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The Local Markets

Cowichan and Victoria creameries have reduced the prices of their butters from 45 cents to 40 cents. This change has been expected for some little time. There is a good deal of butter being made and the outside demand is not very great. Fourteen-pound boxes are not being put up through the summer months, as there is little demand for them at this time of year.

There has been some little time been a stiffening of the price of hams, and this has at last resulted in an all-round advance of two cents, making the retail selling price now 27 cents a pound. It is not at all improbable that the price of this commodity may go even higher.

Apples are scarce, and the best are now retailing at \$2.75 a box. They are not to be had on the market very much longer, but very soon after the last year's are off, the early fruit from California begins to come in.

The prices of the naval oranges are now in and the prices are stiffening somewhat. The wholesale price on these has advanced about 60 cents a case.

Rhubarb is getting cheaper, but there is not much change in other articles of food.

Eggs remain at 30 cents, and the grocers are well stocked with a quantity of eggs. There is no demand from the logging camps and the northern trade has hardly commenced yet, so that the tendency is for the eggs to get cheaper rather than the other way.

Prince Rupert starts and the construction work gets in full swing there will be a much greater demand and the prices will soon rise.

The retail prices are as follows: Asparagus, new, 12 1/2 @ 15; Rhubarb, 4 lbs., 25; Cauliflower, per lb., 11; Cabbage, per lb., 10; New Potatoes, per lb., 6 1/2; Lettuce, each, 4; Spinach, per lb., 6 1/2; Onions (Cal.), per lb., 6 1/2; Spinach, per lb., 6 1/2; Artichokes, per lb., 12 1/2; Carrots, per lb., 15; Hams (B.C.), per lb., 22; Hams (R.C.), per lb., 25; Bacon (American), per lb., 25; Bacon (rolled), per lb., 19 1/2; Bacon (long clear), per lb., 20; Beef, per lb., 19; Mutton, per lb., 19; Lamb, hindquarter, 12 1/2; Lamb, forequarter, 12 1/2; Veal, per lb., 12; Suet, per lb., 15; Fresh Island Eggs, 30; Best Family Butter, 30; Lard, per lb., 27; Hungarian Flour, Ogilvie's Royal Household, 2.00; Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl., 7.75; Lake Woods, per bbl., 7.75; Okanagan, per sack, 8.00; Bannockburn, per sack, 7.75; Corsett, of Madison, Wis., G. O. Linder, Moose Jaw, per sack, 1.75; Moose Jaw, per sack, 1.75; Excelsior, per sack, 2.00; Excelsior, per bbl., 7.75; Hudson's Bay, per sack, 2.00; Hudson's Bay, per sack, 2.00; Enderby, per sack, 2.00; Enderby, per bbl., 7.75; Snowflake, per bbl., 1.75; O. K. Best Pastry, per sack, 1.75; O. K. Best Pastry, per sack, 1.75; O. K. Four Star, per sack, 1.75; O. K. Four Star, per sack, 1.75; Drifted Snow, per bbl., 6.50; Wheat, per ton, 35.00; Oats, per ton, 30.00; Barley, per ton, 30.00; Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lb. sack, 2.25; Cracked Corn, 10 lb. sack, 1.25; Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 10 lb. sack, 2.25; Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 25-lb. sack, 4.50; Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack, 2.25; Rolled Wheat, 10 lb. sack, 2.25; Black Cod, 10 lb. sack, 2.25; Wheat Flakes, per packet, 40; Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lb. sack, 2.25; Graham Flour, 10 lb. sack, 1.60; Hay (baled), new, per ton, 20.00; Middlings, per ton, 22.00; Bran, per ton, 22.00; Shorts, per ton, 24.00; Salmon (spring), per lb., 12 1/2; Salmon (smoked), 12; Halibut (smoked), 12; Crab, 10; Smelt, per lb., 10; Founders, 10; Codfish, 10; Rock Cod, 10; Prawns, per lb., 25; Finnan Haddies, per lb., 12 1/2; Walnuts, 25; Chestnuts, 25; Coconut, each, 10; Apples, per box, 2.00; Oranges (navel), per doz., 25; Raisins, seeded, new, 25; Sultana Raisins, per lb., 12 1/2; Currants, new, 25; Figs (Cal.), cooking, 25; Figs (Smyrna), 25; Almonds, shelled (Valencia), 25; Almonds, shelled (Gordale), 25; Apricots, dried, 25; Peaches, dried, 25; Prunes, dried, 25; Pratts' Coal Oil, 1.25; Eocene, 1.75; Granulated Sugar, 1.25; Carrots, per 100 lbs., 1.00; Bananas, per bunch, 1.25.

AMERICANS BUY ANOTHER MINE IN B. C.

The Queen Property at Salmo Passes into Hands of Wisconsin Syndicate.

Nelson, May 5.—The Queen mine at Salmo has been sold to an American syndicate. The deed was signed yesterday, on behalf of a syndicate of Wisconsin people, by A. D. Westby, who has negotiated the deal; E. V. Buckley, of Alma, Wis.; G. J. Corsett, of Madison, Wis.; G. O. Linder, of Oso, Wis.; and J. Cannon, of Merrill, Wis. in the same state. The purchasers will go to work at once.

The owner, William Waldie, of Nelson, gets \$25,000, \$50,000 being paid down and the remainder to be paid at the end of 30 months. In the meantime the purchasers will pay 15 per cent. of the mine and smaller returns to the vendors, the amount thus accruing to be instalments upon the purchase price. But Mr. Waldie has not forgotten his men who have been working under him for so many years. The deal falls through and the property reverts if the payments fall in arrears, or if the mine is closed down for a period of 60 days. The property is being opened up by a force of 25 men, and a mill of ten stamps is in constant operation. On the railway siding, awaiting the opening of the roads, are ten more stamps, which will bring the capacity of the mills from 185 to close to 400 tons a week.

