

movement. Some reports from the country indicate a disposition on the part of farmers to hold back their wheat for the purpose of cleaning the grain. It would please buyers to have them do this. Throughout the week up to yesterday buyers were paying 70c per bushel to farmers for their best wheat, Brandon rate of freight, which has been grading no grade 1 hard and no grade 2 hard. Some of the grain inspected here this week has gone 2 hard and 3 hard tough.

OATS—Some cars of new oats have been sold here this week, the price ruling being 37½c. We hear of one car selling at 30c, but that was too low. From 37 to 38c would about cover all that has been done in new stuff. This is for feed grades. Old oats are worth about 42c per bushel for carlots on track here. There are very few old oats offering. New oats are expected to be moving actively next week.

BARLEY—Although no new barley has as yet been actually received here there has been a little trading for early delivery on a basis of about 33c per bushel for carlots on track, which is expected to be the opening price.

CORN—A few cars are arriving every week for feed purposes. Quoted at 49c per bushel in carlots on track here.

OATMEAL—Although rolled oats have weakened a little this week in a jobbing way carlot prices are reported to be firmer by some brokers. Yesterday \$1.05 per sack of 80 pounds was being asked for carlots on track.

HAY—Receipts are larger and the price has receded again this week. Fresh baled hay is 50c per ton lower at \$7.50 in cars on track. This is the figure at which transactions have actually been taking place. We hear of as high as \$10 per ton being asked. Loose hay on the street is worth about the same as baled, although as high as \$10 has been paid.

BUTTER—Creamery—Demand for shipping trade is good and all offerings are being freely taken for this purpose. Summer makes are now selling at 19½ to 20c per pound at the factory, while choicest goods of September or October make are worth about 21c.

BUTTER—Dairy—Receipts are smaller owing to disposition of many country shippers to hold for higher prices, which dealers here do not seem for the present at least disposed to give. A really gilt edged article in dairy butter can always command almost any price, but there is none of this grade offering at present and most of the stuff coming in is inferior, having been held too long in first hands. The ruling price to-day, commission basis, here is from 11 to 14c, according to the quality of the goods.

CHEESE—The market is weaker. We quote the top price now 9½c for factory cheese delivered here with a range of from 9 to 9½, according to quality.

EGGS—Receipts are lighter and the price has stiffened up. We quote case eggs at 1½c delivered here subject to candling, which is 1½c over price of a week ago.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are more plentiful owing to improved weather and the price is now down to 35 to 40c, a decline of 5c during the week. Other lines of vegetables remain unchanged as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40 cents per bushel; rhubarb, 20c per dozen; lettuce, 10c per dozen; parsley, 20c; green onions and radish, 10c per doz.; carrots, 10c, beets, 10c per dozen; turnips, 25c per bus.; cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen; ripe tomatoes, 3c per lb; imported tomatoes, 50c per basket; green tomatoes, 30c per bushel; celery, 20c per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is plentiful and ½c lower for some of the medium quality stuff. Best is still selling as high as 6c. Hogs are decidedly scarce and the demand is keen. At the abattoir as high as 8½c is being asked for these. Calves are inclined to be scarce. We quote Choice beef, 5½ to 6c per lb; inferior and medium quality, 4½ to 5½c; veal, 6 to 8c; mutton, 9 to 10c; lamb, 10 to 11c; hogs, 7½ to 8½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Poultry is in better supply this week as the Jews have now settled down to business again after their new year celebrations. While these were on they did no business and as the poultry business is almost exclusively in their hands it was allowed to languish. Following are this week's prices: Live hens, 9c per pound; dressed, 10c; dressed chickens, 12c; ducks, live

weight, 8c; dressed, 10c; turkeys, live, 10c; dressed, 13c.

GAME—Wild ducks are more plentiful. Dealers pay 15 to 30c per pair, according to size and variety. Geese are selling at from 50 to 75c each, according to size.

