

## - BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Oct. 9.

Vancouver's clearing house returns fell below the million mark for the first time in many weeks for the six days ending Oct. 4th, they were \$956,948; balances, \$210,756. The Water street jobbing houses have been very busy during the week. They report money easy and prices advancing. Ontario butter is about out of the market, having advanced so high in the east that it cannot be laid down here and sold in competition with the Manitoba article. It is understood that the reason of the advance is that orders up to June next have been received from England. The Manitoba butter now in the market is selling at 25 cents, but when the present stock runs out it must be advanced in price. The fact must not be lost track of, that butter can be kept fresh and sweet for a comparatively long time in the cold storage compartments so convenient for the jobber in Vancouver. Dairy is increasing in price in sympathy with creamery. In the vegetable market potatoes are being bought up on speculation. Last year at this time they were very cheap and advanced rapidly in price. Some dealers anticipating the same occurrence this year had purchased so freely as to give potatoes an artificial value for the time being. Oranges are in, the first of the season, and are quoted high in price. In the food market, hay is still advancing, being \$14 in Vancouver, and \$20 in Peniteton, and outlying points. Meats are stiffening in price.

## 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, Vancouver, Oct. 14.

The market is firm for dairy products, which are held at outside prices. Eggs are 1c higher for eastern. Local fresh are bringing fancy prices. Veal and mutton are higher. Cured meats are higher.

**BUTTER**—Manitoba creamery, 25c. Manitoba dairy, 20c.

**EGGS**—Fresh local, 40 to 50c per doz. as to quality, eastern eggs, 22c.

**CHEESE**—13c.

**GREEN FRUIT**—Oranges, \$4.75 to \$5 per box; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.25; peaches, 95c; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.60 to \$1.75 box; prunes, \$1.25 box; pears, \$2.00; bananas, \$2.85 bunch. These prices are for imported. British Columbia fruits are quoted as follows: Plums, 50 to 75c per box; green gages, 50c per box; apples, \$1 to \$1.50 box.

**MEAL**—Rolled oats, 90 lb. sack, \$2.30; two 45 lb. sacks, \$2.60; four 22 1/2 lb. sacks, \$2.60; ten 7 lb. sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal, in 10 lb. sacks, per 100 lbs. \$3.25. In 50 lb. sacks, \$3 per 100 lbs.

**FLOUR**—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.50; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

**GRAIN**—Oats, new, \$20 per ton; wheat, \$22 for new.

**CURED MEATS**—Hams, 14 1/2 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2 to 14c; backs, 12 1/2 to 13c; long clear, 10c; short rolls 12 to 12 1/2c; smoked sides, 11c.

**LARD**—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 1/2c.

**FISH**—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; mackerels 7c; cod 6c per lb.

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes, \$16 ton; cabbage 11-2c per lb.; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 ton; red onions, 1c per lb.; silverskins, 2c; tomatoes, \$2 per box; cucumbers, \$2 per box.

**GROUND FEED**—National mill chop, \$25 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20; off cake meal \$35 ton; l.o.b. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

**HAY**—New hay, \$14; old, \$10 per ton.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef, 7 to 8c; mutton, 11c; pork, 9 1/2c; veal, 12 1/2c per lb.

**LIVE STOCK**—Steers, \$4 per 100 lbs.; cows, \$3.50; sheep, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.; hogs, \$7 per 100 lbs.

**POULTRY**—Chickens, \$6 per dozen.

**EVAPORATED FRUITS**—Apples 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 5 to 7 1/2c per lb; loose mixed fruit raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.00 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1/2c lb.

**NUTS**—Almonds 13c; filberts 12 1/2c; pennuts 10c; Brazil 12 1/2c; walnuts 13c lb.

**SUGAR**—Powdered, icing and fat, 6 3/4c; Paris lump 6 1/4c; granulated 5 1/2c; extra C. 4 5/8c; fancy yellow 4 1/2c; yellow 4 3/8c lb.

**SYRUPS**—30 gallon barrels, 21-1c lb. 10 gallon kegs 23-1c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tin \$4.50 case of 10 1/2 gal. tin \$3.25 case of 20.

**TEAS**—Congo, Fair, 11 1/2c good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c.

## PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 14.

The weather has been fine and business is good. The dairy market is firm and prices are higher all around. Creamery butter 1c higher, choice dairy 1c higher, cheese 1-2c higher this week. Potatoes are \$2 per ton higher and oats \$1 a ton higher.

