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Cotton has been imported recently into this Colony for manufacture into so-called Woollen Goods. Be on your guard! There's not a shred of cotton or a thread of shoddy in any fabric made by the "Mosgiel" Company. Only Pure New Zealand Wool. Insist on "Mosgiel."

Commercial

PRODUCE.

Invercargill prices current.—Wholesale: Cheese, 6d. Butter (farm), 8s; separator, 1s; factory (pats), 1s 2d and 1s 2½d. Eggs, 8d per doz. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £2 15s per ton. Flour, £10 to £11. Oatmeal, £9 10s to £10s. Bran, £3 15s. Pollard, £5 10s. Potatoes, £9 per ton. Retail: Butter (farm), 10d; separator, 1s 2d; factory (pats), 1s 4d. Cheese, 8d. Eggs, 10d per doz. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 10d. Flour—200lbs, 22s; 50lbs, 6s; 25lbs, 3s 3d. Oatmeal—50lbs, 6s; 25lbs, 3s. Pollard, 10s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 1s 9d. Potatoes, 11s per cwt.

Wellington, October 2.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the High Commissioner, dated London, 30th ult.:—The mutton market is weak, trade for all classes being very slow. Prices are barely maintained. The average price to-day for Canterbury mutton is 3½d (7 4½d) per lb; for North Island mutton, 3½d per lb, of which there is a moderate supply. Prime Plate mutton is in large supply. The average price is 3½d per lb. Lamb: The market is very dull, stocks in hand being heavy. There is a scarcity of prime quality lamb. The average price to-day for New Zealand lamb is: Canterbury brand and for brands other than Canterbury, 5d per lb for light-weights and 4½d per lb for heavy-weights. Beef: The market is quiet, and supplies of River Plate beef heavy. Stocks of New Zealand beef on hand are light. The average price to-day for New Zealand beef is 3½d per lb for hinds and 2½d per lb for forees. The butter market is firm, with an improved demand. Danish, 12s; Canadian, 10s; salt, 11s; saltless Australian, 10s; salt, 11s. The demand for saltless butter has been caused by b ending. The cheese market is firm, and there is a better demand. Canadian, 5s 6d per cwt.

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—There is fair inquiry for prime milling samples at values a shade higher than were ruling last week. Fowl wheat is in firm request for local consumption. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s bushel, sacks extra.

Oats.—With local stocks very much reduced all late arrivals are finding ready sale at an advance on last week's ruling rates. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d bushel, sacks extra.

Chaff.—Since our last consignments have slackened off considerably, in consequence of which values have decidedly improved. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, from £3 10s to £3 15s per ton, sacks extra.

Potatoes.—The market is quiet. Supplies are coming forward most freely, but considering the extra quantity offering values are fairly well maintained. We quote: Prime Derwents, from £9 10s to £10; white sorts, from £8 10s to £9 per ton.

Eggs.—In good demand at 9½d per dozen.

Butter.—Coming forward sparingly. We quote: Dairy, prints, 9½d to 10½d; prime milked, 10d to 10½d; separator, in ½lb and 1lb pats, 10½d to 11½d per lb.

Pigs.—Fair demand. Baconers, 3½d to 3¾d per lb; porkers, 3½d to 3¾d per lb.

Poultry.—In splendid demand. Hens, 2s 6d to 3s 9d; roosters, 3s 6d to 4s 9d; ducks, 3s 3d to 4s 6d per pair; turkeys—hens, 5d to 6d; gobblers, 12lb and over, 7d to 8d; lighter weights, 6d to 7d per lb.