HIDES—The market is firmer owing to more favorable advices received from outside markets. Receipts at Chicago are very light and tanners are said to be more ready to buy than they have been for some time past. We quote prices here now as follows: Green salted hides, steers and cows, 6½c for No. 1 and 5½c for No. 2, brands, 5c; bulls, stags and oxen, 4½c for No. 1 and 3½c for No. 2, glue stock, 2c; green salted veal kip, 15 to 25 lbs, 6½c for No. 1 and 5½c for No. 2, veal calf, 6 to 7½c; veal deakins, 25 to 35c each; long haired kips, 5½ to 6½c; horse hides, large, \$1.00 to \$1.50; small, 75c to \$1.00; dry flint hides, 8 to 10½c; sheep pelts, 30 to 60c; lambskins, 20 to 40c each.

WOOL—Market is nominal as practically all the season's clip is already bought up. Dealers quote 8 to 8½c per pound for unwashed fleece and 12½c per pound for washed.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3½ to 4c for good to best grades delivered here.

SENECA—The market for root is gaining strength every week. The recent heavy rains stopped digging in Manitoba and since then receipts have fallen off. It is not expected that there will be much more root brought in this season as frost may come at any time. Dealers are offering 32 to 33c per lb to-day for fine, dry, bright root, which is an advance of 2 to 3c over the top price of a week ago. Coarse and dark grades are worth 30 to 32c per lb.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export cattle are still moving freely, and continue to show good quality. There will be several weeks of export business yet. Butchers' cattle are plentiful. Buyers are out for stockers wherever they are to be had. We quote prices here as follows: Export steers, best grades, 3½c per lb, weighed off cars; second grades, 3c; butchers' cattle, 2½ to 2¾c per lb; stockers, 2¼ to 2½c at point of shipment.

SHEEP—Sheep are now coming in from the western ranges, but the demand is light. Choice grades of sheep are quoted at 4c per pound off cars here.

HOGS—Offerings are very light. Prices hold firm at 5½ to 5¾c per lb for hogs weighing from 150 to 250 pounds. Thick fats and heavies 4½ to 5c.

MILCH COWS—These are very scarce and readily bring from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—Heavy work horses are in better demand, and are being taken as fast as they offer for fall and winter work. Lighter horses for delivery and driving purposes are not wanted. Many people are offering their drivers for sale owing to the belief that feed will be expensive. No shipments have been in recently from either the east or south, excepting a car of light Montanas. Some western horses have been offering here and some have gone through to the Toronto and Montreal markets. Heavy work horses are worth from \$125 to \$175 each, and lighter western animals from \$60 to \$90, according to quality.

Weather and Crops.

The first uninterrupted week of fine weather since the harvest started in Manitoba, has been enjoyed this week and farmers have been making good progress with stacking and threshing the crops which have been so long in the field, owing to the frequent rains. Farmers have had a full week's work, as the grain was in good condition on Monday morning for handling. If the fine weather continues, an active grain movement will set in at once.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Listed mining shares were inactive on Toronto stock exchange to-day. War Eagle stood at \$1.50; Virtue at 50; Golden Star at 2½ to 2¾, and Republic at 7½ to 7¾.

New York, Oct. 9.—Money on call, firm at 3 to 3½; last loan, 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 to 5½ per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, then easy at 4.84 to 4.84½ for demand, and at 4.80½ for sixty days. Posted rates, 4.81½ to 4.83½. Commercial bills, 4.79½ to 4.80½. Bar silver, 75½c. Mexican dollars, 50½c. Government bonds weak.

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Oct. 8, 1900.
There are no changes in the market this week. The gradual falling off in the bank clearings for the past month, show that there is not the same volume of business being done this year as in the same period of 1899, while the closing of navigation in the north, and the consequent stopping of Klondike shipments from Vancouver has also affected trade. Business seems on a pretty healthy basis, however, there being no serious failures to chronicle recently, except in the wholesale clothing line. In this line, however, a large stock thrown on the market, on Cordova street, in the close vicinity of old established, conservative firms has caused considerable heart burning.

