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PRODUCE.

Wellington.—September 10.—The Department of Industries and Commerce received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, September 8: The mutton market is quiet and steady. Canterbury brands are quoted at 3½d; North Island at 3½d. River Plate mutton is selling at 3½d. There is a better tone in the lamb market this week, and prices are steadier. Canterbury brands are quoted at 4½; other than Canterbury, 4½d. Beef: The market is firm, 3½ and 2½ being the respective quotations for hind and forequarters. Choice New Zealand butter is selling at 114s per cwt, and Danish at 122s. The cheese market is a little quieter at the same quotations as last week. Good business is being done in hemp at higher prices. G.f.a.q., Wellington, on spot, is quoted at £34 10s per ton, and the same quotation rules for October-December shipments. The stock on hand is 624 tons. There has been no alteration in the cocksfoot seed market since last week. New Zealand long-berried wheat, on spot, is quoted at 30s 6d per 406lb; short-berried, 30s. These prices are nominal. New Zealand sparrowbill oats, ex granary, per quarter of 384lb, are quoted at 25s; Danish, per 320lb, at 19s 6d, with a steady market.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 9d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats 1s 1½d. Eggs, 8d per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 5s per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10. Oatmeal, £12 10s to £13. Bran, £4. Pollard, £5 10s. Potatoes, £10. Retail—Farm butter, 11d; separator 1s 1d. Butter (factory), pats, 1s 4d. Cheese, 9d. Eggs, 10d per dozen. Bacon, 9d. Hams, 9d. Flour—200lb, 21s; 50lb, 5s 9d; 25lb, 3s. Oatmeal—50lb, 7s 3d; 25lb, 3s 9d. Pollard, 9s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s. Potatoes, 12s per cwt.

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

Oats.—There is a better tone in the market, and quotations are as follows:—Seed lines, 2s 5d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior and medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—Business continues quiet pending a settlement of the Reciprocal Treaty, and the following are merely nominal quotations:—Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—There is a good demand for seed lines, especially 'Up-to-dates,' and quotations are as follows:—Good to prime seed lines, £12 to £13 10s; best table sorts, £11 to £11 15s; medium to good, £9 10s to £10 10s; inferior, £6 to £8 per ton.

Chaff.—Prime quality still commands most attention, quotations being as follows:—Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; extra, to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; light and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

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 of the usual lines in demand locally. There was a good attendance of buyers, and with fair competition most of the lines on offer changed hands at prices about on a par with late quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—During the past week we have had more inquiry from exporters, and in good lines of feed oats better business has been done. In order to effect this, however, slightly lower quotations have had to be made. The demand for prime seed lines is still good, but milling sorts have only moderate attention. We quote: Seed lines, 2s 5d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior and medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—Pending the settlement of the Reciprocity Treaty, business in connection with milling wheat is quite at a standstill. Fowl wheat continues to meet with fair sale at late values, both locally and for export. We quote: Prime milling (nominally) 3s 5d to 3s 7d; medium, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There is still good local demand for prime seed Up-to-dates, well-picked lots having a strong preference. The market is fully supplied with medium table potatoes, which are more difficult to deal with, although freshly-picked, sound table sorts are in good demand. Inferior quality and small sorts have little attention. We quote: Good to prime seed lines, £12 to £13 10s; best table sorts, £11 to £11 15s; medium to good, £9 10s to £10 10s; inferior, £6 to £8 10s per ton, sacks included.

Chaff.—The market is well supplied with chaff of medium to good quality. Prime, bright oaten sheaf still finds most favor with buyers, and is saleable at prices about equal to late quotations, but inferior sorts are not in request, and are difficult to deal with. We quote: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; choice, to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; light and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—We quote: Oaten, 45s to 47s 6d; wheat, 32s 6d per ton pressed.

Turnips.—We quote: Best Swedes, 14s per ton, loose, ex truck.

WOOL

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

Ratpittskins.—We offered a very large catalogue at our sale on Monday, prices if anything being a shade better than those ruling last week, viz.: Winter does to 18½d, winter bucks to 16d, and blacks to 14½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We only offered a fair sized catalogue at Tuesday's sale, prices being a shade firmer than at last week's sale.

Hides.—We submitted a catalogue of 238 at last Tuesday's sale, competition being very keen and prices showing an advance all round. Our top price for ox was 7½d, and for cows 6½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

The entry for last Saturday's sale was an exceptionally small one, being composed mainly of light harness sorts, with one or two medium draughts, but there was not a really good beast in the yard. The same remark applies to strong, upstanding light harness sorts: We quote: Superior young draught geldings, at from £15 to £52; extra good do (prize takers), £55 to £60; superior young draught mares, £55 to £65; medium draught mares and geldings, £30 to £40; aged do, £15 to £25; well-matched carriage pairs, £75 to £100; strong spring-van horses £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, £18 to £25; light hacks, £10 to £15; extra good hacks and harness horses, £20 to £25; weedy and aged do, £5 to £8.

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