

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

Business for the past week has shown no improvement. The first part was fair, but toward the end trade fell off considerably owing to the excitement in regard to the smallpox scare.

The fruit importers have lost considerable on shipments lately received, in fact to such an extent that in some cases orders for future shipments have been cancelled, and in others greatly reduced. The druggists have been doing a rushing business in disinfectants, which will likely fall off, now that the authorities have got the disease under control.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of California fruit and vegetables from San Francisco, July 6:—For Victoria: 215 cs plums, 70 cs tomatoes, 112 bxs and drs cherries, 115 cs oranges, 439 cs peaches, 500 cs apricots, 138 cs pears, 213 bxs apples, 3 bxs pineapples, 21 cts bananas, 28 bxs cucumbers, 4 cs peppers, 103 sacks onions, 310 sacks potatoes; total, 2,291 packages. For Vancouver: 153 cs apricots, 230 cs peaches, 100 bxs apples, 94 cs plums, 68 cs pears, 28 bxs cherries, 24 cts bananas, 20 cs tomatoes, 3 cts cabbage, 1 ct cauliflower, 82 sacks onions, 1 cs peppers, 345 sacks potatoes; total, 1,093 packages. Grand total, 3,380 packages. The receipts by steamship Umatilla, July 11th, consisted of the following:—For Victoria: 78 cs oranges, 40 cts bananas, 150 bxs plums, 353 bxs cots, 171 bxs apples, 104 bxs pears, 60 bxs tomatoes, 175 bxs peaches, 6 bxs lemons, 6 bxs nectarines, 2 bxs grapes, 1 bx figs, 3 cts pineapples, 62 bxs cucumbers, 3 bxs peppers, 2 cts cabbage, 1 bx corn, 91 sacks onions, 250 sacks potatoes; 1,564 packages. For Vancouver: 5 bxs lemons, 85 bxs plums, 98 bxs apricots, 25 bxs tomatoes, 56 bxs apples, 29 bxs pears, 82 bxs peaches, 1 bx cucumbers, 12 cts bananas, 1 ct cauliflower, 12 sacks onions, 488 sacks potatoes; total, 894 packages. Grand total, 2,453 packages.

Apricots have dropped 25c a box. Peaches also have declined about 25c. Cucumbers are arriving in increased quantities and quoted at \$2.50 per box. Bartlett pears are now arriving, and in large boxes are quoted at \$2.50. California cherries are out of the market; they have been too ripe to ship by the last steamer. In oranges, Santa Barbara, Tahiti Seedlings are the best fruit on the market, and are quoted from \$4 to \$4.50 a box. Riverside seedlings being quoted from \$3 to \$3.50. There are no more navels or Mediterranean sweets.

Dealers report the fruit business dull. The demand has fallen off considerably during the past week and local importers are, in some cases, cancelling altogether, and others only ordering one-half their usual supply from San Francisco until the trade picks up again. Losses have been considerable to importers recently, on account of the lessened demand. Quotations are: Oranges—Santa Barbara, Tahiti seedlings, \$1 to \$1.50 per box; Riverside seedlings, \$3 to \$3.50; California lemons, \$5.50; Sicily lemons, \$7; bananas, \$3.50 to

\$3.75; cabbage, 2c per lb.; new potatoes, 1½c to 1½c per lb.; red California onions, 1½c per lb.; California silverskins, 1½c; pineapples, \$5 a doz.; coconuts, 90c a doz.; apricots, \$1.00 to \$1.25; plums, \$1.25 to \$1.35; peaches, \$1.35 to \$1.37½; pears, \$1.35 to \$1.50; do. Bartlett's, \$2.50; Red Astrakan apples, \$2; tomatoes, \$1.37½ to \$1.75; grapes, \$2.50; cucumbers, \$1.50 per box.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Trade is reported light, and all lines are steady at quotations, which are unchanged.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.40; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 25 @ 0 00
Lion, " "	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 75 @ 0 00
XXX., " "	5 55 @ 0 00
XX., " "	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, " "	4 25 @ 4 50
Ogilvie's Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 60 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian .	5 85 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 50 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 35 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	35 00 @ 40 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 32 50
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	25 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	30 0 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 85 @ 4 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice "	70 00
Rice flour "	70 00
Chit rice "	25 00
Rice Meal "	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

There were only 3 cases of California butter, amounting to 335 lbs., on the last two steamers from San Francisco, and the supply from that quarter can be said to have completely fallen off. Eastern creamery and Manitoba dairy are both coming forward freely. Creamery is held firm at quotations. The demand for Manitoba dairy is only for the choice makes, which sell at 19 @ 20c per lb. The inferior grades are sold as low as 10c, as there is no call for them. Quotations are: Manitoba creamery, 20½c; Manitoba dairy, 19c to 20c; Canadian cheese, 1½c; new California cheese, 16c; eggs, 15c.

The best quality of Canadian meats are quoted by local jobbers: Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15½c; long roll, 13½c; short roll, 13c; backs, 14½c; pure lard, 50 lbs, 13½c and 20 lbs, 13½c. The prices of ordinary Canadian meats are unchanged.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½@11½c; lard tins, 12½@13½c.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4½c.

SALMON.

The run of sockeye salmon has commenced on the Fraser River, but it is reported as being very light, with only a few boats out from each cannery. The run this season is expected to be light, being the off year, and canners may find it difficult to put up sufficient fish to supply orders already contracted for. Reports have been received from the northern rivers, and fishing is reported as being as good as last year. Fish are not so very plentiful in the Skeena, but are numerous near the mouth of the river, and the canners are satisfied with the season's prospects. McLellan's cannery has put 2,500 cases, Standard 2,500 cases, Skeena Packing Co. 2,000 cases. The canneries on the Skeena averaged 2,000 cases when last heard from. On July 9th the Barbara Boscowitz brought down the first of the season's pack, consisting of 2,100 cases, from the British-American and North Pacific canneries of the of the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co. on the Skeena River.

LUMBER.

Ship owners are holding for higher freight rates for Australian ports, but shippers do not seem willing to accede to their demands. Since last week the Hindostan, 1,543 tons, has arrived at Moodyville to load for Valparaiso on owner's account. The Palawan sailed for Iquique and the Leonor for Valparaiso on July 8th. The Colorado, now on the way from San Francisco, will probably load a cargo for South America. The Zebina Gowdy, 1,087 tons, has been chartered to load at Vancouver. There are three vessels, aggregating 2,088 tons, loading at British Columbia ports, all for Valparaiso. 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.

The Victoria Lumber Exchange quotes the following schedule of prices net at yard:

Rough merchantable lumber, per M.....	\$12 00
Double dressed and edged, per M.....	22 50
Single " " "	20 00
No. 1 tongue and groove flooring, 1 x 4.....	22 50
Rough deck plank.....	14 00
Laths, per M.....	2 25
Shingles, common, per M.....	2 25

Eight per cent on all accounts over 30 days standing.

The Empress of India sailed from Hong Kong July 9 and is due here July 30.

J. M. McLeod, etc., tobacconist and cigars, Victoria, has been closed by creditors.

Marshall Wilder Waitt, of M. W. Waitt & Co., booksellers, stationers, and music store, is dead.

Alex. M. Leitch, late of J. Earsman & Co., has opened in Victoria as manufacturers' agent and commission merchant, representing the McAlpine Tobacco Co., Toronto; Stanley & Bailey, wholesale grocers, Toronto; Niagara District Fruit Preserving Co., of St. Catharines, Ont.