

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 11.—There is a much more hopeful feeling in business circles this week. In the grocery trade collections are reported better, and the uneasiness caused by the recent failures is not nearly so apparent. The hardware business locally is holding its own, while the Klondike inquiry is much better than at this time last year. Dressed meats are in moderate demand. There is an abundant supply of beef but the price continues to advance; the same may be said of other lines.

In the dairy produce market, butter is plentiful but prices remain the same, dealers awaiting the developments in the butter situation.

There is now no eastern cheese in the market. The egg market is much weaker owing to increased receipts, while local eggs have taken a very decided drop. In the vegetable market those who were storing potatoes have decided to unload and as a result both Ascheriffs and Californias are much cheaper.

Shipping was more active this week than for two or three months there being six lumber ships in the harbor at one time. The lumber business, however, owing to the threatened American legislation favorably affecting the Puget Sound and the high freight exacted from British Columbia shippers by the California ship owners, is in danger of its very existence, according to the mill owners themselves, who are sending delegations to Victoria and Ottawa to urge the government to save the industry by encouraging ship building and bonusing exports, besides extending the duty on lumber.

British Columbia Market

PRICES.—(By wire to The Commercial.)

GRAIN.—Oats, \$27 per ton; wheat, \$28. FLOUR—Delivered, A. C. Pointe-Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.00; strong bakers, \$4.40; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Enderby, B. C. patents, \$5.00.

FEED—National mills chops, \$24 per ton; bran, \$20; shorts, \$22; oil cake meal, \$25 ton, L.O.B. Vancouver, including duty paid, imported stuff.

MEAL—Per ton, \$12.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90th sack, \$3.00; two 40th sacks, \$2.75; 25th sack, \$2.50; ten 7th sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10th sacks, per 100th, \$2.50; in 50th sacks, \$2.00 per 100th.

HIDES AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers, 7½¢ per lb.; medium, 6½¢; light cows, 5½¢; sheep pelts, November killed, 10¢; deer skins, 10¢; goat, 10¢; deer skins, dry, 20¢ lb.; wool, 60¢ lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$34.85 per 100 lb. sheep, \$40.65 per 100th; hogs, \$4.25 per 100th.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$46.40 per dozen; turkeys, 18¢ per lb.; cold storage turkeys, 12¢.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 96¢ lb.; mutton, 11¢ lb.; Australian frozen mutton, 9¢ lb.; pork, 76¢ lb.; real, 10¢ lb.

OVES—Case, 50¢ dozen; hams, 35¢ dozen.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 12¢ lb.; 14¢ lb.; 15¢ lb.; 16¢ lb.; 17¢ lb.; 18¢ lb.; 19¢ lb.; 20¢ lb.; 21¢ lb.; 22¢ lb.; 23¢ lb.; 24¢ lb.; 25¢ lb.; 26¢ lb.; 27¢ lb.; 28¢ lb.; 29¢ lb.; 30¢ lb.; 31¢ lb.; 32¢ lb.; 33¢ lb.; 34¢ lb.; 35¢ lb.; 36¢ lb.; 37¢ lb.; 38¢ lb.; 39¢ lb.; 40¢ lb.; 41¢ lb.; 42¢ lb.; 43¢ lb.; 44¢ lb.; 45¢ lb.; 46¢ lb.; 47¢ lb.; 48¢ lb.; 49¢ lb.; 50¢ lb.; 51¢ lb.; 52¢ lb.; 53¢ lb.; 54¢ lb.; 55¢ lb.; 56¢ lb.; 57¢ lb.; 58¢ lb.; 59¢ lb.; 60¢ lb.; 61¢ lb.; 62¢ lb.; 63¢ lb.; 64¢ lb.; 65¢ lb.; 66¢ lb.; 67¢ lb.; 68¢ lb.; 69¢ lb.; 70¢ lb.; 71¢ lb.; 72¢ lb.; 73¢ lb.; 74¢ lb.; 75¢ lb.; 76¢ lb.; 77¢ lb.; 78¢ lb.; 79¢ lb.; 80¢ lb.; 81¢ lb.; 82¢ lb.; 83¢ lb.; 84¢ lb.; 85¢ lb.; 86¢ lb.; 87¢ lb.; 88¢ lb.; 89¢ lb.; 90¢ lb.; 91¢ lb.; 92¢ lb.; 93¢ lb.; 94¢ lb.; 95¢ lb.; 96¢ lb.; 97¢ lb.; 98¢ lb.; 99¢ lb.; 100¢ lb.

BUTTER—Local creamery, fresh, 30¢; Manitoba creamery, 28¢; 25¢; not creamery, 26¢; Australian creamery, 24¢; California creamery, 21¢.

EGGS—Fresh local, 20¢; Oregon eggs, 18¢; California, 16¢; 12¢.

VEGETABLES—Ascheriff potatoes, \$2.46 52½ tons; Californias \$2.00 per ton; silver skin, 20¢; local onions, \$1.10 lb.