It is twelve years since the mine was located. It has not, however, been worked continuously from that date. There have been many vicissitudes. Six years ago it was leased and twelve months later Mr. Waldie took hold of the property and has worked it since then. Mr. Waldie was originally a lumberman and five years ago knew nothing of mining. He has learned and has spent money in learning. He has been a failure in other lines, but now, however, go back to his old love and is taking up lumbering again. He is interested in the Sunset Mills, a new company which has just acquired timber on Vancouver Island. In this he will be joined by another Nelson man, Fred Wolverson. Mr. Waldie, however, purposes to make his home for the future in this city.

North Vancouver to Have Militia Corps. Thirty Men, Some South African Veterans, Signify Willingness to Join.

North Vancouver, May 5.—At an enthusiastic meeting of North Vancouver's able-bodied citizens last night thirty young men decided to strike for their hearts and homes and possibly become food for powder by joining a militia corps.

Colonel Boutebue, of the Sixth Regiment, was invited to attend the meeting, which was held in the municipal hall, and Councilman Tom Nye, a South African veteran, presided, being supported by Alex. Philip, clerk of the municipality. There was a difference of opinion as to what arm of the service the new company should identify itself with. A number of light artillery enthusiasts, pointing out the good work it could do and the excellent opportunities for firing at sea targets from the surrounding hills.

Another section wished for a "foot-patrol" or infantry company, and eventually Messrs. Nye, Stoney, Smith, Lawson and Martinson were appointed a committee to take the matter up with Colonel Holmes, and upon his recommendation will be the branch of the service he decided. There will be no difficulty in getting the men, and quite fifty per cent. of those present at last night's meeting had seen service for various periods, going from an parole officer, delivered an interesting address on the working of the system which permits good conduct prisoners to be released at the expiration of two-thirds of their sentence on parole.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK IN CROW'S NEST PASS

Pacific Coal Company Busily Engaged Constructing Plant at Hosmer.

Nelson, May 5.—Latest reports from Fernie say that industrial conditions in the Crow's Nest Pass, though not in a flourishing condition, are showing a slight and hopeful tendency towards improvement. At the Coal Creek mines there is still a considerable number of men out of employment, but at the Michel colliery it is probable that the company will this week have places for many of the miners who unfortunately have lately been idle, and the pay roll at that place will be materially increased.

Great activity prevails at Hosmer, where the Pacific Coal Company is busily engaged in the construction of its plant and development of the mines, and where the erection of numerous houses and stores is rapidly being carried on. The building trade in Fernie is also in a healthy condition, there being enough of contracts in sight at the present time to keep the men fully occupied till the fall, and there is a strong probability that the government will improve this already satisfactory state of affairs by commencing the erection of the armory for the Kootenay Rifles, which has been promised. Altogether the prospects for the summer season are decidedly bright.

Athletic Club is Looking for Grounds. Albemarle to Enter Cricketing and Baseball Arena—Visitors at Townsite.

Alberni May 5.—A general meeting of the Athletic and Social club was held in the hall on Saturday night. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the finances of the club were in fair condition having a balance on hand after paying the rent of the hall for the last six months and all other expenses in connection with the winter work. The secretary and treasurer were appointed a committee to ascertain where and on what terms a suitable field could be obtained in the vicinity of the town with a view of inaugurating a cricket club and possibly also a baseball club.

Liberals to Meet. A meeting of the Liberal Association is called for this week at the rooms above the bank building.

The Area Belle. A concert in aid of the Vicarage fund of the Church of England will be held on the 7th inst., in Brand's hall. A comedy will also be put on entitled, "The Area Belle. The parts will be sustained by the amateur theatrical talent of the district.

Alberni Frontiersmen. A proposal is on foot to form a local "command" of the Frontier League. There are a number of men here well qualified to join.

Argvivals in Town. J. Redford arrived in town on Saturday with another carload of fat cattle from Calgary. Among recent arrivals is P. Bate from Vancouver who has taken the place, as cashier in the Royal Bank of Canada, recently vacated by W. R. Mitchell, transferred to Nanaimo. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garrow who have spent the winter in England arrived on Saturday by motor car from Nanaimo. Mrs. J. R. Burde who has been visiting her friends in Westminster and Vancouver returned on Friday night. Mrs. Burdette Garrard of Clayoquot has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Dr. Watson. She returned to Clayoquot on the Tees on Friday night.

DAN SAVOY HAD A HARD TIME

WELL KNOWN HUNTER DISGUSTED WITH ALASKA

The Prospects He Says Are Not Bright in the North.

Dan Savoy, trapper, hunter, scout and prospector of Cowichan Lake, returned this morning from Valdez via Seattle, suffering from the first illness he has ever known in his life. When seen at the Dominion hotel he was complaining of the aftermath of an attack of pneumonia caught on the trip up from Valdez.

Mr. Savoy left for the north a few weeks ago with the intention of spending the summer prospecting in the interior, but on arrival at Valdez he found five feet of snow on the ground. Nothing daunted he started on the trip into the interior making fifty miles in two days, but finally owing to the severity of the weather he was compelled to abandon his pack and return as quickly as he could travel. The present time up there on the coast, he said, is the worst time he ever saw in the country. There is plenty of food there. They are complaining, but there are hundreds of men out of work and idle around Valdez, and higher up, while reports of hardships are daily coming in telling that conditions all over the north are as bad as here.

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Robbers recently entered the cathedral of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Petersburg, which contains the tombs of the Russian Emperors, and carried away the enormous sum of the fortune of Georgerievsk in Poland, which was placed as a trophy on the tomb of the late Emperor Constantine, son of the late Emperor Paul I.

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