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Commercial.

(For week ending December 13).

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

BANKS.—National, from 2/15/6 to 2/16/6; New South Wales, from 39/0/0 to 40/0/0; Union of Australia, Ltd., 35/0/0 to 36/0/0; Bank of Australasia, 63/0/0 to 64/0/0.

INSURANCE.—National, from 17/3 to 17/6; New Zealand, 3/1/0 to 3/2/0; 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, 23/0 to 21/0; Perpetual Trustees, 12/6 to 13/0; Trustees and Executors, 29/6 to 30/6.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., from 6/5/0 to 6/6/0; Mornington Tramway, 16/0 to 16/6; Mosgiel Woollen, 4/0/0 to 4/1/0; 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 Cement, 2/0/0 to 2/2/0; do., new issue, 1/0/0 to 1/0/6 (30/- paid); Otago Daily Times, 13/4/0 to 13/5/6; Ema Bay Railway, 12/0 to 12/9; Wellington Woollen, 5/0/0 to 5/2/6; Silverton Tram, 4/17/0 to 4/18/0; New Zealand Refrigerating, 1/13/0 to 1/14/0; 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, 4/6 to 5/0; Crossus (Paparoa), 2/6 to 3/0.

DREDGING COMPANIES.—Chatto Creek, 59/0 to 61/0; Clyde, 56/0 to 60/0; Dunedin, 10/6 to 11/6; Empire, 3/17/0 to 4/0/0; Enterprise, 85/0 to 88/0; Evan's Flat, 35/0 to 36/0; Ettrick, 14/6 to 15/6 (paid up); Golden Gate, 122/0 to 124/0; Golden Beach, 26/0 to 28/0 (prem.); Golden Point, 34/6 to 36/0; Tuapeka, 23/0 to 25/0; Vincent, 43/0 to 44/0; Hartley and Riley, 7/17/6 to 8/0/0; Jutland Flat, 4/0 to 4/3 (contrib.); Macraes Flat, 10/0 to 11/0; Golden Run, 48/0 to 51/0; Golden Terrace, 13/0 to 15/0; Magnetic, 60/0 to 61/6; Matau, 70/0 to 75/0; Molyneux Hydraulic (B), 30/0 to 32/0; Nevis, 22/0 to 24/0; Otago, 1/14/0 to 1/16/0; Upper Waipori, 2/3 to 2/9; Waimumu, 26/0 to 27/0; Sunlight, 32/0 to 34/0; Cromwell, 58/0 to 59/0 (prem.); Riverbank, 6/6 to 9/0; Nil Desperandum, 42/0 to 45/0; Klondyke, 31/0 to 32/0; Waikaka Forks, 1/0 to 1/6 (prem.); Dunstan Leads, 15/0 to 16/6; Ophir, 8/0 to 9/0; Golden Gravel, 1/0 to 1/6; Dunstan Pioneer, 1/6 to 2/0; Golden Reward, 9d to 1/0.

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

PRODUCE.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report as follows:—

OATS.—Our catalogue comprised a few lots of good short feed, but was made up for the most part of medium to good Danish. For all sorts there was good competition, and nearly all the lots offered were readily cleared at prices fully equal to late quotations. We quote: Prime milling Sutherland, to 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; medium to good, 1s 7d to 1s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

WHEAT.—The demand for milling quality is extremely quiet, and business is almost at a standstill. Fowl wheat is in moderate demand, at prices a shade below late quotations. We offered several lines to-day, and sold good whole wheat at 2s 2d to 2s 3d; medium and inferior, 1s 8d to 2s per bushel (sacks in).

POTATOES.—Old Derwents are in over supply, and quite unsaleable. We have still a small stock on hand, suitable for pig-feeding.

CHAFF.—Prime chaff is in fair demand, and can be readily placed. Other qualities are neglected, and difficult to quit. We quote: Prime oatens sheaf, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium to good, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (sacks extra).

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Good demand. 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 0s. Straw: pressed, 22s; loose, 28s. Bran: L3. Pollard: L3 5s. Flour: L6 10s to L7. 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. New potatoes, 5s, Auckland; local, 8s.

Messrs. Stronach Bros. and Morris report as follows:—

WHEAT.—Market very quiet. Milling, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; fowl wheat, 2s to 2s 3d per bushel (sacks in).

OATS.—The demand continues steady, and prices are firm at late quotations. Prime milling, 1s 11d; good to best feed, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; medium, 1s 7d to 1s 8d per bushel (sacks extra).

CHAFF.—Prime chaff is in good demand, but other sorts are very hard to place. Prime chaff, L2 10s to L2 15s; medium, L2 to L2 7s 6d per ton (bags extra).

POTATOES.—Derwents unsaleable.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

The Grain Brokers' Association report: There is good inquiry for oats, and the prices are somewhat firmer. A grade are quoted at 2s 1d, B 2s, C 1s 11d (f.o.b. at Bluff, sacks in).

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 5d; eggs, 7d per doz; cheese, farm, 3d; 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, 200lb, 15s; 50lb, 4s 3d; oatmeal, 50lb, 5s; 25lb, 2s 9d; pollard, 5s 9d per bag; bran, 3s 6d per bag; chaff, L2 10s per ton; fowls' feed, 2s 3d per bushel.

Napier, December 7.—Messrs. Nelson Bros. have received the following cable from the C. C. and D. Company, dated London, 5th inst.:—Frozen meat market depressed. No change in prices.

London, December 8.—The wheat market is slightly firmer, but inactive.

Butter is slow, the damp weather and heavy supplies checking sales. Choicest, 100s to 104s; Danish (strong), 122s.

Wellington, December 11.—The Agent-General cables: 'No alterations in the butter market since last week. Cheese, 58s; market firm.'

London, December 10.—Frozen Mutton: Cross-brad wethers and maiden ewes—Canterbury, 3 1-16d; Dunedin and Southland, 2 15-16d; North Island, 2 13-16d. Lamb—prime Canterbury (nominal), 4d. Fair average (including Dunedin, Southland, Wellington, and secondary Canterbury), 3d. River Plate cross-bred or Merino wethers, heavy and light, both 2 9-16d.

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:—

The number of horses forward this week was not great—about 40 head altogether, made up of a couple of first class six or seven-year-old heavy draft geldings (the one sold for L48 10s and the other for L46), half a dozen medium draughts, a score of useful light harness horses, and 10 Shetland ponies. As already indicated the heavy draughts sold at big prices. The medium draughts, however, commanded less attention, and were all but passed in. Most of the lighter harness horses changed hands at quotations, and for the Shetland ponies there was a good competition at prices varying from L4 10s to L6 15s. We quote: First-class young draught mares and geldings at from L45 to L50; good do, L38 to L45; medium, L30 to L35; aged, L18 to L23; upstanding young spring-carters, at from L25 to L30; good do, L18 to L23; light harness horses, and hacks, first class, at from L18 to L25; good do, L14 to L17; medium, L8 to L12; aged and weedy sorts, L2 to L5.

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