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THE VICTORIA PRICES CURRENT AND SHIPPING LIST.

Vol. 3.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1865.

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We take great pleasure in recording a decided improvement in all branches of commerce connected with this city. Considerable sales for export consumption have been effected at fair prices, and the unusually protracted winter has doubtless reduced the stocks of all descriptions of goods to a very low ebb in British Columbia, and these must be replenished at whatever cost it may be to the consumers.

The "Domatila," which up to the present time has been trading between this port and the Sandwich Islands, is about to be placed in the China trade. She will load for the flowery land on her voyage, and the "Alberni" will replace her to the Sandwich Islands.

Our readers will be pleased to note in the above the docking of a new era for this port, and we may safely look forward to the time when our regular traders may be found in every quarter of the Pacific. In this we put forth no idle boast—our numerous and safe harbours, open throughout the year, our central position, our products and our climate, pre-eminently fit us for the great trading post of the Western World.

Governor Seymour has at last determined on opening up the route via Kamloops and Shuswap lakes to the great bend of the Colum-

bia. This is a step in the right direction, that will ultimately be productive of great result, but unfortunately too late to have much effect on the passenger trade. In the present season.

The most extraordinary reports as to the present and future prospects of New Westminster merchants for direct importations have been industriously circulated, representing us simply the ingenious stratagems of rival shopkeepers. All these absurdities, however, can only tend to place these gentlemen in a more ridiculous position, as they demonstrate the folly of their proceedings. Commerce has determinedly fixed upon Victoria as the mart whence the sister colony must draw her supplies, and any efforts on the part of needy speculators to divert the trade of this port, must only prove futile and destructive to themselves.

Our Legislature presents a favourable contrast to that of British Columbia. All measures that pass the House of Assembly are well considered and based on the general good; the consequence is, that however slow her progress may be, we are always advancing towards the great end of all good government—sound political economy. We would congratulate our neighbours if we could observe any tendency on their part to follow in our wake; but unhappily for the

sister colony her scattered population precludes the possibility of a fair representative government for the present.

The ship "Frigate Bird" was towed into Esquimalt Harbour yesterday from Port Gamble, W. T. We trust that this indicates the settlement of all the difficulties in which this fine vessel has so long been immersed, and that she will now proceed on her voyage.

In the sugar market prices are very firm, stocks in first hands are quite exhausted, though jobbers are well supplied. No supplies are looked for until the return of the "Domatila" in May.

No Auction Sales of any magnitude have taken place since our last, as buyers have been compelled to supply themselves from first hands.

In Flour and Grain prices still rule high, and stocks are not greater than what will be required for present consumption, owing to the enhanced values in Oregon and California. By the arrival of the "Kliza Anderson" today the quotation for best White by the ear is \$13 per bush, at San Francisco, and for Golden Gate, Commercial and Pioneer, \$18 is now demanded here, with \$16 for best Chile.

The last two or three trips of the Enterprise steamer to New Westminster have been highly profitable to the owners, as she has been crowded with miners, and others bound for Cariboo; the Fraser River being open to Yale.

The "John Stephenson" sailed for Australia with a cargo of lumber, from the Alberni mill. There is now no vessel at that place, and none expected for some time.

MONTHLY RETURN OF IMPORTS, To the Port of Victoria, V. I., for the Month ending March 31, 1865.

FROM ENGLAND.	
Wine, 22 cases	110
Brandy, 4 cases	450
Whisky, 8 cases	250
Tea, 40 boxes	400
Iron, 10 cases	400
Alum, 5 cases	200
Private Edibles, 6 cases	315
Champagne, 50 cases	400
Total	2041

FROM NEW ZEALAND.	
Wine, 2 cases	110
Whisky, 2 cases	450
Tea, 20 boxes	400
Iron, 10 cases	400
Alum, 5 cases	200
Private Edibles, 6 cases	315
Champagne, 50 cases	400
Total	2041

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.	
Wine, 2 cases	110
Whisky, 2 cases	450
Tea, 20 boxes	400
Iron, 10 cases	400
Alum, 5 cases	200
Private Edibles, 6 cases	315
Champagne, 50 cases	400
Total	2041

RATES OF EXCHANGE.	
London—60 days	\$5 1/2 Sterling
do. 30 days	\$5 1/4 do.
do. 15 days	\$5 1/4 do.
Say Singapore	4 per cent. premium
Canada and New Brunswick	1 per cent. premium
Nov Scotia	2 1/2 per cent. premium
New York	1 per cent. premium

Wholesale Prices Current.

ALL GOODS ARE DUTY FREE.

Machine and Sewing Machine

Patent Sewing Machine	20 00
Hand Sewing Machine	27 50

Shoes and Shoes.

Men's Long Wellingtons	33 1/2 per cent
Men's Boots	25 00
Children's Boots	15 00
Women's Boots	25 00

AMERICANS.

Men's Fall and Winter Boots	25 00
Men's Boots	25 00
Men's Boots	25 00

Building Material.