The agricultural fairs held in different parts of the province this season have been, on the whole, very successful, while the industrial displays and the fruit exhibits were inferior to other years, the vegetable exhibit was quite up to the best exhibits that have been made, and the cattle and poultry displays helped out by American exhibitors, were far ahead of other years, and in the words of President Trapp, of the Westminster Agricultural association, as good as could be seen anywhere on the Pacific coast. The Westminster provincial fair was more largely attended than ever before, and on the day the Westminster and Winnipeg lacrosse teams crossed sticks over 12,000 people passed the turn stiles, and 9,000 witnessed the lacrosse game.

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.

(By wire to The Commercial.)

Oats have advanced \$1 per ton, and hog products are advancing. Manitoba eggs are ½c higher. Potatoes are lower. Peaches, plums and prunes, in green fruits are out of the market.

GRAIN—Oats, \$26 per ton; wheat, \$27. **FLOUR**—Delivered in C. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.40; strong lake, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

FEED—National mill chaffs, \$24 per ton, bran, \$18, shorts, \$20, oil cake meal, \$35 ton, f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—1st ton, \$12.
MEAL—Rolled oats, 90 lb sack, \$2.60; two 45 lb sacks, \$2.70; four 22½ lb sacks, \$2.90. Ten 7 lb sacks, \$2.50. Oatmeal in 10 lb sacks, per 100 lb, \$1.25; in 50 lb sacks, \$3.00 per 100 lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$3.75 per 100 lb; butchers' cows, \$3 per 100 lb; sheep, \$4.50 per 100 lb; lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50 each; hogs, \$4.50 per 100 lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 7½c; mutton, 10 to 10½c; pork, 8 to 9c; veal, 11c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, 65c per pair; grouse, \$1 per pair; venison, 8c.

CURED MEATS—Ham, 14½ to 15c; breakfast bacon, 15 to 15½c; backs, 13½c; long clear, 12c; rolls, 12½ to 13c; smoked sides, 12½c.

LARD—Tins, 12 to 12½c per lb; palis, 11½c; tubs, 10½c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 30c; Manitoba creamery, 24 to 24½c; fresh dairy, 19 to 19½c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 35c; Manitoba eggs, 21c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 13½ to 14c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Fraser Valley \$1.25 to \$1.60 per ton. Ashcroft potatoes, \$1.75 to \$1.75 per ton; silver skin onions, 12c per lb; California onions, 13c per lb.

FRUIT—Flowers, 3c; apples, 5c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 6c; sole, 6c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 8c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen.

GREEN FRUITS—Pomegranates, \$1.75; lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.50; pears, \$1.60; tomatoes, 80c. California apples, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box; guavas, \$1.25 box, sweet potatoes, 2½c lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Apricots, 11c; peaches, 10c; dried plums, 12½ to 13c; prunes, French, 5 to 10c; London layer raisins, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; Muscatel raisins, 2 crown, 8c; 3 crown, 8½c; 4 crown, 9c; dates, 6c; black figs, 6c; white figs, 9c; layer figs, 10 lb box, \$1.45; all-royer prunes, 9c; quartered pears, 11½ to 12c; half pears, 12½ to 13c; nectarines, 14c; Valencia raisins, 7½c; sultanas, 11½ to 14c; blackberries, 15c; raspberries, 25c; seeded raisins, 10c.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 15c per lb; coconuts, 90 to \$1.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 7½c; Paris lump, 6½c; granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows, 5c; yellow, 4½c per lb.

SYRUPS—2 gal. barrel, 2½ lb, 10 gal. keg, 23c; 5 gal. tin, \$1.75 each, 1 gal. tin, \$4.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tin, \$3.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congoo, fair, 11½c; good, 12c; choice, 20c; Ceylon and India, fair, 20c.