**Butter**—Manitoba fresh creamery, 23 to 24c; choice dairy butter, 19c.

**Cheese**—14 1/2c.

**Eggs**—Fresh eastern 21c per doz.

**Oats**—Per ton, \$33.

**Flour**—Manitoba patent, per bbl., \$5.00.

**Potatoes**—Per ton, \$20.

## British Columbia Items.

M. Powers, saloon, Victoria, is dead. F. D. McLenna, hotel, Vancouver, has sold out.

M. S. Logan, dry goods, Rossland, has assigned.

G. Poo's general store, Duncan City, is out of business.

J. Horner, dry goods, Vancouver, has admitted R. J. Myles as partner.

Martin Bros., hardware, Rossland, are opening a branch at Phoenix.

Beatty & Co., fruit and provisions, Victoria, have moved to Vancouver.

Montgomery & McDonald Co., general store, Nelson, has been incorporated.

J. Liskov, men's furnishings, Greenwood, is opening a branch at Phoenix.

Mrs. L. A. Jackson, groceries, etc., Victoria; stock advertised for sale by auction.

E. Harris & Co., general store, Brooklyn, are reported burned out; stock insured, \$600.

Very fine samples of British Columbia hops have been shown in eastern markets this year.

Estate of Jos. Sheensgreen, men's furnishings, Vancouver, stock sold to T. R. Cuthbertson & Co.

Daily Globe Printing and Publishing Co., Victoria; sheriff's sale by tender of plant advertised.

The Club hotel, Britannia hotel, Grand Central hotel, Railroad hotel, and two or three other houses were burned at Cascade City on Sept. 30.

The Vancouver Clerk's Union is conducting a vigorous campaign against

the stores which are ignoring the early closing rule in that city with every prospect of success.

As a result of the advance in meat prices, the restaurant-keepers of several up-country towns are considering the advisability of advancing the price of meals 10 cents.

The British Columbia provincial exhibition was declared open at New Westminster on Tuesday by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture.

The provincial fair at Westminster this year was very successful so much so as to lead Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, to remark at length on the excellence of the display.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is opening a general store at Sharnwood, B. C., on the Crow's Nest Pass road, where a coal mine is being developed by the company. Wm. De Garnette will be manager.

Following items are reported from Vancouver: J. L. Barwick, wood, coal sold out by the sheriff. Brown & Hughes, plumbers, have dissolved. W. A. Brown continues. F. Foulert, hotel and brewery, has sold out his hotel to Jas. Seaton.

Fairhaven, on Puget Sound, claims to have enjoyed its biggest salmon run this year, one trap, taking no less than 60,000 sockeye salmon. During the winter the fisheries of Fairhaven propose to catch and utilise all kinds of the finny tribe. Cod, herring, smelts, mackerel and sardines are all to be packed.

La Page, of liquid glue fame, is at the head of a company who have purchased their machinery and are erecting a factory on Howe Sound, B. C. for the manufacture of glue and oil from the unctuous dog fish, that can be obtained without restrictions in millions for the catching. R. J. Leekie, of Toronto, is another prominent member of the company.

John Parson, of the Parson's Produce Company, has just returned from Dawson. He complains that trade is much cut up in Klondike. That there are too many in the business. Prices are cut dreadfully and matters are not much improved by free-lance traders floating scow loads of supplies along the water ways and selling them at less than those who are paying rent, etc., can afford to do.

The following are the losses reported by the recent fire at Cascade: C. J. Eckstrom, hotel; loss \$2,000; insurance \$1,000. Flood & McDonald, hotel; loss \$1,000; insurance \$1,500. Francis & Milne, groceries, cigars, etc., loss \$1,000; no insurance. J. Langley, tailor, Nelson, Olson & Bergman, hotel; loss \$5,500; insurance \$1,000. C. H. May, hotel; loss \$2,800; no insurance. V. F. Quinnivan, hotel, loss \$3,000; no insurance. Oscar Strenstrom, hotel, loss \$3,400; no insurance. B. F. Van-cleve, hotel; loss \$1,500; no insurance.

Notice is given of the incorporation of new companies, as under: British Columbia Trust company, of Vancouver, capital, \$50,000; Canterbury Townsite company, of Rossland, capital, \$100,000; Greenwood Steam Laundry company, of Greenwood, capital, \$5,000; Sovereign Gold Mining company, of Rossland, capital \$1,500,000; Pacific Coast Power company, of Victoria capital, \$5,000; Slave Lake Power company, of Vancouver, capital, \$1,000,000; Hobbs Development and Extension Coal Land company, of Victoria, capital, \$10,000; Empire Mining company, of Kimberley, capital, \$500,000.