FRUIT—Flounders, \$1.00; sea bass, 5¢; haddock, 5¢; sole, 5¢; halibut, 5¢; salmon, 5¢; cod, 5¢; herring, 5¢; crabs, 5¢; lobsters, 5¢; mussels, 5¢; oysters, 5¢; smoked halibut, 10¢; smoked herring, 5¢.

GREEN FRUITS—California navel oranges, \$2.50; 2.75; Oregon apples, \$1.75; 2.00; B. C. apples, 10th box, \$1.50; lemons, 2.00; 2.25.

NUTS—Almonds, 12¢ lb.; filberts, 12¢; 14¢; 16¢; 18¢; 20¢; 22¢; 24¢; 26¢; 28¢; 30¢; 32¢; 34¢; 36¢; 38¢; 40¢; 42¢; 44¢; 46¢; 48¢; 50¢; 52¢; 54¢; 56¢; 58¢; 60¢; 62¢; 64¢; 66¢; 68¢; 70¢; 72¢; 74¢; 76¢; 78¢; 80¢; 82¢; 84¢; 86¢; 88¢; 90¢; 92¢; 94¢; 96¢; 98¢; 100¢.

SUGARS—Powdered, 10¢ lb.; and bar, 7¢; Paris lump, 6½¢; granulated, 5¢; 4¢; 3¢; fancy yellow, 4½¢; yellow, 4¢; per lb.

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 24¢ lb.; 10 gal. kegs, 5¢; 5 gal. kegs, 4¢; 2½ gal. kegs, 3¢; 1½ gal. kegs, 2¢; ¾ gal. kegs, 1¢; ½ gal. kegs, 10¢; ¼ gal. kegs, 5¢; 10¢; 15¢; 20¢; 25¢; 30¢; 35¢; 40¢; 45¢; 50¢; 55¢; 60¢; 65¢; 70¢; 75¢; 80¢; 85¢; 90¢; 95¢; 100¢.

TEA—Ceylon, 10¢; India, 10¢; 15¢; 20¢; 25¢; 30¢; 35¢; 40¢; 45¢; 50¢; 55¢; 60¢; 65¢; 70¢; 75¢; 80¢; 85¢; 90¢; 95¢; 100¢.

RICE—Chinese rice, 74¢ ton; Japan rice, 80¢; 85¢; 90¢; 95¢; 100¢.

FRUIT—California peaches, \$1.00; 1.20; 1.40; 1.60; 1.80; 2.00; 2.20; 2.40; 2.60; 2.80; 3.00; 3.20; 3.40; 3.60; 3.80; 4.00; 4.20; 4.40; 4.60; 4.80; 5.00; 5.20; 5.40; 5.60; 5.80; 6.00; 6.20; 6.40; 6.60; 6.80; 7.00; 7.20; 7.40; 7.60; 7.80; 8.00; 8.20; 8.40; 8.60; 8.80; 9.00; 9.20; 9.40; 9.60; 9.80; 10.00.

HARDWARE—Bar iron—Rice, \$2.75; 100 lb. shoe nails, discount, 4¢ per cent; horse shoe nails, 4.00; Wire nails—Base price, \$2.75, cut \$2.25; Rope, Manila, 12½¢; Boiled oil, 5¢; White lead, 35¢; Putty, 25¢; Red lead, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, 74¢.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, March 10. Business has been rather quiet. The principal feature of the market has been the drop in eggs, which are 10 lower.

Butter—Creamery, 24½ to 25½¢.

Eggs—Fancy fresh, 21¢; case eggs, 21 cents.

Meat—12½¢.

Oatmeal—Per ton, \$28.

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

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.40.

Hay—Per ton, \$23.

Potatoes—Per ton, \$20.

British Columbia Notes.

J. Adler, leather manufacturer, of San Francisco, contemplating opening a boot and shoe factory at Victoria.

J. A. Ronnie is succeeding H. Bricker in the Crow's Nest Trading Co., of Fernie, B. C., taking over his half interest.

The partnership lately existing between Steel & Beaseley, general agents, Nelson, has been dissolved. R. J. Steel will continue the business.

Notice is given that the partnership between Joseph Reichenbach, of New Westminster, and Josiah Hemans, of Victoria, butchers, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

A contract has been let by the Dominion government for the erection at Nelson, B. C., of a building for a post office and other federal business purposes. The amount of the contract, which includes the "fair wages" schedule, stating the minimum rates of wages to be paid to the laborers engaged upon the work, is \$49,900.

The corporation of the city of Nelson, B. C., invite tenders for the purchase of one hundred thousand dollars worth of debentures. The debentures are for one thousand dollars each redeemable in twenty years at the 1st of April, 1901, and bear interest at 5 per cent, payable half yearly at the Bank of Montreal, Nelson, B. C.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company formally took over the steamship business of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, which it recently purchased a few days ago. The business of the C. P. N. Co. grew out of the old Hudson's Bay Company Pacific coast service. The company now owns 14 vessels which are all engaged in coast service.

