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PRODUCE.

Wellington, October 2.—The High Commissioner, under date London, September 29, reports:—Mutton: The market is firm, and the demand is getting better. Light weights, Canterbury brands, are quoted at 3½d, and heavy at 3¼d. For North Island brands the average prices are 3¾d and 3½d for light and heavy weights respectively. Lamb: The market is steady, and fair business is doing at the same prices that ruled last week. Beef: The market is firm. Hindquarters are quoted at 3¾d and forequarters at 2¾d per lb. The butter market is very firm. There is a good demand for all descriptions, and prices are advancing. Choice New Zealand makes are nominally quoted at 118s per cwt. There are no supplies on hand. Cheese.—The market is firm, with improved demand. Canadian makes are quoted at 64s per cwt. There is no change to report in the price of hemp.

Invercargill Prices Current:—Wholesale—Butter, (farm), 9d; separator, 11d. Butter (factory), pats 1s 1¾d. 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 £11 10s. Bran, £4. Pollard, £4 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—50lbs, 6d 6d; 25lb, 3s 6d. Pollard, 9s 6d per bag. Bran, 5s. Chaff, 2s. Potatoes, 12s per cwt.

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

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue was a full one, and, as nearly all lots on offer met with good competition up to valuations, a clearance was effected at satisfactory prices. Values ruled as under:

Oats.—Vendors have not been holding quite so strongly, and in consequence shippers have been able to operate more freely. The quantity on offer locally is not large, but in view of quotations at Lyttelton, Timaru, and Bluff it has been impossible to put business through above late values. Quotations: Seed lines, 2s 4d to 2s 9d; prime milling, 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; good to best feed, 2s 1d to 2s 2d; inferior to medium, 1s 11d to 2s per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The condition of the market is unchanged, and there is no alteration in values to report. Fowl wheat, which is practically the only class meeting with any demand, continues to move off at late values. Quotations: Prime milling (nominally), 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium to good, 3s 3d to 3s 4d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—The demand for seed lines is not so strong, many growers' requirements being now supplied in this respect. Considerable quantities of Australian potatoes continue to arrive, but do not affect the market for prime table sorts to any extent. Late quotations for the latter are well maintained, while for inferior quality, small potatoes, and seed lines prices are slightly easier. Quotations: Best seed lines, £11 10s to £12 10s; choice, to £13; medium to good, £10 15s to £11 5s; best table sorts, £10 to £10 12s 6d; medium, £9 to £9 15s; small an inferior, £3 to £8 per ton (sacks included).

Chaff.—The market is still well supplied with chaff of medium quality, which has only moderate attention. Prime bright oaten sheaf has been selling readily on arrival, and very little is now offering. Prices for this class show an improvement of 2s 6d to 5s per ton. Inferior quality is unsaleable. Quotations:

Prime oaten sheaf, £4 to £4 2s 6d; choice, to £4 5s; medium to good, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; light and inferior, £3 to £3 5s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Quotations: Oaten, 45s to 47s 6d; wheat, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (pressed).

Turnips.—No supplies came forward for Monday's sale. Late consignments were quoted at 15s to 16s per ton loose (ex truck).

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

Oats.—There is a fair inquiry for 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 very little business passing, and present quotations (nominal) are as follow: Prime milling, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; medium, 3s 3d to 3 4½d; best whole fowl wheat, 3s 1d to 3s 2d; broken and damaged, 2s 8d to 3s per bushel.

Potatoes.—There is a fair inquiry for prime table sorts, but medium and inferior are much harder to place. Quotations: Seed lines, £11 10s to £12 10s; prime table sorts, £10 to £10 10s; medium do, £8 10s to £9 10s; inferior and small, £3 to £7 per ton.

Chaff.—Prime samples are readily disposed of, but medium has not the same inquiry. Quotations: Prime oaten, £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d; discolored and light, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

WOOL

London, September 28.—The wool sales included the following clips:—Greenhills, 21d; Waipaoa, 14½d; Peninsula, 12¾d.

There is a strong sale, and prices are unchanged.

London, September 30.—At the wool sales the Longburn clip realised 11¾d.

The amount catalogued to date is 54,706 bales; sold, 47,518 bales. There is keen competition and an upward tendency.

London, October 1.—The wool sales are brisk, the highest prices of the series being obtained.

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

Rabbitskins.—We offered a large catalogue at Monday's sale, when prices were much about the same as those ruling last week, viz., summers to 7½d, autumns to 13½d, second winters to 14d, winter bucks to 16d, winter does to 14½d, fawns to 13½d, black to 16d, and horsehair made up to 19½d.

Sheepskins. We submitted a large catalogue at our sale on Tuesday, when competition was good, and prices were a shade firmer than those ruling a week ago. Merinos made up to 9d, crossbreds to 8½d, fine do to 9½d, and halfbreds to 10d per lb.

Tallow and Fat.—No change to report; all coming forward meeting with a ready sale.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

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

As was only to be looked for after the previous day's successful spring sale, the entry for our weekly sale on Saturday was small. However, the quality of the horses on the whole was decent, both in draught and light sorts. The attendance, too, was unusually good, being much larger than is customary after a special sale, and it included a number of buyers who did not get their wants supplied the day before. Draughts suitable for the requirements of these clients sold readily at prices ranging from £40 to £48, the latter price being obtained for a rather nice five-year-old gelding. There was also a keen inquiry for light harness sorts if young and reliable, and a few found new owners at up to £20. 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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