

Commercial

For week ending August 10.

PRODUCE.

London, August 5—Wheat cargoes are very firm. Australian off coast are held for 31s 9d. A Victorian cargo was sold at 31s 3d. San Francisco wheat is quoted at 110 cents.

Butter—Finner. Danish, 106s, New Zealand, 94s to 96s. Queensland 80s to 82s.

London, August 6—Reiterated reports published concerning damage to the American crops caused a rise of four cents on wheat in Chicago yesterday. The European markets are firmer, but buyers are acting with caution. One authority estimates the American crop will not exceed 530 million bushels.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter farm, 7d; separator, 9d; butter, factory, pats, 11½d. Eggs, 1s per dozen. Cheese, (factory), 6½d. Hams, 9d. Potatoes, £2 per ton (bags weighed in). Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £2 per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10 10/. Oatmeal, £8 10/- to £9. Bran, £3 5/. Pollard, £5. Retail—Farm butter, 9d; separator, 11d; butter (factory), pats, 1s 1d. Eggs, 1s 3d per dozen. Cheese, 8d. Hams, 10d. Bacon, 10d. Potatoes, 3s 6d per cwt. Flour, 200lb, 21/-, 50lb, 6/- Oatmeal, 50lb, 5s; 25lb, 2s 9d. Pollard, 8s 6d per bag. Bran, 4s. Chaff, 1s 6d.

Mr. F. Meenan, King street, Dunedin, reports:—Wholesale prices only—Oats Milling, 1/6½ to 1/8½, feed, 1s to 1s 6d. Wheat: Milling, 2s 9d to 3s 5d, fowls, 2s to 2s 9d. Potatoes, £1 15s, seed, £2 10s to £3 10s. Chaff, £2 7s 6d to £3 10s. Clover hay, £2 10s to £3. Straw Pressed wheat, 25s; oats, 30s, loose, 30s. Flour Sacks, £9, 100lb, £9 10s, 50lb, £9 15s, 25lb, £10. Oatmeal, £9. Pollard, £1 10s. Bran, £3 5s. Butter: Dairy, 8d to 10d, factory, 11d. Cheese: Factory, 4½d, dairy, 1½d. Eggs, 1s 3d. Onions Melbourne, £4 10s.

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. (Limited) report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted an average catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Competition for most of the lines on offer was good, and the bulk of the catalogue was cleared at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:—

Oats—Prime A grade Gartons have had most attention during the past week, there being a good demand for these from exporters. B grade are also inquired for, and are offering sparingly. Lower qualities have not quite the same attention, but are not difficult to place. We quote Prime milling, 1/7½ to 1/9, good to best feed, 1/5½d to 1/7, inferior to medium, 1/1 to 1/1 per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat—With local millers prime milling quality maintains its popularity. Medium milling lines have not the same attention, except as fowl wheat. This is scarce, and although shippers have been holding off in the hope of larger offerings, we expect to see quotations well maintained. We quote Prime milling, 3/2 to 3/5; medium, 2/9 to 3/1, best whole wheat, 2/7 to 2/8; broken and damaged, 2/1 to 2/6 per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—With fair local demand nearly all consignments coming forward have been readily quitted. We quote Best Derwents, 37/6 to 40/-, others, 30/- to 35/-; seed lines of British Queens, up-to-date, etc., 50/- to 65/- per ton (bags in).

Chaff—Last week's fall of snow has retarded consignments, and nearly all lots of good to prime chaff on hand have been placed at prices slightly above late values. No fresh supply came forward for to-day's sale, and in consequence there was a decided advance. Prime oat straw sold at £3 2/6 to £3 7/6; choice, to £3 10/-, medium to good, £2 7/6 to £2 15/-, inferior, straw chaff, light, etc., £1 15/- to £2 5/- per ton (bags extra).

Turnips—These have been in short supply, and best swedes to-day sold at 11/- to 11/6 per ton (loose, ex truck).

Straw—We quote Best oat straw, 30/- to 32/6; wheat straw, 27/6 to 30/- per ton (pressed).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Wheat—There is no change to report during the week, quotations being the same as last.

Oats.—Business continues good, prime milling being worth 1/7½d to 1/9; good to best feed, 1/5 to 1/7; inferior and medium, 1/1 to 1/4.

Chaff.—Prices have advanced, prime oat straw being worth £3 2/6 to £3 7/6; medium to good, £2 7/6 to £3, light and inferior, £1 17/6 to £2 5/-.

WOOL.

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co. report:—

Rabbitskins.—We offered a medium-sized catalogue on Monday, when competition was good and prices on a par with those lately ruling. We sold winters to 16½d, and blacks to 21½d.

Sheepskins.—On Tuesday we had a most successful sale, prices being a shade better than those ruling last week. The following are the quotations: Best merinos, 6d to 6½d per lb, medium to good, 1½d to 5½d; inferior, 3½d to 4½d, best halfbreds, 6½d to 7d, medium to good, 5d to 6d, inferior, 3½d to 1½d, best fine crossbreds, 6½d to 7d, medium to good, 4½d to 6d; inferior, 3½d to 1d; best coarse crossbreds, 6d to 6½d, medium to good, 1½d to 5½d, inferior, 3½d to 4½d.

Hides.—There has been no sale since last report and the next takes place on Thursday of this week. We regret that the tone of the market in Australia is again lower, and we fear that a further drop will be experienced at next sale.

Tallow and Fat.—Best rendered tallow, 18/- to 20/-; medium to good, 15/- to 17/6, inferior, 12/- to 14/-; best caud fat, 11/6 to 15/-, rough fat, 12/- to 11/6.

LIVE STOCK

OTAGO FARMERS' HORSE BAZAAR.

The Otago Farmers' Co-operative Association of New Zealand (Limited) report.—We held our usual weekly horse sale at our bazaar, adjoining our wool and grain stores, Crawford street, on Saturday last. Twenty-nine draught mares and geldings, van, and spring-carters, and buggy and hackney classes came forward for the day's sale. There was a good attendance, and a moderate amount of business was done. In the draught class, Mr T. Ryder's consignment of mares and geldings, which were a nice useful lot, sold up to £48, and a few other entries from Messrs Patrick (Lee Creek) W. Townley, T. McEwen, and others met with fair competition, as also did a good few of the light harness horses, which changed owners at good figures—in fact, nearly all the horses in this class changed hands. It is almost unnecessary to say that the demand for big draught geldings is good, and we have every confidence in recommending sellers to patronise our Dunedin market. A good many buyers left our bazaar on Saturday with their wants unsupplied. Quotations: Heavy draught geldings, £11 to £56, lighter sorts, £37 to £13, useful plough horses, contractors' teams, about same price, light harness horses (suitable for express), £25 to £28; good hackneys, £18 to £25; medium sorts £12, to £18.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

At the Addington market, owing to the snowstorm, the attendance and supplies of stock, except fat cattle and fat sheep, were small.

Fat Cattle—176 head were yarded. Good Canterbury beef maintained its previous value, while North Island was easier. Good to prime local beef, 23/ to 25/-, cows and secondary, 20/ to 22/. Steers sold at £6/10 to £11/12/6, heifers, £6/15 to £9/15/-; cows, £6/2/6 to £8/15/-, and one line at £10.

Pigs—A very small entry and a poor demand, porkers weakening. Baconers made 3d to 3½d. per lb, a few choice 1d, porkers, 4d to 4½d.

In consequence of to-day (Wednesday) being a public holiday in Dunedin we are unable to furnish our usual Burnside stock report.

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