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SECOND. On this Brand only the Very Best of Workmen are employed.

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FOURTH. Farmers, Miners, and all who want to keep their feet dry, try this Brand.

The "STANDARD" Brand Boots and Shoes are known from Auckland to the Bluff for sterling quality.

## Commercial.

(For week ending November 29),

MR. J. A. CHAPMAN, Sharebroker, Dunedin, reports as follows:

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BANKS.—National, from 2/12/6 to 2/13/0; New South Wales, from 39/0/0 to 40/0/0; Union of Australia, Ltd., 31/0/0 to 32/0/0; Bank of Australasia, 58/10/0 to 59/0/0.

INSURANCE.—National, from 17/3 to 17/6; New Zealand, 3/5/6 to 3/7/0; South British, 2/14/0 to 2/16/0; Standard, 13/6 to 14/0.

SHIPPING.—New Zealand Shipping, from 4/17/0 to 5/0/0; Union Steam. 10/7/6 to 10/12/0.

COAL.—Westport from 3/6/0 to 3/7/0.

LOAN AND AGENCY.—Commercial Property and Finance Company, from 5/0 to 5/6; National Mortgage, 17/0 to 17/6; Perpetual Trustees, 12/6 to 13/0; Trustees and Executors, 29/6 to 30/6.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Kaispoi Woollen Co., from 6/5/0 to 6/6/0; Mornington Tramway, 16/0 to 16/6; Mosgiel Woollen, 4/4/0 to 4/5/0; New Zealand Drug, 2/12/0 to 2/13/0; New Zealand Drug, new issue, 1/18/6 to 1/19/0; Milburn Lime and Gement, 2/0/0 to 2/2/0; do., new issue, 1/0/0 to 1/0/6 (30/- paid); Otago Daily Times, 13/0/0 to 13/5/0; Emu Bay Railway, 12/0 to 12/9; Wellington Woollen, 5/0/0 to 5/2/6; Silverton Tram, 4/12/0 to 4/13/6; New Zealand Refrigerating, 1/16/6 to 1/17/6; Roslyn Tramway, 5/3 to 5/9.

GOLDFIELDS.—Reefton: Big River Extended, from 9/6 to 10/0; Keep-it-Dark, 23/0 to 24/0; Alpine Extended, 3/9 to 4/3; Croesus (Paparoa), 2/0 to 2/6.

DREDGING COMPANIES.—Chatto Creek, 57/0 to 58/0; Clyde, 55/0 to 57/0; Dunedin, 8/0 to 10/0; Empire, 3/17/0 to 4/0/0; Enterprise, 79/0 to 81/0; Fran's Flat, 35/0 to 36/0; Ettrick, 14/6 to 15/6 (paid up); Golden Gate, 120/0 to 122/0; Golden Beach, 25/0 to 27/0 (prem.); Golden Point, 41/0 to 42/0; Tuapeka, 39/0 to 4/0 (vincent, 51/0 to 54/0; Hartley and Riley, 8/5/0 to 8/6/6; Jutland Flat, 4/0 to 4/3 (contrib.); Macraes Flat, 7/0 to 9/0; Golden Run, 50/0 to 54/0; Golden Terrace, 13/0 to 15/0; Magnetic, 59/6 to 60/6; Matau, 60/0 to 65/0; Sullight, 35/6 to 36/6; Cromwell, 58/0 to 59/0 (prem); Riverbank, 5/6 to 6/6; Nil Desperandum, 42/0 to 45/0; Klondyke, 7/6 to 9/0; Waikaka Forks, 1/0 to 1/6 (prem); Dunstan Leads, 17/0 to 18 0; Op

SLUICING COMPANIES.—Moonlight (contrib.), 13/0 to 14/0; Roxburgh Amalgamated (contrib.), 6/9 to 7/0; Deep Stream, 22/0.

## PRODUCE.

Napier, November 24.—Nelson and Co. have received the following cable from the C.C. and D. Company, London:—Frozen meat quotations: Best Canterbury, 3½d; best Dunedin and Southland, 3d; best Napier and North Island, 2½d. Lamb: First quality, 3½d; second 3d.