A car ferry service has been inaugurated between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, whereby freight cars are transferred daily from Vancouver to Ladysmith and back, running from the latter place into Victoria by rail. The present ferry arrangement is partly a temporary one as new and specially built vessels are to be put on the service as soon as they can be built and the mainland terminal will then be changed to Liverpool, on the Fraser River, opposite New Westminster.

A movement is on foot to establish a large pulp factory on the Pacific coast somewhere on the mainland, opposite Queen Charlotte Sound. The people interested are mostly in Toronto, and some are connected with the Toronto Type Foundry Company. The mill proposed would involve an investment of \$250,000 and would have a capacity of 100 tons of pulp per day.

The Nelson Tribune says: An electric power and light plant of a capacity of 1,000 horse-power is to be erected at Three Forks, Slocan, in the spring. The cost will probably amount to \$30,000. The promoter of the new scheme is J. M. Leitch, an electrical engineer and the Recco mine, Sandan. He has made an application for 500 inches of water on the north fork of Carpenter Creek, 250 inches on the south fork, and 250 inches on Seaton Creek. These three creeks converge at Three Forks and the site is an excellent location for an immense water power.

A special meeting of the Vancouver board of trade was held last week. The good roads committee reported satisfactory progress. A request from the board of trade of Atlin asking endorsement of a scheme to build a railway into that region was referred to the railway committee. The Dominion Express company was asked to establish a parcel post service with Northern British Columbia. The shipping trade and shipbuilding industry of British Columbia was commended and the following motion adopted:—"Resolved, that in the opinion of this board the promotion of ship-building

and owning of ships in this province, is of the highest importance to the future commercial prosperity and advancement of British Columbia, and that this board be to urge upon the Dominion and provincial governments the advisability of granting assistance to the industry until it is fully established." Some of the speakers considered that the ship-subsidy bill now before the United States Congress would injure British Columbia interests. The matter of urging the establishment of assay offices at Vancouver and Dawson City was considered and favorably looked upon. It was considered that this would secure considerable business to coast merchants. The nominations received for executive positions on the board for the coming year were as follows:—President, F. Buscombe; F. F. Burns; vice-presidents, W. H. Malkin and F. M. Black; secretary, W. Skene; C. J. Loewen, W. D. Burdick; council: Messrs. W. Godfrey, W. H. Malkin, G. Wadell, H. H. Alexander, W. H. Kerr, F. Cockburn, W. F. Sallsbury, W. Murray, H. T. Lockyer, A. O. Campbell, C. G. Johnson, Campbell Sweeney, W. Skene, W. Braid, W. Pelley-Harvey, F. F. Burns, W. G. Harvey and W. T. Stein.

Tenders.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a school house for the Dixon school district. Plans and specifications at the office of S. Gieske, Dauphin, Man., with whom tenders must be lodged on or before Friday, the 22nd of March.

Sealed tenders addressed to the chairman committee on works, Winnipeg, for the supply and delivery in the city of 200 tons of asphalt, for street paving, will be received at the office of the city clerk, up to 8.30 p. m. on Thursday, April 18, 1901.

Sealed tenders will be received until noon of the 28th by H. H. Campkin, Indian Head, Assn., for one thousand bottles of stychnine; five hundred bottles of cod containing one-eighth of an ounce each and five hundred four ounce bottles of solution, each con-

taining one-eighth of an ounce of stychnine.

Sealed tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, will be received up to 8.30 p. m., Thursday, March 21st inst., for the construction of sewers in Chambers street, from Logan avenue to Alexander avenue, and in Alexander avenue from Chambers street to the west line of lot 80, and in Henry avenue, from Fountain street to Ellen street.

New Retail Hardwood Prices at Winnipeg.

Following is the new scale of hardwood lumber prices fixed by the Winnipeg lumber dealers:—

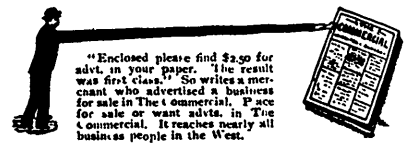
Plain white or red oak, 1 in.	40.00
Plain white or red oak, 2 in.	75.00
Plain white or red oak, 2½ in.	80.00
Plain white or red oak, 3 in.	85.00
Trucks, white or red oak, 1½ to 1½ in.	82.00
11 in. and wider	82.00
1½ Sawn red oak, 1 in.	35.00
1½ Sawn red oak, 1½ to 2 in.	80.00
1½ Sawn white oak, 1 in.	105.00
1½ Sawn white oak, 1½ to 2 in.	110.00
1½ Sawn white oak, Quebec, 3 in.	52.50
1½ Sawn red oak veneer	20.00
Common	40.00
Cull	35.00
Birch, 1½ in.	60.00
Birch, 1½, 1½ and 2 in.	67.00

There is great uneasiness reported in financial circles in Japan owing to difficulty between the government and the "Peers" over the passage of the tax bills, and runs on several banks are reported by cable. The shipment of gold continues and several foreign firms have failed. It is said the tax bills will pass.

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