

THAT YOUR BOOTS ARE BRANDED ON THE HEEL.

STANDARD

FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

FIRST.
Boots with this Brand on the heel are Guaranteed to Fit and Wear Well.

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

THIRD.
Only the Very Best of Materials are used in this Brand of Boots and Shoes.

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

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

Commercial.

(For week ending December 27).

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 2/15/0; 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 3/6/6 to 3/7/0.

LOAN AND AGENCY.—Commercial Property and Finance Company, from 5/0 to 5/6; National Mortgage, 23/0 to 24/0; 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; Silvertown 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 8/0 to 8/6; Keep-it-Dark, 25/0 to 26/0; Alpine Extended, 4/0 to 4/6; Cræsus (Paparoa), 4/0 to 4/9.

DREDGING COMPANIES.—Chatto Creek, 55/0 to 60/0; Clyde, 52/0 to 53/0; Dunedin, 12/0 to 13/0; Empire, 3/17/0 to 4/0/0; Enterprise, 85/0 to 87/6; Evan's Flat, 35/0 to 36/0; Ettrick, 14/6 to 15/6 (paid up); Golden Gate, 130/0 to 135/0; Golden Beach, 50/0 to 52/0; Golden Point, 35/0 to 37/0; Tuapeka, 32/6 to 33/6; Vincent, 43/0 to 44/0; Hartley and Riley, 9/3/0 to 9/6/0; Jutland Flat, 4/0 to 4/3 (contrib.); Macraes Flat, 9/0 to 10/0; Golden Run, 48/0 to 51/0; Golden Terrace, 13/0 to 15/0; Magnetic, 63/0 to 65/0; Matau, 80/0 to 85/0; Molyneux Hydraulic (B), 30/0 to 32/0; Nevis, 22/6 to 26/0; Otago, 1/15/0 to 1/17/0; Upper Waipori, 2/3 to 2/9; Waimumu, 24/6 to 25/6; Sunlight, 33/0 to 35/0; Cromwell, 58/0 to 59/0 (prem); Riverbank, 6/6 to 9/0; Nil Desperandum, 42/0 to 45/0; Klondyke, 31/0 to 39/6; Waikaka Forks, 0/9 to 1/0 (prem); Dunstan Leads, 16/6 to 18/0; Ophir, 8/0 to 9/0; Golden Gravel, 1/6 to 1/9; 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.

AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL.

Sydney, December 20.—Wheat (nominal): New, 2s 6d; old, 2s 7d. Flour, Ls 10s to L7. Oats—Feeding: New Zealand, 2s to 2s 3d; Tasmanian, 1s 10d to 2s; seedling—Tartarian, 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Barley: Cape, 2s 3d to 2s 6d. Maize (market unsettled): 2s 10d to 3s. Peas: Prussian Blue, 3s 3d to 3s 6d. Bran, 7½d to 8d. Pollard, 9d to 9½d. Potatoes: New, Ls 10s to L5. Onions: L1 15s to L3 10. Butter: Dairy, 7½d to 8d; factory, 9d. Cheese: Large, 4½d to 4½d; loaf, 5d to 5½d. Bacon, 5½d to 7d.

The above quotations are those ruling between merchant and retailer, and do not represent the slightly lower values obtained by recognised brokers.

Melbourne, December 20.—Wheat: New, 2s 7d to 2s 7½d; prime old, 2s 8d. Oats: Algerian, 1s 8d to 1s 10d; stout, 1s 10d to 1s 11½d. Maize, 2s 9½d. Bran, 7½d. Pollard, 10d to 10½d. Onions, to L2 10s.

Adelaide, December 20.—Wheat (quiet): new, 2s 7½d; old, 2s 8d. Flour, L6 10s to L6 15s. Oats: Dun and Algerian, 1s 7d to 1s 9d. Bran, 9½d. Pollard, 10d.

SOUTHLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Invercargill prices current:—Wholesale: Butter, fresh, 6d; eggs, 10d 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 10s per ton; flour, L8; oatmeal, L9 to L10; pollard, L3; bran, L2 10s, including bags. Retail—Fresh butter, 7d; eggs, 1s 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, L3 per ton; fowls' feed, 2s 3d per bushel.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Good demand. Feeding, 1s 8d to 1s 9d; milling, 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Wheat: milling, 2s 6½d to 2s 9d; fowls' wheat, 2s 2d to 2s 5d. Hay: ryegrass and clover, best, L3. 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 firmer demand; L2 5s to L2 15s. New potatoes, L5 10s, Auckland; local, 8s.

London, December 19.—Wheat: 15,000 quarters of the Australian new crop, for January shipment, sold at 28s 3d.

Napier, December 21.—Messrs Nelson Bros. have received the following cablegram from the C.C. and D. Company, London: 'Best Canterbury 3½d; Dunedin and Southland, 3d; Napier and North Island, 2½d. Lamb, first quality, 4½d; second do, 4d.'

Melbourne, December 21.—There have been large sales of New Zealand oats during the last few days, covering over 30,000 bags.

London, December 21.—Twelve thousand quarters of South Australian wheat, January shipment, were sold at 28s 3d.

Frozen meat quotations are unchanged.

NEW ZEALAND PRODUCE IN ENGLAND.

Mr. H. C. Cameron, the New Zealand Produce Commissioner in London, in his report, dated the 17th November, states that inquiries show that although 'fishiness' was somewhat prevalent in Australian butter, that coming from New Zealand was exceptionally free from it. If any boxes of fishy butter came to hand he would endeavour to secure them. During the past few weeks the butter market has been in a most unsatisfactory condition, and he cannot say what the future prospects of the market are likely to be. He is not sanguine that fair prices are likely to continue, but possibly by the time the New Zealand butter comes on the market in any large quantity the prices may have improved. It was admitted last year that New Zealand butter was generally superior to that from Victoria, and he fully expects shortly to find New Zealand butter occupying a very high position in the estimation of the butter trade of Great Britain.

The cheese market has remained very steady, and there is every probability of the present firmness being maintained.

LIVE STOCK.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries at the Addington market comprised 3321 fat sheep, 2000 fat lambs, 4310 store sheep, 525 head cattle, and 325 pigs.

FAT CATTLE.—The 226 fat cattle were mostly light to handy weights, only a few pens being prime Christmas beef. The market was most irregular, and prices were easier, without any quotable change. Good to prime steers sold at from L7 to L8 12s 6d, lighter L5 to L6 10s, extra prime show heifers L8 to L9, good L6 to L7, lighter down to L3 17s 6d, cows L3 7s 6d to L6 15s.