London, November 24.—The wheat markets are quiet but firm.

Sailer parcels afloat are quoted at 27s 6d; 13,000 bushels new Victorian (January) have been sold at 28s 9d.

Butter is improving in price, and is in good demand. Choicest colonial, 100s to 104s; secondary (slow sale), 90s to 96s; Danish (strong), 116.

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## INVERCARGILL PRODUCE MARKET.

The Invercargill Grain Brokers' Association reports that the oat market shows little changs since last week, being still rather quiet. A grade, are offering at 2s, f.o.b.; B grade, ls 11½d; C grade, Is 11d (sacks included).

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Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 5d; eggs, 7d per doz; cheese, farm, 3½d; bacon, farm, 7d; do (rolled), farm, 6d; hams, 8d; potatoes, L1 10s per ton; barley, 2s to 2s 6d; fowl wheat, 2s; chaff, L2 per ton; flour, L8; oatmeal, L9 to L10; pollard, L3; bran, L2 10s, including bags. Retail—Fresh butter, 7d; eggs, 9d per doz; cheese, 6d; bacon, rolled, 8d, sliced, 9d; hams, 10d; potatoes, 2s per cwt; flour, 2001b, 15s; 501b, 4s 3d; oatmeal, 501b, 5s; 251b, 2s 9d; pollard, 5s 9d per bag; bran, 3s 6d per bag; chaff, L2 10s per ton; fowls' feed, 2s 3d per bushel.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—
WHEAT—Dull market, no enquiry. Quotations: Milling,
2s 7d to 2s 9d for prime sorts; medium, 2s 5d to 2s 6d; fowl wheat,

28 7d to 28 9d for prime sorts; medium, 28 5d to 28 5d; 10w1 wheat, 28 to 28 5d.
OATS—Nothing doing meantime. Prime milling, to 18 10½d: good to best feed, to 18 9d; medium, 18 6d to 18 8d.
CHAFF—Values rather easier. Prime, L2 15s; good, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium, L2 to L2 7s 6d.
POTATOES—Heavy supplies. Best Derwents, 15s to 20s per ton.

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OATS—There being no buyers present for the class of cats offered we passed those catalogued. During the past week there has been very limited business done. Owing to scarcity of freight it is doubtful if much could be done at reduced prices, and at present holders are firm at late values. We quote: Good to best feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; medium, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; inferior, 1s 6d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT—The market for prime milling is quiet at late quotations. To-day we offered medium to good whole fowl wheat, which sold at 2s to 2s 5d per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES—The supply is more than sufficient for requirements, and on account of the stagnant state of the market we would advise clients not to make further consignments at present. We quote: Best Derwents, 15s to 20s per ton (sacks in).

CHAFF—The quantity forward, although not excessive, is fully equal to requirements, and prices to-day show no improvement. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, L2 10s to L2 12s 6d; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

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MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Quiet. Feeding, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; milling, 1s 10d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 2s 2d to 2s 5d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3 5s. Straw: pressed, 22s; loose, 28s. Bran: L3. Pollard: L3 5s. Flour: L7 to L7 10s. Butter: best brands factory, 10d to 11d; dairy, 6d to 8d. Oatmeal: L10. Potatoes: well picked, good sample, 20s; old stock from 1s per bag. Chaff: much easier demand; L2 5s to L2 15s.

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The Agricultural department have received a report from Mr. H. C. Cameron, inspector of New Zealand produce in London, dated the 20th ult., in which he says that everything points to a scarcity in Great Britain of the choicest qualities of butter. The 'make' at Home and on the Continent is short, and as cold and wintery weather has set in the quantity that will come from Australia should not frighten holders. He does not anticipate any further reduction in prices. Many people, he explains, are of the opinion that there will be higher quotations for cheese, but of this he is doubtful. He adds that the largest consumers of cheese are the middle and working classes, and when it gets high in price the consumption of it suffers classes, and when it gets high in price the consumption of it suffers at once. The working classes can get meat so cheaply nowadays that they are not at all dependent on cheese, and only use it when it is reasonably cheap.