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Commercial

PRODUCE.

London, August 19.—Wheat: The markets are inactive, and cargoes very quiet. Holders are asking 31s 10½d for Australian afloat and 32s 2d for Victorian off the coast.

Butter is firm and unchanged. Danish is slightly in buyers' favor. Australian has all been cleared. Weddel's annual report states that prospects point to a higher level in prices, probably on an average 7s 6d above last season.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale—Butter, (factory), pats 1/0½; butter (factory) 1/-. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Cheese, 6d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2/- to 2/6. Chaff, £2/10/- per ton. Flour, £9 to £10. Oatmeal, £9/10/- to £10. Bran, £4/5/-. Pollard, £7. Potatoes, £6 per ton. Retail—Farm butter, 10d; separator, 1/-; butter, factory, pats, 1/2. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 1/- per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour: 200lb, 20/-; 50lb, 5/9; 25lb, 3/-. Oatmeal, 50lb, 6/-; 25lb, 3/-. Pollard, 10/6 per bag. Bran, 5/-. Chaff, 1/6. Potatoes, 9/- to 10/- per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. There was good competition throughout, and almost the entire catalogue was cleared under the hammer at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under—

Oats.—There is a good inquiry from shippers for lines of A and B grade, Garbons or sparrowbills, and these find ready sale on arrival here. Other sorts are also in fair demand, either locally or for export, and seed sorts have more attention. We quote: Choice seed lines, 2s to 2s 3d, medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s, prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; inferior to medium, 1s 5d to 1s 7d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—For milling qualities there has been little demand during the past week, and only moderate sales of these sorts have been made. Fowl wheat is scarce and in good demand. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d, good do, 3s, whole fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d, broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—For Monday's market there were several consignments of Derwents and white sorts, both of which met with strong competition. Best Derwents sold at £10 to £10 10s, white sorts, £9 15s to £10 5s; small and medium quality, £7 to £9 10s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—The market has been more fully supplied. Prime oaten sheaf is still most popular with buyers at prices a shade below late quotations. Medium quality has little attention, and is more difficult to quit. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 2s 6d to £3 5s, extra choice, to £3 7s 6d; good do, £2 15s to £3; light and discolored, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Best oaten straw, 32s 6d to 35s; wheat, to 30s per ton (pressed).

Turnips.—The market is again glutted, and in order to clear consignments prices had to be accepted which cannot be regarded as satisfactory to sellers. We quote: Best swedes, 10s per ton (loose, ex truck).

Hay.—We quote: Best clover and ryegrass, £2 15s to £3; medium, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton.

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—Business has been quiet during the past week, millers not caring to operate to any extent. We

quote: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; best fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d per bushel (sacks extra).

Oats.—A good demand exists for all lines. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Chaff.—Supplies of the past week have been most regular, and in consequence values are a shade easier. We quote: Prime well-cut oaten sheaf, from £3 2s 6d to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Potatoes.—Few consignments are coming forward, and prices are advancing steadily. We quote: Prime Derwents, from £10 to £10 10s per ton.

Eggs are coming forward in plentiful supply. Today's price is 9d per dozen.

Pigs.—Not in such good demand. Prime baconers, 3½d per lb.

Butter.—Good demand. Dairy, 8d; prime milled, 8d to 9d; separator in half and one-pound pats, 9d to 10d per lb.

Poultry.—Firm inquiry. Hens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; roosters, 3s to 4s; ducks, 3s to 4s per pair; turkeys, hens, 5d to 6d; gobblers, 7½d to 8d per lb (live weight).

Note.—We receive consignments of produce for sale on commission, which has our best attention at all times.

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

Oats.—There is a good demand for A and B grade sparrowbills and Garbons, and seed lines are having more attention. Quotations: Choice seed lines, 2s to 2s 3d; medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s; prime milling, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; good to best feed, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; inferior to medium, 1s 5d to 1s 7d.

Wheat.—The milling demand is slack, but fowl wheat is scarce and in good demand. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; good do, 3s; whole fowl wheat, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel.

Chaff.—The market has been better supplied during the week, but the demand is still good for prime samples. Quotations: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 2s 6d to £3 5s (extra to £3 7s 6d); good do, £2 15s to £3; light and discolored, £2 5s to £2 10s per ton.

Potatoes.—The market continues very high, best Derwents bringing from £10 to £10 10s; white sorts, £9 15s to £10 s; small and medium quality, £7 to £9 10s per ton.

WOOL.

London, August 19.—The Bradford wool market is very firm, and good business is being done in all classes. Common sixties, 25½d; tupers, 26d; forty-sixes, 18½d; forty-sixes, 16½d.

At the sheepskin sales 3000 bales were offered and sold. Compared with June rates, merino clothing combings declined ½d and crossbred ¼d.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a very large catalogue on Monday to an average attendance of buyers, late prices being well maintained. Winter does made up to 20½d, winters (mixed) to 18½d, blacks to 34½d, and horse hair to 16½d.

Sheepskins.—We offered a large catalogue on Tuesday to a good attendance of buyers, and prices, although they had an easier tendency, were very satisfactory. Of an average catalogue we obtained up to 9½d per lb for half-breds, 9d per lb for crossbreds, and 8½d for merino. We can recommend consignments being sent in at present.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The entry for Saturday's sale was small, and consisted mainly of aged and stale sorts, with one or two exceptions in the draughts. There was a full attendance at the sale, but the inferior quality of most of the horses caused buyers to conceal their intentions. Our top price this week was £55 for a rising five-year-old gelding. We quote: Superior young draft geldings at from £50 to £55; extra good, do, (prize horses), £56 to £65; superior young draught mares, £60 to £75; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £45; aged do, £17 to £30; up-standing carriage horses, £25 to £35; well-matched carriage pairs, £80 to £100; strong spring-van horses, £30 to £35; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £20 to £28; light hacks, £10 to £18; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.