

Commercial

PRODUCE.

Wellington, September 24.—The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cable from the High Commissioner, dated London, September 22:—There are signs of improvement in the mutton market. Great scarcity exists in light weights, holders not being anxious to sell. Canterbury mutton is quoted at 3½d for light weights, and 3¼d for heavy weights. The price of North Island mutton is 3½d and 3¼d, according to weight. There is a good demand for lamb, considering the last season. All brands are quoted at 4½d for light weights and 4¼d for heavy weights. The stocks of New Zealand beef on hand are light. The market is firm. Average price, 3½d and 2½d for hind and forequarters respectively. The butter market is very firm. Choice New Zealand is quoted at 117s, Danish at 126s per cwt. There is a better demand for cheese, and Canadian is quoted at 62s per cwt. The hemp market is firm, and there is a general active demand. G.f.a.q., on the spot, Wellington, is quoted at £31 10s per ton; October-December shipments similar price.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 9d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats 1s 1¼d. Eggs, 8d per dozen. Cheese, 7d. Hams, 9d. Barley, 2s to 2s 6d. Chaff, £3 5s per ton. Flour, £9 10s to £10. Oatmeal, £11 to £12. 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, 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 9s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s. Potatoes, 12s per cwt.

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

Oats.—There is a fair inquiry for B grade oats for shipment, and present quotations are as follow: Seed lines, 2s 5d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 2d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior, 1s 10½d to 2s per bushel.

Wheat.—There is no change to report, and prices (nominal) are as follow: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium do, 3s 3d to 3s 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—The market is quiet, although table sorts find a ready sale. Quotations: Seed lines, £11 10s to £12 10s; prime table sorts, £10 to £11; medium table sorts, £9 to £10; inferior and small, £3 to £7 per ton.

Chaff.—Supplies are fairly plentiful, but there is a good inquiry for prime samples, and quotations are as follow: Prime oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4 2s 6d; medium, £3 10s to £3 15s; discolored and light, £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. There was a fair attendance of the local trade, and as most of the lines offered suited their requirements, we cleared the catalogue, under good competition, at prices, in most cases, fully up to late quotations.

Oats.—We have had more active demand from exporters, but although they are prepared to take a fair quantity of B grade Garton and sparrowbills their limits are barely up to late quotations. In most cases shippers have little difficulty in filling their orders at lower prices from other ports, so that a firm adherence to late quotations precludes the possibility of much business. Local stocks, however, are not heavy, and with anything like a steady export demand a clearance would be easily effected. The demand for seed kinds is now slack, and milling sorts have only moderate inquiry. Quotations: Seed lines, 2s 5d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best seed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 10d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The market is still in a stagnant condition except for fowl wheat, which has fair demand at late values. Quotations for milling wheat are, under present conditions, only nominal, as no business is yet passing. Quotations: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium, 3s 2½d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—Consignments have been coming forward freely of late, and the market is now more fully supplied. Prime seed lines, chiefly Up-to-Dates, of

good shape and size, are still in fair demand, but, as many large buyers have filled their requirements in this respect, late values are barely maintained except for very best lots. Table sorts are more plentiful, and, although meeting with fair demand, are only saleable at a reduction on last week's quotations. The market is over-supplied with small potatoes, for which there is no demand. We cannot advise clients to consign these if they have any use of them, as prices obtained here for them cannot be satisfactory. Quotations: Best seed Up-to-Dates, etc., £12 to £13; good do, £11 to £11 10s; best Derwents and other table sorts, £10 to £10 15s; medium, £8 10s to £9 10s; small and inferior, £3 to £7 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The supply of prime bright oaten sheaf has not been heavy, and for this class there is good inquiry at quotations. Medium to good quality is in full supply, and cannot be readily dealt with, while for inferior quality there is practically no sale. Quotations: Prime bright oaten sheaf, £3 17s 6d to £4; extra choice, to £4 2s 6d; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 15s; inferior and light, £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

WOOL

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Monday's sale, when prices were much the same as those ruling last week, viz., summers, up to 7½d; spring does, to 10½d; autumns, to 13½d; second winters, to 13½d; winter does, to 19d; winter bucks, to 15½d; fawns, to 13d; and blacks to 15½d per lb.

Sheepskins.—We offered a fair-sized catalogue on Tuesday to a full attendance of buyers. Prices if anything were a shade easier than last week's, but are still very satisfactory. Fine crossbreds made up to 9½d, crossbreds to 8½d, merinos to 8d, and halfbreds to 10d per lb.

Hides.—We submitted a catalogue of 143 to the usual buyers, competition being very keen and prices were again firmer. Ox hides made up to 6½d, and cow hides to 6½d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report.

Late Burnside Stock Report

Per favor Donald Reid & Co.

Fat Cattle.—246 head yarded. These were mostly good to prime cattle. For these bidding was brisk, and prices were firm compared with last week's rates, but for medium sorts prices were easier by 5s to 7s 6d per head. Best bullocks, £10 10s to £11 10s; extra heavy, up to £14 7s 6d; medium to good, £9 to £10 5s; light, £7 15s to £8 10s; best cows and heifers, £7 15s to £8 10s; medium to good, £6 5s to £7.

Sheep.—The market was glutted, the total penned being 3708. Of this number a large proportion was prime heavy wethers, values for which declined fully 2s per head. Medium sorts did not meet with much attention, and prices were easier in proportion. Best wethers, 21s 6d to 23s; extra heavy, up to 25s 6d; medium to good, 16s to 18s 6d; light, 14s 6d to 15s 9d; best ewes, 18s to 20s; extra heavy, up to 21s 6d; medium to good, 15s 6d to 17s 6d.

Lambs.—Only six of this season's lambs were yarded, and these sold at an average of 24s 9d.

Pigs.—A small yarding of 132. Porkers and baconers were firm at late rates. Suckers and slips continue to sell at much in advance of their values. Suckers, 14s to 16s; slips, 18s to 21s; stores, 23s to 27s; porkers, 29s to 38s; light baconers, 43s to 46s; heavy do, 49s to 57s; choppers, up to 66s.

Mr. J. C. Calder notifies the general public that he will open dental rooms at the corner of Cargill street, South Dunedin, on October 8. He will undertake all kinds of dental work, which will be carried out to the satisfaction of clients....

SLIGO BROS.,

MEMBERS DUNEDIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, PRINCES STREET.
STOCK & SHAREBROKERS, MINING EXPERTS.

Investment Stocks a Specialty.

TELEGRAMS....."SLIGO," DUNEDIN.

KINGSLAND and FERGUSON

UNDERTAKERS AND MONUMENTAL MASONS, SPY AND DEE STREETS, INVERCARGILL.

Funerals conducted to or from any part of Southland.

Every description of Monuments in stock. We supply and erect all kinds of Grave Fences. Inscriptions neatly cut. Telephone 25