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TRADE AND COMMERCE.

COMMERCIAL JOURNAL OFFICE,
'Tuesday Morning, August 11.

VICTORIA.

Reports from all leading points in the Province do not tell of anything remarkably active or momentous. If there is a period during the entire year when we do not expect great things, and are consequently not disappointed, it is the present season. Never in the history of Victoria have so many contracts for buildings of an extensive character been in active movement. Bankers report very favorably of the manner in which the paper that matured on the 4th was taken up.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

This trade is very brisk just now. In fact, the business may be said to be at its height for this season. The shipments received by San Francisco steamers are considerably larger than what was received the same time last year. The first shipment of apples grown in the district came down from Chilliwack last week. They were fairly well packed, and though a trifle green, gave promise of being succeeded by a heavy and good crop. Importations of potatoes are falling off as the local supply is coming in freely. Quotations are: Peaches, \$1.40; apricots, \$1.25 to \$1.40; pears, (bartlett), \$2.25 to \$2.50; plums, \$1.00 to \$1.25; grapes, (white), \$1.75; apples, (green), \$1.40; apples, (red astracan) \$1.00 to \$1.75; Riverside oranges, \$1.25 to \$1.50; California Messina lemons, \$5.50; bananas, \$3.25; cantilopes, \$6.50; nutmeg, melons, \$6.50; tomatoes, \$1.25; cucumbers, \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 5c. per lb

FLOUR AND FEED.

The recent rain has greatly improved the outlook for the grain and root crop. Hay is all in. The crop is a very fair one, but not as heavy as was expected.

Advices received from Winnipeg state

that the crops never promised better than at present. A couple of weeks of fine weather now is all that is required, and the biggest and best crop yet raised in the Northwest will be safely harvested.

Quotations are: Enderby flour, for carload lots, Premier, \$5.75; XXX., \$5.45; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5; Superfine, \$4.

Delta, Victoria mills	\$5 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills	6 00 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 70 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 0 00
Manitoba Hungarian.....	6 25 @ 6 35
Snowflake.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	6 25 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 90 @ 0 00
C & C	5 50 @ 0 00
Oregon Superfine.....	4 50 @ 0 00
Columbia Superfine X.	4 40 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	\$45 00 @ 50 00
Oats.....	35 00 @ 0 00
Oil cake meal.....	38 00 @ 40 00
Chop feed.....	37 50 @ 0 00
Short.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	26 00 @ 28 00
California oatmeal.....	4 65 @ 0 00
Rolled oats.....	4 75 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	5 25 @ 0 00
Tacoma rolled oats.....	4 80 @ 0 00
Cornmeal.....	3 00 @ 3 25
Cracked corn.....	50 00 @ 55 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote whole-sale :

Japan rice.	per ton....	\$90 00
China rice	"	70 00
Rice flour	"	70 00
Chit rice	"	25 00
Rice Meal	"	17 50

LUMBER.

The Hastings mills were again running last week, on account of having local orders to fill. They are also cutting 200,000 feet for shipment by steamer to Yokohama. The Leading Wind and Antonetta sailed from the Moodyville mills during the week, the former with a cargo for Mel-

bourne and the latter for Valparaiso. The Norwegian bark *Saga* goes on the berth at Moodyville to load for Australia. The situation of the foreign market is still depressed. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2. Local trade is being cut fine for business, competition is keen and dealers are cutting prices to get trade. The Rock Bay Saw Mill quotes:

Rough lumber, per M.....	\$12 00
Best quality dressed lumber, per M.....	20 00
Second " "	17 50
Laths, per M.....	2 50
Shingles, "	2 50
with a discount of 5 per cent. if paid with- in 30 days.	

SALMON.

A good portion of this season's pack has already been contracted for and from present indications it is exceedingly doubtful if the present contracts can be filled. The canneries on the Fraser have only made preparations to pack two-thirds as much as last year, but the indications are that only half of the cans prepared will be filled. The pack for the season, on the Fraser, is estimated will be about 85,000 cases. There was a very favorable run for a while last week, but it has again fallen off and it can be said that the sockeye run on the Fraser is practically over for the season. Cohoes are thick in the straits, and will reach the Fraser early in the week, but they will not be canned. On the Skeena, fishing has been fairly good this season, but the run ceased suddenly before all the cans were filled. It is expected the canneries there will average 11,000 cases each. From Rivers Inlet, former reports of a big run are confirmed, by late advices.