto Hardware Market.**

Toronto, Dec. 10

Pig Iron—Canadian, \$14.00.

Bar Iron—Base price, \$1.35 @ 1.45; band iron, \$1.65@1.75 for Canadian and \$2.00 for imported; hoop iron \$2.

Sheet Steel—12-gauge, \$2.25 per 100 lbs; 16-gauge, \$2.40; 18@20, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24, \$2.30@2.40; 26, \$2.35@2.45; 28, \$2.45@2.55.

Galvanized Iron—16-gauge, \$3.75; 18 @24, \$4.00; 26, \$4.25 and 28 at \$4 50.

Lead—Pig, 3½ @ 4c, sheet, 4½ @ 4½c per lb; shot, Can., dis. 7½ per cent; pipe, ordinary, 7c; composition waste, 7½c with dis. 25 per cent.

Black Iron—10@12 gauge, \$2.25@2.40 per 100 lbs; 14@16 gauge, \$2.60@2.70; 18@20 gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 22@24 gauge, \$2.25@2.35; 26-gauge, \$2.30@2.40; 28-gauge, \$2.45@2.55.

Coil chain—½ in., \$4.65; 5-16 in., \$3.75; ¾ in., \$3.25; 7-16 in., \$3.15; 1 in., \$3.10; 1 ¼ in., \$2.80; 1 ½ in., \$2.75.

Sheet Zinc—7½@7½c per lb.

Antimony—10½@11c; solder 13@14c.

Ingot Copper—13@13½c per lb.

Ingot Tin—22@23c.

Canada plates—Half-polished. 52-sheet boxes, \$2.35; do, 60-sheet boxes, \$2 40; dull 75-sheet boxes, \$2.25, all-bright "Garth," \$2.85 per box; do, "alaska," \$3.00.

Tin Plates—Prices unchanged at \$4.75 @ \$5.00 for I.C., \$6.00 @ \$6.25 for I.X. and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for I.X.X.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, per 100 ft., ½ to ¾ inch, \$2.25@2.30; 1 inch, \$2.30@2.35; 1 ¼ inch, \$2.80; 1 in., \$3.95; 1 ½ in., \$5.20; 1 ¾ inch, \$6.75; 2 inch, \$9.10; Galvanized, ½ inch, \$3.90; ¾ inch, \$4.80; 1 inch, \$6.75; 1 ¼ inch, \$7.15; 1 ½ inch, \$11.75; 2 inch, \$16.00.

Barb Wire—\$1.75 f.o.b. Cleveland and \$1.85 from stock Toronto. Terms, 30 days or 2 per cent. 10 days.

Fence Wire—Annealed, oiled and annealed, 37½ per cent; galvanized, 30 per cent; terms 4 months or 3 per cent. 30 days. Bright wire 35 per cent.

Nails, Wire—Base price, \$1.75.

Cut Nails—\$1.75 base price, with 5c keg, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Montreal.

Horse Nails—Discount on regular brands, 50 per cent.

Horseshoes—Iron, light and medium pattern, \$3.25 per keg, Toronto and Hamilton.

Screws—Flat head bright, 57½ per cent; round head bright, 80 per cent; flat head brass, 82½ per cent; round head brass, 75 per cent.

Bolts—Common carriage bolts, ½@5-16, 70 per cent; tire bolts, 70 and 5; machine bolts, 60 and 10; blank bolts, 60 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 80 per cent; plough bolts, 60; stove bolts, 70 and 5; nuts, square, 4½c; hexagon, 5½c.

Rivets—Iron, 60 per cent; copper rivets, 45 per cent.

Glass—First break in 50-foot boxes, \$1.90, and in 100-foot boxes, \$3.50; double diamond, under 25 united inches, \$6.00. Toronto, 4 months, or 3 per cent 30 days.

Green Wirecloth—\$1.20 per 100 square feet; terms, 4 months or 3 per cent for 30 days.

Spades and Shovels—Discounts 40 and 10@45 and 2½ per cent.

Rope—Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 10c; ¾ in., 10½c; 1 and 5-16 in., 11c; Manila, 7-16 and larger, 11½c; ¾, 12c; 1 and 5-16, 13.

**Toronto Grocery Market.**

Toronto, Dec. 10.

Sugar—Standard granulated sugar, 4.03c; yellows, 3.93@4.43c.

Syrup and Molasses—Syrup medium, 26c@30c; special bright, 35c@42c. Molasses—West Indian, brls, 32c@45c; New Orleans, 26@30c; for medium and 35c@47c for bright.

Teas—Japans, low grade, 16c@20c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds 16c@19c, firsts, 25@45c; Indian, 18@50c; Congous, low grades, 10c@15c; mediums, 22@25c, and fine, 40c @ 55c; Ceylons, 17 @ 25c. Formosa Oolongs, 25 @ 65c.

Coffees—Green, Rio, 7½@11½c; Mocha, 23c@28c; Java, 30c@32c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, 87½@95c. peas, 80c@81; sifted peas, \$1.05@1.20, corn, 95c@1; beans, 80@90c; pumpkins, 70@75c; strawberries, 2's, \$1.50 @ 1.90, raspberries, 2's, \$1.60@1.75; peaches, 2's, \$1.55@1.65; 3's, \$2.50@2.65. Cohoe's salmon, \$1.15@1.20; sock-eyes, \$1.50@1.60; lobsters, halves, \$1.75 @ 1.80; tall lbs, \$2.80; flats, \$3.10.

Nuts—Marbols, 11½c; filberts, Sicily, 9c; Grenoble Walnuts, 12½@13c.

Rice—Rice, bags, 3½@4c; do. Patna, 5½ @6c; do. Japan, 6@6½c.

Dried Fruits—Raisins, Valencias, off-stalk 4½c; fine off-stalk, 4½@5c; selected, 5½@5¾c; layers, 6@6½c; Provincial, curran ¼@5c; Filiatras, 4½@5½c; Patras, 6c, Vostizas, 6½@8c. California evaporated fruits—Apricots, 12½ @ 14c; pears, 9c @ 10c; prunes, 70's to 80's 7½ @ 8c; 80's to 90's 7@7½c; 90's to 100's, 6½ @ 6¾c. Bosnia prunes, 5½@6½c; Sultanas, 11c@13c. Peel—Orange, 12c @ 13c per lb; citron, 17c @ 20c; lemon 10½c @13c. Halloween dates, 5½@6½c. Malaga, London layers, \$1.30@1.50 per box; black baskets, \$2.40; blue baskets, \$2.50; royal clusters, \$4.00; quarter flats, London layers, 65c; black baskets, 75c; blue baskets, 85c; Dehesia, clusters \$1.25.

Spices—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochun 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 15 @ 18c; Amboyna, 18@25c; allspice, 20c; nutmegs, 50c@81; cream tartar, pure, 25@28c, and 18@25c for compound.

**PROVISIONS.**

Mess Pork—\$15.50@16.00 for Canada mess; short cut, \$16.50; clear mess, \$15.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots 7½c, ton and case lots, 8c.

Smoked Meats—Breakfast bacon, 10½@11c; hams, large 10c and 10½c to 11c for medium; rolls, 8½@9½c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tubs, 7c

**Saskatchewan.**

The partnership existing between H. Couture and O. Morin, of the Albion hotel, Battleford, has been dissolved. Mr. Couture is now sole proprietor. Mr. Morin will move to Edmonton.

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