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## TRADE AND COMMERCE

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**Tuesday Morning, April 24.**

VICTORIA.

There is about the same feeling in wholesale circles as for some time past. The principle houses are doing a conservative trade. Reports are to the effect that trade is generally quiet throughout the provincial districts. Buying cannot be said to be heavy, for the reason that credits are being more restricted and goods sold on closer time than has been the custom in this Province for some years past. Wholesalers are getting more particular whom they sell to, and, while reliable and enterprising merchants are given every assistance, the other class are closely watched by their creditors. Wholesalers are not carrying as large stocks as formerly, because of the slow demand from the retail trade. The importation of heavy goods from the United Kingdom continues steady. A large cargo was received by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., (L'td), last week, by the ship Benmore, from Liverpool. There are also four large vessels now on the way from the United Kingdom with general cargo—one from Liverpool, and three from London. The agents of transcontinental railways complain that the amount of freight this year coming west is quite small because wholesalers will not stock up. It is satisfactory to note that the imports by water are keeping up to previous seasons. Collections are slow, and ready money is said to be scarce.

The Vancouver *News-Advertiser* says: "Business continues very fair, though there is no rush in any line, and retailers are still keeping their stocks as low as possible. Collections are fair. Preparations for the canning season are now being made, and supplies are being shipped in large quantities to the Northern canneries. Though the pack is not expected to be as large as last year, it should be a good one, and, despite the depressed condition of the salmon market, the money will soon commence to circulate. One indication of the state of trade is the large number of vessels that have arrived during the past few months with general cargoes from

England. The number has far exceeded that of previous years, and this shows in a clear manner that the trade of the Province is steadily increasing, despite all cries of dull times. In wholesale lines, trade continues steady, and prices remain for the most part firm. The Australian butter which was received here by the Arawa has been nearly all sold, and California roll is now chiefly supplying the local market. That has again declined in price, and is now quoted at 23 cents per lb., though California creamery fetches 26 cents, Manitoba dairy being held at 23 cents. Lined eggs have further declined, and are now held at 10 cents. This drop is due to large receipts of fresh eggs, which are offered at 13 cents."

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Oranges are a little higher than last week, owing to the advancing prices in the California auction market. Navels are about 25c higher than last week. The well known Rose brand of Redland navels are quoted from \$3.75 to \$4.25 per case. There are numbers of packages of low grade seedlings which are sold away below regular quotations. The standard brands command good figures. Lemons are quoted 50c a case lower than last week. New Orleans bananas are also in fair supply at 25c less a bunch than previous quotations. Onions are getting scarce, and are held firm at quotations. California asparagus is quoted at \$1.75 to \$2.00 per box.

Jobbers' quotations for fruits are as follows :—

Oranges—California navels.....	3 50 @	4 25
"          seedlings....	2 75 @	3 00
Lemons—California.....	3 25 @	4 00
Bananas—New Orleans.....	2 75 @	0 00
Apples.....	bxs 1 50 @	1 75
Cocoanuts.....	per 100 8 00 @	9 00

**Vegetables are quoted :**

Potatoes.....	per ton	20 00 @ 25 00
Onions—Silverskins...	per lb	41 @
Cabbage. . . . .	per lb	13 @ 2
Asparagus.....	per box	1 75 @ 2 00

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The California butter market is reported as strong and advancing. Local jobbers' prices are 1c stronger than last week. Case eggs are quoted at 10c per dozen. The British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. advise that their price list, published on

page 10 of this paper, is applicable to lots of not less than 10 lbs., or equal. They guarantee their absolute purity and superiority to any others in the market.

**Jobbers quote :**

Valencia raisins.....	per lb	\$ 7	@	\$ 0
Malaga raisins.....	per box	3 00	@	3 25
Currents (barrels)....	per lb	5	@	51
" half bbls.....	per lb	5	@	6
" (cases).....	per lb	5½	@	7½
Sultana raisins.....	per lb	8	@	10
Taragon almonds.....	per lb	11	@	18
Greenville walnuts.....	per lb	14	@	18
Filberts.....	per lb	11½	@	14

Dairy produce is quoted :

Butter—Eastern Creamery, tubs.....		
Manitoba dairy.....	00	@ 00
California creamery.....	26	@ 26
California rolls.....		@ 27
Cheese—Canadian, lb.....	13	@ 14
California.....	15	@ 16
Eggs, pickled, case, per doz.....	10	@ 00

Smoked meats and lard are quoted :

Hams .....	131	@ 14
Breakfast bacon .....	14	@ 15
Short rolls .....	11	@ 12
Dry Salt, long clear .....	101	@ 11
Backs .....	131	@ 13
Pure Lard, 20lbs, pails .....	14	@ 14
" " 10lbs, tins .....	14	@ 14
" " 5lbs " .....	14	@ 15
" " 3lbs " .....	14	@ 15
Lard Compound, 10lbs .....	11	@ 00
" " 20lbs .....	11	@ 00
" " 5lbs .....	11	@ 00
" " 3lbs .....	11	@ 00

Sugar—Jobber's prices  $\frac{1}{2}$ -barrels and kegs in each case being  $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher:

Dry Granulated (China).....	43
Extra C, China.....	43
Australian Granulated.....	44
Dry Granulated (B. C. Refinery).....	42
Extra C.....	43
Fancy Yellow.....	44
Yellow.....	44
Golden C.....	
Cubes.....	58
Powdered.....	62
Syrups, per lb.....	3
" 1 gal. tins, American (10).....	5 50
" 1 " " " (16).....	5 25
" 1 " " " Vancouver.....	5 50
" 1 1/2 " " " ".....	7 00

Jobbers' quotations for Armour Packing Company's brands per lb.:

Helmet brand sugar cured hams, medium	0 16
" " " heavy	0 15
" " breakfast bacon	0 16 1/2
Fancy Gold Band hams.....	0 17 1/2
" " breakfast bacon....	0 17 1/2
White Label pure leaf lard, tierces.....	0 14
" " " 50-lb ins.....	0 14 1/2
" " " 20-lb ".....	0 14 1/2
" " " 10-lb ".....	0 14 1/2
" " " 5-lb ".....	0 14 1/2
" " " 3-lb ".....	0 14 1/2
Lard compound (tierces).....	0 11 1/2

**FLOUR AND FEED.**

There has been an advance of 10c in the quotation for Snowflake flour at Portland, which, according to advices received Monday, is now \$2.50 per bbl. Local quotations are strong in sympathy. Recent advices say that wheat is very uncertain, but is advancing. Consequently all mill-stuffs, bran, shorts, etc., are held firmer by local jobbers. Local prices of California chop feed have been advanced, in sympathy with the advance of \$3 per ton in San Francisco last week. Stock has just been received at the advanced purchase price. Manitoba Hungarian flour is still steady in price but is reported as stiffening. There may be a stiff advance in sympathy with the rising market for American flours, for it has been openly