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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 2 6d. Chaff, £2 15s per ton, Flour, £10 to £11. Oatmeal, £10 to £11. Bran, £3 15s. Pollard, £4 10s. Potatoes, £7 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; 25bs, 3s 3d. Oatmeal—50lbs, 6s 3d; 25lbs, 3s 3d. Pollard, 10s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 1s 9d. Potatoes, 9s per cwt.

Wellington, October 9.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the High Commissioner, dated London, 7th inst.:—"The mutton market is very dull and weak. Prices have declined. The lamb market is depressed and dull of sale for all lamb. The average price to-day for New Zealand lamb, Canterbury brand, is 4½d per lb; for brands other than Canterbury 4½d per lb. The beef market is quiet but steady, at about last prices. The butter market is steady and prices are well maintained. The cheese market is firm; Canadian, 56s to 57s per cwt. New Zealand long-berried wheat, on spot, ex granary, per quarter of 49½lb, 29s 6½; New Zealand, short-berried wheat, on spot, ex granary, per quarter of 49½lb, 29s 6d. There is very little demand. New Zealand oats, short sparrowbills, ex granary, on spot, per quarter of 38½lb, 22s; New Zealand oats (Danish), ex granary, on spot, per quarter of 320lb, 16s 6d. The market is quiet but steady."

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., Ltd., report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we submitted a full catalogue to a good attendance of buyers. Bidding for most of the lots on offer was rather slack, and a slow sale resulted. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Only small quantities have been arriving from the country during the past week. There is good inquiry for shipment, but as the supply is only sufficient for local orders there is little business being done in this line. Values for all sorts remain firm at late quotations. 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.—Except for choice lines there is little demand from millers. Tuscan is most in request, and commands a slightly better figure. Medium quality is not inquired for, and any lines of this class for absolute sale must be quoted as fowl wheat. The latter is in short supply, and sells at prices on a par with medium milling. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 2d 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.—During the past week arrivals have been lighter, and as more potatoes have been going into consumption stocks on hand have been reduced to some extent. This has tended to harden prices, and at our sale we sold several lots at a slight advance on late values. We quote: Best Derwents, £10 to £10 10s; medium, £9 10s to £10; best white sorts, £8 10s to £9; others, £8 5s to £8 15s per ton (sacks in).

Chaff.—Consignments have been heavier of late and at our sale we offered about 60 tons, most of which was of medium quality. Choice oatens sheaf still continues to move off at late values, but medium quality can only be quoted at reduced prices. Inferior and discoloured lines are not wanted. We quote: Prime oatens sheaf, £3 7s 6d to £3 12s 6d; medium to good, £3 to £3 5s; inferior, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—All coming to hand meets with ready sale. We quote: Prime oatens, 37s 6d to 40s; wheaten, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (pressed).

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

Oats.—Supplies are limited, there being a good inquiry for shipment, and values for all sorts being firm at late rates—viz., 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.—Enquiries are principally confined to prime quality, medium not being saleable except as fowl wheat. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 2d 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.—Arrivals have been lighter, and as the consumption has increased somewhat, values have hardened slightly. Best Derwents, £10 to £10 10s; medium, £9 10s to £10; best white sorts, £8 10s to £9; others, £8 5s to £8 15s per ton.

Chaff.—The market is better supplied, but price for prime quality is maintained. Medium, however, is easier. Prime, £3 7s 6d to £3 12s 6d; medium, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Messrs. Nimmo and Blair report as follows:—

Wheat.—The local market is quiet, millers continuing to purchase in small quantities only. We quote: Prime milling, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; whole fowl feed, 2s 11d to 3s per bushel, sacks extra.

Oats.—The demand is firm for all grades; good sound feed is in particularly strong request. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 11d to 1s 11½d; good to best feed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d per bushel, sacks extra.

Chaff.—Consignments came forward more irregularly during the past week, which had the effect of weakening values, but only slightly. We quote: Prime oatens sheaf, from £3 7s 6d to £3 12s 6d per ton, sacks extra.

Potatoes.—At the moment prime table sorts are in good demand owing, no doubt, to the most encouraging reports from Oamaru and elsewhere to the effect that values had firmed considerably. We quote: Prime Derwents, from £10 to £10 10s; best white sorts, £8 10s to £9 per ton.

Eggs.—Fresh, 9½d per dozen.

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

Pigs.—In fair demand. Baconers, 3½d to 3½d per lb.; porkers, 3½d to 3½d per lb.

Poultry.—Supplies limited. 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 lb.

WOOL.

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

Rabbit-skins.—We offered a large catalogue at our sale on Monday, and prices were again very good, and quite up to late rates. Winter does made up to 20½d, winters (mixed) to 17d, springs to 9d, summers to 9d, autumns to 14½d, fawns to 14½d, and blacks to 33d.

Sheepskins.—We submitted a large catalogue at Tuesday's sale and the big prices lately ruling were well maintained. We can recommend consignments being sent in at present and are confident that returns will give great satisfaction.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on Thursday, and submitted a catalogue of 295 to a large attendance of buyers. Heavy hides were slightly easier in price, but prices for medium and light weights were well maintained. We had nothing of exceptional merit forward, and our top price for ox was 6d, and for cow 5½d.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

We had only a medium entry of horses forward for this week's sale, the supply being made up (with two exceptions) of aged and tale draught and light harness sorts. There was the usual muster of town buyers, but country settlers were not numerously represented. A very stylish buggy gelding sold at the handsome figure of £10, and some others at from £10 10s to £20. We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £50 to £55; extra good (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 horses, £30 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.

ADDINGTON STOCK MARKET.

The entries in almost all departments at the Addington Live Stock Market to-day were moderate, and there was a fair attendance. Beef sold at about last week's rate; prime fat sheep were firmer. Fat lambs sold well, and there was a good demand for store sheep. There was little inquiry for store cattle, a dull sale in dairy cows, while pigs brought about the previous week's prices.

Fat Lambs.—There were about 30 fat lambs penned. Best sorts sold at 20s to 24s, and others 15s to 19s 6d. A line of 13 from Mr John Winter, Swannanoa, made 21s 6d to 21s.

Fat Sheep.—The yarding was a small one nearly all wethers, a considerable proportion being unfinished. The market opened at the previous week's rates, but improved as it advanced, especially for prime sheep. Most of those in backward condition were bought by graziers. The range of prices was: Prime wethers, 25s to 29s 3d; medium, 22s to 24s 6d; unfinished, 20s to 21s 6d; prime ewes, 22s 6d to 27s 9d; merino wethers—prime, 20s to 23s 4d; good, 17s to 19s 1d.

Calves.—A good yarding of veal calves sold at 7s 6d to 41s.