Bricks	10 00
Plaster	15 00
Wood	20 00
Iron	25 00

Candles

Sperm, Fresh	33 @ 35
French	24
Montreal	21

Canvases.

Canvas	33 1/2 per cent
Canvas	62 1/2

Coals.

Coal	6 50 @ 7 00
Coal	9 25

Coffee.

Coffee	23
Coffee	20

Flour and Twine.

Flour	0 24
Flour	0 14

Cotton Sewing Twine	37 1/2
Reps Twine	37 1/2
Sea Twine	40
Herring Twine	35

Crockery.

No description can be given.

Drugs.

Alum	50 6
Powder	1 25
Opium	2 25
Sulphuric Acid	10 00

Dry Goods.

Grey Calicoes	12 00
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Parasols and Parasutes.

Parasols	25 per cent
Parasutes	25 per cent

Merino and do.

Merino	25
Merino	25

White and do.

White	25
White	25

Wool and do.

Wool	25
Wool	25

Flour and Meal.

Flour	18 00
Flour	18 00

Fruits and Preserves.

Fruits	10 00
Fruits	10 00

French Conserves & Liqueurs.

Conserves	8 00 @ 9 00
Liqueurs	8 00

Leather.

Leather	35
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Honey	8 00
Honey	8 00

Hay, Colonial, new pr ton

Hay	20 00 @ 20 00
Hay	40 00 @ 40 00

Glasses.

Glasses	6 00
Glasses	6 00

Glassware.

Glassware	8 00
Glassware	8 00

Grain.

Grain	25
Grain	25

Grindstones.

Grindstones	32
Grindstones	32

Gunpowder.

Gunpowder	20
Gunpowder	20

Hardware.

Hardware	16 00 @ 16 00
Hardware	20 00 @ 20 00

Hops.

Hops	45
Hops	45

Leather.

Leather	35
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Lumber.

Lumber	\$15 00
Lumber	\$15 00

Flour and Meal.

Flour	18 00
Flour	18 00

Fruits and Preserves.

Fruits	10 00
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Malt Liquors.

ENGLISH, BOTTLED.

Table listing various malt liquors and their prices, including brands like Allport's, Tennent's, and James Aitken & Co.

ENGLISH IN WOOD.

Table listing malt liquors in wood, including brands like Bass, Tennent, and James Aitken & Co.

Matches.

Table listing various types of matches and their prices.

Meat.

Table listing various types of meat, including beef, pork, and mutton, and their prices.

Molasses and Syrups.

Table listing molasses and syrups, including Sandwich Island and Boston brands.

Miscellaneous.

Table listing miscellaneous items like Wall Paper, Ladies Work Boxes, and Capts. Laster's.

Naval Stores.

Table listing naval stores such as Pitch, Tar, Athar, Rosin, and Oakum.

Oils.

Table listing various oils including Sperm, Polt, erude, Lard, and Linseed.

Oilman's Stores.

Table listing oilman's stores like Bottled Frolics, Jams and Jellies, and half Jars.

Mustard.

Table listing various types of mustard and their prices.

Pickles.

Table listing various types of pickles and their prices.

Vinegar.

Table listing various types of vinegar and their prices.

Capers.

Table listing various types of capers and their prices.

Pepper.

Table listing various types of pepper and their prices.

Tomato Catsup.

Table listing various types of tomato catsup and their prices.

Mushroom.

Table listing various types of mushrooms and their prices.

Prince of Wales.

Table listing various types of Prince of Wales products and their prices.

Pepper Sauce.

Table listing various types of pepper sauce and their prices.

Paints.

Table listing various types of paints and their prices.

Provisions.

Table listing various types of provisions including beef, pork, mutton, and cheese.

PULU.

Table listing various types of rice and their prices.

SALT.

Table listing various types of salt and their prices.

SOAP.

Table listing various types of soap and their prices.

SPICES.

Table listing various types of spices and their prices.

SPRITS.

Table listing various types of spirits including brandy, wine, and liqueurs.

BRANDY.

Table listing various types of brandy and their prices.

OLD TOM IN CASE.

Table listing various types of Old Tom in case and their prices.

WHISKEY IN CASE.

Table listing various types of whiskey in case and their prices.

IN BULK.

Table listing various types of goods in bulk and their prices.

Table listing various goods in cases, including sugar, coffee, and tea.

Table listing various types of sugar and their prices.

Table listing various types of snacks and their prices.

Table listing various types of starch and their prices.

Table listing various types of tea and their prices.

Table listing various types of tobacco and cigars and their prices.

Table listing various types of wine and their prices.

Table listing various types of champagne and their prices.

Table listing various types of claret and their prices.

Table listing various types of sparkling wine and their prices.

Table listing various types of clarets and their prices.

Table listing various types of bitters and their prices.

Table listing various types of woodenware and their prices.

Table listing various types of yeast powders and their prices.