Donald Reid and Co., Ltd., report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. We submitted a full catalogue which met with a good reception from a full attendance of buyers. Prices ruled as under:—

Oats.—Local stocks are not heavy, and only small consignments are coming forward from the country. These are readily absorbed by the local trade at prices which give shippers little opportunity of securing stock. Milling oats are in fair demand, but not so keenly competed for as feed lines, all of which, from A grade to inferior, have strong inquiry. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; medium and inferior, 1s 7d to 1s 9½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Local inquiries are almost entirely confined to choice lines (Tuscan preferred). Medium quality still finds little favour with millers, and any lines of this class offering for positive sale are being gutted as fowl wheat. This has fair demand at quotations locally, but prices ruling leave no margin for shippers in comparison with values at northern ports. We quote: Choice milling, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; good do., 3s 1d to 3s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s; broken and damaged 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—In the present state of the market, with so few going into consumption, sales cannot be forced, but, considering the quantities lately imported into the colony, values are fairly well maintained. Prime Derwents have most attention, and next in favour come good lines of Up to Dates. We quote: Best Derwents, £9 10s to £10; medium, £9 to £9 7s 6d; best white sorts, £8 10s to £9; others, £7 10s to £8 5s per ton (bags in).

Chaff.—Weather conditions have not been favourable for cutting, and in consequence supplies have not been heavy. For prime, bright oaten sheaf there is good demand at prices a shade in advance of late values. Medium and inferior sorts have not by any means the same attention. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 10 to £3 15s; medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Moderate supplies coming forward. We quote: Prime oaten, 37s 6d to 40s; wheat, to 35s per ton (pressed).

Hay.—We quote: Best clover and ryegrass, £3 to £3 5s; medium to good, £2 10s to £2 15s; inferior and damaged, £1 15s to £2 5s per ton.

Turnips.—Best swedes, 20s per ton (loose), ex truck.

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

Oats.—The quantity offering is limited, and prices remain firm. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d; medium and inferior, 1s 7d to 1s 9½d per bushel.

Wheat.—Business is being done principally with choice lines, and there is very little demand for medium quality except as fowl wheat. Quotations: Choice milling, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; good do., 3s 1d to 3s 2d; whole fowl wheat, 2s 11d to 3s; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 2s 10d per bushel.

Potatoes.—Considering outside competition, and the falling off in local consumption, prices are fairly well maintained, and quotations are as follows: Best Derwents, £9 10s to £10; medium, £9 to £9 7s 6d; best white sorts, £8 10s to £9; others, £7 10s to £8 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are somewhat scarce in consequence of the recent bad weather, and there is a good demand for prime oaten sheaf, which brings from £3 10s to £3 15s; medium to good, £3 to £3 7s 6d; inferior, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton.

WOOL.

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

Rabbitekins.—We offered a large catalogue on Monday, when prices were a shade easier if anything. Winter does brought to 20½d, winters (mixed) to 17½d, blacks to 32d, and fawns to 14½d.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale to a full attendance of buyers. Competition was very keen and prices were a shade firmer.

Hides.—No sale since last report.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report, prices being as follows: Best rendered tallow, 18s to 20s per cwt; medium to good, 16s 6d to 17s 6d; inferior, 14s 6d to 16s; best caul fat, 14s 6d to 15s; rough fat, 12s 6d to 13s 6d.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

As was to be expected after our special horse sale on Friday entries for Saturday were not so numerous as usual, and all the horses forward were of a rather unsaleable class, consequently business was not as good as on the previous day. There was a good attendance of buyers, many town contractors and farmers were present, most of them on the look-out for sound young horses, suitable for shafting and farm work, and anything offering of these descriptions is readily placed at satisfactory prices. We quote: Superior young draught 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; upstanding 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 £13; extra good hacks, £20 to £30; weedy and aged hacks and harness horses, £5 to £8.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

There were again only moderate entries of stock at the Addington yards, and there was a fair attendance. Beef was somewhat irregular of sale, but without much change in values. Fat lambs sold well, and there were only a few small lots of store sheep offered. Competition for fat sheep was confined to butchers, and prices ranged at a rather lower level than last week for all but prime heavy sheep. There was a poor sale for store and dairy cattle and store pigs.

Fat Lambs.—There were 30 fat lambs penned, and they sold well, best sorts making from 20s to 24s 6d, and smaller 15s to 18s.