RICES—Chinese rice, \$4 ton, Japan rice, \$5 to \$4 ton; tapioca, 5c; sago, 5c.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.35; peas, \$1.10; tomatoes, \$1.25.
HAIRWARE—Bar iron—base, \$3.00. Horse shoe nails, discount, 40 per cent; horse shoes, kegs, \$5.25. Wire nails—base price, \$4.10, cut \$3.60. Rope, Manila, 16c. Rolloed oil, \$1.10. White lead, \$9. Putty, \$3.50. Barbed wire, \$4.75 per 100 lb. Glass, first break, \$5.

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, Oct. 13.

Butter—Manitoba creamery, 23 and 24c, choice dairy, 18c.

Cheese—New cheese, 13½c. Eggs—Fresh Manitoba, 20c for choice. Ontario fresh 22c.

Oats—Per ton, \$32. Millfeed—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.00. Hay—New, per ton, \$23.

Potatoes—New, \$17 per ton.

British Columbia Notes.

S. F. Quinlivan, contractor, Cascade, has assigned.

The Cariboo Lumber Co., Clinton, has assigned.

Wm. M. Lawrence, hardware, Revelstoke, has assigned.

R. Tait has taken over the Badminton hotel, Vancouver.

Jacob Terriss, grocer, Nanaimo, was burned out on Sunday morning last.

A party of 70 coal miners have arrived from Scotland to work at the Dunsmuir mines.

Wm. Hunter has purchased the stock of the Western Mercantile Co., Ltd., general merchants, Nelson.

The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending October 2 were \$389,070; balances, \$160,878.

The new station for the inspection of fruit trees from the United States is to be established at Vancouver.

The Yale-Columbia Lumber Co. has started its mill at Robson working and is cutting about 40,000 feet a day.

John Tobin & Co., wholesale tea merchants, Vancouver, have assigned. The business will be continued by Thorne & Co.

Last week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette notes the registration of the Pierce Gold Mining Co., of Whatecom, (extra-provincial), with British Columbia headquarters at Chilliwack, the incorporation of the Clara Belle Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd., and the Rossland Co-operative Association, Ltd., and the licensing as extra-provincial companies, of the Portland (Rossland) Mines, Ltd., and the Velvet (Rossland) Mines, Ltd.

It is announced that the Mackintosh Syndicate, of which Hon. C. H. MacKintosh is chairman, has acquired the rights of the Slave Lake Power Co., and that steps will be taken immediately to utilize this power. Slave river, which is the only outlet of Slave lake, is 36 miles east of Vancouver. On this river there are two falls, each of which, it is estimated, would furnish from 16,000 to 18,000 horse-power. This will prove a boon to Vancouver and New Westminster, as from this plant power can be furnished at a much less cost than at present, and a more satisfactory service given.

Cheese Markets.

Campbellford, Oct. 9.—At the cheese market to-day 1,445 cheese were boarded. Brenton took 255, Watkins 260, Cook 250, Hodgson Bros. 480, Kerr 120; all sold at 10 to 15-16c.

Ingersoll, Oct. 9.—Offerings, 1,805 boxes, no sales, 10½c highest bid; salesmen easing off some in their ideas, but there still appears to be considerable difference between them and the buyers.

Messrs. Hodgson Bros., Liverpool, in their report of September 29, say: The demand has ruled moderate, but with steady cables holders have been firm in their ideas of value of strictly finest qualities, and the market is about unchanged on the week. We quote: Finest Canadian colored, 51s to 53s, white, 53s 6d to 54s 6d. States colored, 53s 6d to 54s 6d; white, 52s 6d to 53s 6d, second grades in light supply sell readily from 46s to 51s per cwt.

J. Turnbull, cashier of the Bank of Hamilton, arrived in Winnipeg on Wednesday on a tour of inspection.

It was stated at Montreal this week that sales of Canadian cattle in both Liverpool and London have been made of late at prices which showed a loss of from \$7 to \$15 per head.